

Thursday
January 27, 2000Putting you in touch
with your world.

VOLUME 5 NUMBER 23

IN THE PAPER
TODAY

SPORTS

Too close for comfort:
Clarkston's boys basketball and girls volleyball teams found success a little elusive this week as both programs dropped close contests. /C1

VINTAGE



We all know the story about Phileas T. Fogg, the fictional world traveler in Jules Verne's novel "Around the World in Eighty Days," but did you know that in 1890, a reporter from the New York World set off to prove that it really was possible?

Though today one can circle the globe in less than 80 hours, back in 1890 there were no supersonic jets. This reporter traveled by boat, train, ricksha, horse and burro. And, this reporter was a woman.

On Jan. 25, 1890, Nellie Bly stepped off a train in New York just 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes and 14 seconds after setting sail to the East. The newspaper carried daily articles about her journey and offered a trip to Europe to the person who could come the closest to predicting her arrival time. Almost a million people entered the contest, and the paper's circulation soared.

In Oakland, Calif., just days before Nellie reached her final destination, Susie Clark sat on a ferry boat unaware that she would see something she'd remember all her life. Preserved by the Library of Congress, Susie's story lives for us today. "In the early hours of a smoky morning as we sat reading in the cabin of a ferry, a sudden shriek from the whistle, followed by a succession of piercing toots, brought us to our feet to see what disaster was pending, when behold, close at hand lay the Japan steamer Oceanic, with a tug at her side receiving on board a small piece of womanhood which then sped away for Oakland, where a special train awaited the arrival of Nellie Bly."

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

INDEX

Apartments/F7	Oak. Naturally/B9
At Home/D	Obituaries/A2
Autos/C11	Online Dir./B6
Calendar/B4	Opinions/A10-11
Clarkston Life/B1	Police news/A3
Classified/C,F	Real Estate/F1
Class Index/F3	Service Guide/CB
Crossword/F9	Sports/C1
Eating out/E8	Springfield Twp.
Entertainment/E1	Legal Ads/A2
Jobs/F9	Theater/E3
Movies/E6	

Hometown
SAVINGS CARD

Obtained by calling

Be sure to ask about this money-saving card when you renew your subscription to your Hometown Newspaper.



6 53174 10014 6

Clarkston Eccentric®

Serving Clarkston, Independence and Springfield

Your community newspaper

CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN • 58 PAGES • <http://observer-eccentric.com/local/clarkston>

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

© 2000 Hometown Communications Network, Inc.

Voters to decide water hookup question

■ Before it dedicates more time to deciding how to bring Independence Township community well water to Clarkston residents, the city council has decided to hold an election to ask if they want the water or not.

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

Clarkston residents will get a chance to make the final decision about whether they want to hook up to Independence Township's community well for water.

The issue will be brought before voters in a special election.

But when the election will be and exactly what the ballot proposal will say remains up in the air.

City councilman Scott Meyland reported at Monday's meeting that he'll bring a formalized recommendation on the ballot language to the council Feb. 7.

"I was to bring the recommendation of the water committee to this meeting, but it's so detailed that we need more

time to study the issue more closely before setting up an election," he explained. "We only have one shot at this. We want to have all the bases covered."

The water issue, which has been discussed and vetoed in the past, is back on the table after the city learned Michigan Department of Transportation is going to resurface Main Street.

The issue revolves around bringing a 12-inch main water pipe that's linked with Independence Township's community well into Clarkston prior to the actual resurfacing when Main Street will be torn up anyway.

There are major issues surrounding

the water supply question. One is whether the water pipe would be on Main Street only or whether it would be expanded to offer a tie-in to all residents.

Other issues involve financing the project. Selling general obligation bonds to pay for the water supply would mean an election. Public hearings are required for setting up special assessment districts, which would be another way to pay for the project.

Timing is another important factor. Putting the question before city voters on the August primary is too late for

Please see WATER, A2

Pepperoni + parachutes =**Math made fun**

An eyeful:
Marcey
Walsh, an
entertaining
educator,
demon-
strates how
an eye is the
shape of a
sphere.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Rest time? These Independence Elementary students are demonstrating what a diameter is by using a parachute while Marcey Walsh observes.

Educator counts on everyday items to make math matter

Marcey Walsh brings a bit of Sesame Street mixed with Mr. Wizard to students with her entertaining programs on a long list of topics.

Monday she enlightened students in all grades at Independence Elementary School on how math is part of their everyday life.

She's had a post office on clothing damage was a demonstration go through circles,

a great way to show an

Police and entering two suspects broke

two men from Surrey th the attic crawl removed jewelry during the investi-

gation.

Police Fire

Since Township Fire mm.net responded to 381

2. These included a front-

alls, 11 personal pro-

cts, three calls for

de investigations, an inspector,

one call, two helpful peo-

and one call each

for mutual aid and

one call for 16

instances.

Long-term commit-

ment:

Helen Vardon has

been work-

ing elec-

tions in

Indepen-

dence

Township for

16 years.

infinite number of diametric lines. And how did she teach this? By having several students lie on the diameter of the parachute.

And what's an assembly without balloons? Popping them is a great way to teach subtraction. Adding pieces of pepperoni to pizza is a great way to demonstrate addition.

Walsh is a Clarkston resident. A former teacher, she's had her Highly Contagious Education business for more than seven years. She presented four math assemblies to different grades throughout the school day.



Math is fun: Carley Vincke (center) shares a laugh with her classmates at a math assembly.

Workers play big role in democratic process

was needed. At the time her children were still young so she had to hire a baby sitter for the day.

But she found she liked the work and the socialization. Although the majority of the workers are senior citizens, there are a variety of professions and ages represented. Vardon, 55, said some people enjoy the work so much they



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Workers from page A1

take the day off work.

Clerks, however, are always looking for workers. In both Springfield and Independence townships, the clerks are trying their best to recruit people.

"Every year they say the same thing. They're always short," Vardon said.

Independence Clerk Joan McCrary is trying a new program to attract more election workers. She is encouraging businesses to let employees either take the day off or give them the day off so they can work. Election inspectors are paid so employers could treat it like they would duty by paying the worker their normal wage and taking the election money or they could just let the employees keep the extra money. McCrary said community organizations could use it as a fundraiser, donating the money workers made toward the programs they sponsor. She said she has had a good response so far.

Vardon said election inspectors are given a huge responsibility. She took on the leadership position, that of chairperson, right away. She said back when

she started, the precinct chairperson had to carry the signs to the polling place and they needed someone young enough who wouldn't injure themselves.

Election day is long. John Lynch is a chairperson, too, and said he usually gets to his precinct about 6 a.m. and doesn't leave until 10 p.m. or sometimes later. He can't remember how long he's been working elections, but like Vardon, he said it is interesting. He likes getting to know the voters.

And each election is different. School elections are normally slow and boring with maybe 75 people showing up. Presidential contests, however, are better attended. The ballot always contains many other races as well.

"You're so busy you don't know if you're coming or going," Lynch said.

Vardon said when she started, the rules were stricter. For example, the election inspectors had to declare their party affiliation. There had to be at least one person in each party working at each precinct. That was in case the voting machine malfunctioned. One person from each party would have to go in and fix

it so there was no appearance of impropriety.

There are still some rules. Election inspectors cannot campaign and they cannot tell people whom to vote for. Sometimes they have to ask people to cover a button or a T-shirt supporting one candidate or another. That is because campaigning within 100 feet of the outside entrance of a polling place is prohibited.

Sometimes people ask whom they should vote for or complain about candidates. The workers must not give advice and discourage talking about candidates so that it does not influence other voters. While a polling place is somewhat of a neighborhood gathering at times, the business at hand is solemn.

"People are serious, and they want you to be, too," Vardon said.

She said she would like to see more people vote.

"It's the one freedom we have to change the things people complain about," Vardon said.

At the polls, a ballot is left out so voters who may not be decided can look it over. Vardon recommends people think about their decisions ahead of time, and

even make themselves a "cheat sheet" to take into the booth with them.

Making sure the numbers on the machines match the number of ballots distributed and generally overseeing the process is painstaking work. In small elections, precinct workers also sometimes open absentee ballots.

Although voting is serious business, it does have its social aspects. Vardon said during the lulls the photos of children and grandchildren are whipped out and there is often time for catching up. She said she likes to try to work with the same people. Some workers catch up on knitting, and Vardon even brought Christmas cards to write out one year.

Election inspectors do have to go through training, which they also are paid for. To help out, call the Independence Township Clerk's office at 625-5111 or the Springfield Township Clerk's office at 625-4802. Workers must be 18 years old and live in Oakland County.

Water from page A1

MDOT's resurfacing schedule. The work originally was scheduled for the year 2000.

MDOT needs to proceed with the bid process earlier than that. City Engineer Gary Tressel with Hubbell, Roth and Clark Inc. informed the council that MDOT has agreed to wait for bids until November or December to do the project in the 2001 construction season.

Pappas said most city residents have individual wells.

"There are 26 residents in the north end of town who are tied in to the township water already," he said.

The city conducted an advisory vote at least five years ago on the question of bringing the water supply through town. This was done when the north-end residents hooked up to the township well. The issue was defeated, Pappas said.

The council endorses the overall benefits of offering Independence Township community well water to Clarkston residents, many of whose wells are antiquated. The township water is tested monthly to make sure it meets health standards established by Oakland County, including those for naturally occurring arsenic.

The city also is involved in

another project that will be ongoing with the M-15 resurfacing. A TEA-21 enhancement grant from MDOT will cover the costs of sidewalk, street lighting and street crossing improvements to make downtown safer for pedestrians. The grant is for \$560,000.

Tressel told the council the TEA-21 concept improvement plans have been submitted.

Council members asked Tressel to get a copy of the plans for them and for the Historic District Commission to review.

Tressel also recommended the council schedule meetings with certain business and home owners to review the proposed enhancements.

The purpose, he explained in a letter, is to advise them on the planned improvements and solicit input from adjacent property owners as to how the improvements will impact their property.

"I've been hearing from residents who are concerned that we will be widening Main Street and cut into their front lawn," said council member Walter Gamble.

Tressel answered they won't lose any of their front lawn.

"That's misinformation that's been going around," Gamble said.

OBITUARIES

Rosanna (Ragatz) Persinger

Rosanna (Ragatz) Persinger of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died Jan. 20, 2000, at age 98.

Mrs. Persinger was a member of Clarkston Free Methodist Church. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked in hospitals and as a private-duty nurse for more than 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carmen Ragatz Sr., and second husband, Curt Persinger; four sons, John, Thomas, Stephen and David; a daughter, Janet; and granddaughters, Ruth Mason.

She is survived by three children, Paul (Betty) Ragatz of Clarkston; Philip (the late Esther) Ragatz of Washington and Carmen (Jan) Ragatz of Texas; three daughters-in-law, Kay of Waterford, Judi of Clarkston and Barbara of Waterford; 27 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 13 great-

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in Clarkston Free Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Coleman and Rev. Elaine Grumulka officiating.

Interment was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Levin E. Wint & TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thomas C. Biecker

The Rev. Thomas C. Biecker, S.J., died Jan. 23, 2000, at age 90.

Rev. Biecker was a resident of Clarkston since 1991. He had been a teacher at the University of Detroit and various other universities. His employer was the Society of Jesus; he entered the Jesuit Order in 1927. Affectionately called the "candy priest," Father Biecker was great working with children, using puppets and giving out candy.

He is survived by a sister, Aurelia B. Medvick (Steve) of Warren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral arrangements were handled by A. J. Desmond & Son Funeral Home, Troy. Interment was at Colombiere Center Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Colombiere Center.

Car Accident?

Free report reveals your rights.

Don't speak with anyone until you call the toll-free 24 hr. Message.

Call Toll-Free

1-800-688-5409

24 hr. Recorded Message

Car Accident?

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IS NOW YOUR HEIR

How will the new probate laws affect you? Call 620-8730 to schedule a FREE 30 minute consultation to discuss your personal estate plan.

McCleany & Associates offers prompt, personal attention. They counsel on matters of estate planning, business, serious personal injury and real estate.

McCleany & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
6573 Dixie
Clarkston • 248-620-8730
legalcounsel@netscape.net

David McCleany

GROUP ADVISORS

Simply the best

www.groupadvisors.com



800-752-0240

Fax: 248-625-9092

Phil@chenoweth.cnhost.com

Serving Southeastern Michigan for 16 years

HEALTH INSURANCE

- Individual Plans
- Custom Group Plans
- Prescription Cards
- Dental/Vision
- PPO/HMO/Traditional

Aesthetic Skin Care Center



(a French Import)

**MICHAEL H.
FREEDLAND, M.D.**

PLASTIC
RECONSTRUCTIVE
SURGERY

Board Certified
1290 W Big Beaver Rd, Suite 410
Troy, MI 48084-2430 248 816-6330
www.freelandmd.com

Becker Street
Home Accessories Interiors

HOW TO REACH US	
Customer Service.....	248-901-4716
Classified Advertising.....	248-475-4596
Display Advertising.....	248-625-1900
Home Delivery.....	248-625-1900
Newspaper FAX.....	248-625-5712
Newroom.....	248-901-2560
O&E Online* www.observer-eccentric.com	248-901-4716
Photo Reprints**.....	248-901-4716
Reader Comment Line.....	734-953-2040
Sports Nightline.....	248-901-2560

* OnLine — www.observer-eccentric.com — can be accessed with just about any communications software: PC or Macintosh. You are able to send and receive unlimited e-mail, access all features of the Internet, read electronic editions of The Birmingham Eccentric and other Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and chat with users across town or across the country.

** Photo orders must be for pictures that have been taken by our staff photographers. Please provide publication date, page number and description of the picture, which must have been published within the past six months. Prints are \$20 for the first print, \$7.50 for each additional print. Payment is in advance (check or credit card).

*HomeTown News!
it's all about you!*

Clarkston Eccentric

A HomeTown Communications Network® publication
7073 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI 48346
(On Dixie Highway at White Lake Rd. in the Farmer Jack Plaza).

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

CARRIER DELIVERY
One year.....\$47.40
One year (Sr. Citizen).....\$38.00
Newstand.....75¢ per copy

MAIL DELIVERY
One year.....\$55.00
One year (Sr. Citizen).....\$44.00
One year (out of County).....\$65.00
One year (out of State).....\$90.00

All advertising published in the Clarkston Eccentric® is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department, 7073 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI 48346, (248) 625-1900. The Clarkston Eccentric® reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric advertisers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute that acceptance of the advertised order.



ADVERTISING
Quality Advertising
Michigan Press Association
Society of National
Newspaper Publishers of America

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments related to the following proposed amendment to Section 16.21 of Article XVI of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No 26.

Amend Section 16.21, Emergency Temporary Dwellings, to read as follows:

SECTION 16.21 Emergency Temporary Structure

1. When permitted, emergency temporary structures may be permitted upon finding by the township that the structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use and the standards set forth in Section 16.21 have been met.

Permit application and review

a. An application for a permit for the emergency temporary use and installation of a mobile home, modular or prefabricated dwelling unit or structure shall be made to the Township Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of each proposed structure and water supply and sewage treatment facilities.

b. The application shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Planning Official and two elected officers. Approval of the application may be granted by a majority vote of the committee if all of the following conditions are met:

c. The structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion, or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use.

d. The emergency temporary unit shall be served by approved water supply and sewage treatment facilities.

e. The emergency temporary unit shall comply with all applicable zoning requirements including setback, area, bulk, and height requirements, except minimum size requirements.

f. A permit for an emergency temporary unit shall be issued for one year from the date of approval by the committee or as otherwise specified by the committee. Any permit shall be issued until a cash bond has been posted in an amount determined by the Committee to guarantee the removal of the structure with the provisions of the Ordinance and removal of any temporary dwelling or structure upon expiration of the permit.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the complete text of the Zoning Ordinance will be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours on Monday, February 21, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48346 until the close of the public hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk at least (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

COOL DEALS

Bill Lewis Junior Bootery
939 W. Huron • Waterford • 248-681-2070

CLEARANCE SALE!

Boys & Girls

\$19.99

- Athletics
- Sandals
- Winter Boots
- Dress Shoes

Selected Styles & Sizes



Winter BLAH SALE
Starts January 14th
30% - 75% OFF
Regular Price of all winter merchandise

Take an additional **20% OFF** already reduced clearance prices
With this coupon • Coupon expires 2-12-00

Cecile's

LADIES APPAREL PETITES

Dixie Highway at Freimbs • Waterford • 673-7224

Winter Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-5

Previous Sales & Coupon Offers Excluded.

Not all merchandise included in clearance sales.

DON'T
MISS
THESE
SAVINGS

"In addition to Blue Cross, Medicare and Medicaid, Mill St. Clinic offers SIMPLECARE as an alternative way to obtain medical care. Regular office visits fees are slashed about 50% if patients pay by cash, check or credit card up front."

Dr. Janet Heasley

SIMPLE MATH

Managed care:	SimpleCare:
Charge:	\$79
Actual HMO reimbursement:	\$43
Administrative expenses:	\$20
Net collection:	\$23
Overhead:	\$30
Net to doctor, minus:	\$7
Source SimpleCare	\$5

Mill Street Psychiatric and Medical Clinic, P.L.C.
449 Mill St. • Ortonville (248) 627-7682

Clarkston Community Education

ADULT EDUCATION

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY & ADULT EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION CLASSES

It Is NEVER Too Late!

- Free classes for Non-Graduates age 20 and older.
- Registration begins January 17th.
- For an orientation appointment call (248) 674-0993.
- Classes begin January 31, 2000.

New office! Clarkston Community Education has an office at the Clarkston High School open evenings for your convenience. After 5pm, call (248) 623-3553.

EVENING CLASSES

MONDAY (JANUARY 31, 2000 - MAY 22, 2000)

Accounting I	6-10pm	CHS	Robinson	HSC/\$115
Creative Writing	6-10pm	CHS	Chambers	HSC/\$115
Government	6-10pm	CHS	Schwab	HSC/\$115
Spanish	6-10pm	CHS	Hannifin	HSC/\$115

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 16, 2000)

Medical Terminology/Anatomy	6-10pm	CHS	Scott	HSC/\$189
Science 10B	6-10pm	CHS	Ryan	HSC/\$115
Study Skills	6-10pm	CHS	Cady	HSC/\$115
GED Prep/Pre-GED	6-10pm	CHS	Cady	HSC/\$115
Geography	6-10pm	CHS	Staff	HSC/\$115
Hospital Unit Clerk	6-10pm	CHS	Scott	HSC/\$189
Transition to Algebra I	6-10pm	CHS	Ryan	HSC/\$115
U.S. History II	6-10pm	CHS	Schwab	HSC/\$115
THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 3, 2000 - MAY 25, 2000)				
Geometry	6-10pm	GHS	Staff	HSC/\$115
Global Issues	6-10pm	CHS	Schwab	HSC/\$115
Introduction to Art	6-10pm	CHS	Gillespie	HSC/\$140
Veterinary Assisting I	5-9pm	CEC	Staff	HSC/\$189
Veterinary Assisting II	5-9pm	CEC	Moore	HSC/\$189

CREDIT CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (Non Clarkston Residents and Seniors must be registered)

Must get signed permission from your High School Counselor to attend. Tuition must be paid at registration.

CALL TO REGISTER: 248-674-0993 OR 248-674-3141

Independence board says no to statutory commission recommending officials' wages

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

The idea of a Statutory Compensation Commission was voted down Jan. 18 by the Independence Township Board of Trustees.

A Statutory Compensation Commission was Trustee Neil Wallace's suggestion to prevent the board from a stalemate over compensation for the three full-time elected officials similar to what happened in 1999.

But Supervisor Dale Stuart was flatly against the idea, and other trustees said they were not ready to put it in place just yet.

Trustee Dan Travis said he would like to look into a wage study for all employees, not just the full-time elected officials. Trustee Larry Rosso said he needed more time to look over information provided by Wallace for the Jan. 18 meeting.

"I'm not sure that would lead to the right conclusion — that they (the statutory commission) would have their recommenda-

tion endorsed by the board," Rosso said.

The board appointed a citizens committee to look at the full-time elected officials' compensation in 1996. Wallace says its findings were ignored. Supervisor Dale Stuart says some of the ideas were used in subsequent compensation recommendations.

At the beginning of 1999, officials could not agree on a package. Wallace suggested the Statutory Compensation Commission, but the idea was rejected at that time, too. Instead, in early summer, the four trustees made up a committee to study the issue. They came back with a

recommendation that the full-time officials were not happy with. It did not include retirement medical benefits and it took away township-leased vehicles. It did include a pay raise.

At the Dec. 22 board meeting, a package was approved that didn't include cars, but did include the raise and retirement medical benefits.

However, the raises could not be retroactive to the beginning of the year and the motion did nothing to set compensation for 2000.

A statutory commission is set up in Michigan's compiled laws. It is an appointed body, and it is assigned specific tasks. Its meetings are set and its recommendations are binding unless two-thirds of the board rejects it.

Wallace gave Pittsfield Township near Ann Arbor as an example where the system has worked since 1979. That township, which has similarities in population, state equalized value and services to Independence, already has salaries set for 2000 and 2001.

"I think there has to be a better way. This isn't something that has been rejected out of hand around the state," Wallace said.

But again, Stuart disagreed. He doesn't think a commission would work. After the December vote, he said he thinks they should go back to the supervisor making a recommendation. Generally, it was something everyone could live with.

"It (the statutory commission) is simply another layer of government. The bottom line is that this board has to agree."

Retorted Wallace: "This is not another level of government. We appoint committees all the time to do things."

Jeff McGee was the only person to vote with Wallace to form the commission. He said a different way to settle compensation is needed to prevent further "souring" of relations on the board.

"I hate to see the board get so divided with business that isn't fundamental to the township," McGee said.

Interior design business is on the move

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

The Independence Township building boom of the past several years has been a boon for a local decor store, so much so that it plans on doing some construction of its own.

Plum Hollow Home Decor, 6521 Sashabaw Road, aims to almost double in size with a new building planned for the northwest corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston roads. It will be next to the Independence Township Fire Station, owner Shannon Longstaff said.

In the six years the store has been at the Independence Square Plaza, it has expanded twice. Longstaff started out with 1,400 square feet and now has 4,200 square feet. The new

building will have 8,000 square feet.

"We're at a point now (where) we can't really grow anymore in this shopping center. We have to think about the future," Longstaff said.

The store received conceptual site plan approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission Jan. 13, Longstaff said. Her purchase of the property was contingent on that, so now she can close on the deal.

She said the area is already zoned commercial. The building will be one story with a walkout. The ground floor will house the retail part of the business and the decorating studio will be on the upper floor, Longstaff said.

"We do complete residential design," she said. "We can take it from blueprints to the final picture on the wall."

Now Longstaff, an interior designer herself, has four designers on staff. By the time the new studio is done — at least a year

from now — she will likely have two more people on board.

The retail portion of the store has everything to decorate a home, and Longstaff said they get a fair amount of walk-in traffic from do-it-yourselfers on a mission. But the majority of the business is doing the creative work for others. And the business isn't just from all the brand-new homes being built. She said many people redecorate every six to 10 years.

"We're already starting to redecorate for some of our original clients," she said.

Another way business comes in is when a new person moves into an existing house and wants to imprint her personal style on the home, she said.



Waterford Coalition for Youth

P.R.E.S.P.T.S.:

THE 2ND ANNUAL



TASTE OF WATERFORD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000

6:00 P.M. AT MITCH'S II

6665 HIGHLAND ROAD

WATERFORD, MI

TICKETS \$100 PER PERSON OR \$150 PER COUPLE

TAXABLE EXEMPTION IS 30% OF THE TICKET PRICE

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 248-674-6311

OCC clerks charge 'sexism' in contract talks with college

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
mma10t@homecomm.net

Clerical workers at Oakland Community College say the reason they have been unable to settle their union contract for almost two years is "sexism and discrimination."

Debbie Schmidt, president of AFSCME Local 2042, told the college Board of Trustees Monday evening that her 86-percent-female bargaining unit is the lowest paid at the college. Male-dominated unions have received higher pay faster from the college, she said.

And union members are ready to take their case to the public through a campaign that will include political newspaper ads, letters to the editor and to union publications, a website, bumper stickers and fliers. They also plan to contact women's organizations, local politicians and contributors to the college.

"This has nothing to do with sexism," OCC's Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ed Callaghan said after the meeting. "It has everything to do with what happens normally in the collective bargaining process — wages and working conditions."

In fact, a tentative agreement reached between college negotiators and union leaders, but rejected by members last October, "mirrors" another union contract between OCC and maintenance workers that is already in place, AFSCME Local 1999, for maintenance employees, is primarily male, Callaghan noted.

But Callaghan also explained that OCC does not negotiate union contracts in public or through the media.

Clerical union members rejected that offer by a 3 to 1 margin. That left the college and the 200 union members operating under an extension of the old contract that expired in June, 1998.

"We are still talking to them," said OCC's Executive Director of Marketing Dave Adams, indicating the college's willingness to continue negotiations.

In fact, there will be a good deal of activity on the contract in the coming month. Unfair labor

practice charges against the college are scheduled to be heard Feb. 4. Further negotiations are slated for Feb. 14. The college and union will head back into fact finding Feb. 22.

"Male-dominated bargaining units at the college, i.e. Public Safety and Maintenance, earn higher salaries, receive pay increases in less time and have less educational requirements for employment," Schmidt said.

"Classified union members would be the only group at the institution that would have mandatory overtime imposed on them — We are the lowest paid.

The average seniority date for our bargaining unit is 14 years. The average age of our workforce is 45. Stress is high and morale is low."

In previous meetings, OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson has responded to the sexism charge, saying that the offers made to the clerical union are on par with those made to other bargaining units at the college.

Dems add to Engler's State of State message

Access to health care, retirement for senior citizens and safe, successful schools topped the list of the Democratic Party's agenda when it responded to Gov. John Engler's State of the State Jan. 19.

Following tradition, the minority party puts out its view of what the state's agenda ought to be following the governor's annual speech. This year's address was read over Michigan Public Radio by Sen. Dianne Byrum (D-Onondaga), Rep. Patricia Lockwood (D-Fenton) and Rep. Andy Neumann (D-Alpena).

Byrum took up the issue of health care and Health Maintenance Organizations.

"We have learned that almost one million Michigan residents still do not have health care insurance and many families fear that they will lose their coverage soon. We understand that families are frustrated when their health plans deny them access to services and do not let them get a second opinion. Almost three million Michigan residents now belong to an HMO. It is time that we started taking their complaints seriously," Byrum said.

When patients do appeal HMO deci-

sions, through the current Patient Bill of Rights system, she said, "the state rules in favor of the patient only 26 percent of the time."

She proposed:

- Giving customers the right to sue HMOs over health care decisions.

- Creating a managed care ombudsman to assist consumers having difficulty with their HMO.

- Improving the appeals process already in place.

- Improving the quality of care in nursing homes.

- Protecting communities from losing local hospitals.

- Providing seniors with an affordable solution to "skyrocketing" prescription costs.

Lockwood said her party's top priority would be education this year, focusing in four areas: higher standards, smaller class sizes, improving building conditions and making schools safer.

She proposed:

- Using the latest techniques, including distance learning and technology, to set and achieve high goals.

- Lowering class sizes by legislation for kindergarten through third grade.

- Establishing a state fund to help school district pay the interest on voter-approved building bonds.

- Setting up a statewide violence hotline, where students can report activities they believe may be a danger.

- Legislation to make sure violent students expelled from schools are kept off the streets.

Neumann took up the issue of retirement. He proposed:

- Using the state's tobacco settlement money and an additional \$30 million from the budget to help seniors cover the cost of prescription drugs.

- Allowing seniors to defer property taxes to avoid being taxed out of their homes while in retirement and living on fixed incomes.

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Open House
Sunday, Jan. 30
1-3 p.m.



Michigan's oldest independent college preparatory school
Since 1851

PRESCHOOL
BOYS AND GIRLS

LOWER SCHOOL
PREKINDERGARTEN- GRADE 5
BOYS AND GIRLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6-8
GIRLS

UPPER SCHOOL
GRADE 9-12
GIRLS

1250 Kensington Road
BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1/2 mile east of
Woodward Avenue
1/2 mile south of
Long Lake Road

248-646-8900



January
Floor Sample & Decorative Pillow Sale

168 south old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham

248-644-4705

mon-sat 10-6, thur 10-8 sun 12-5

004055

No Ordinary Sale

Downtown ROCHESTER
AN Extraordinary
PLACE

Jan. 28
&
29

Enter to win!

Win a warm weather getaway trip for two. To enter, bring this form to your favorite Downtown Rochester Merchant during No Ordinary Sale.

No Ordinary Sale
Warm Weather Getaway

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Entries must be received by 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 29th. One entry per person.

During "No Ordinary Sale" enjoy special sales & discounts, in-store demonstrations,

spring trunk shows and more. Carved ice

sculptures will line the streets, and you'll be

able to see large ice sculptures being carved

Friday and Saturday. So break out your

winter woolies and we'll see you there!



Sponsored by & THE OAKLAND PRESS

For more information, call 248/656-0060
or visit us on the web at www.downtownrochestermi.com.



Neiman Marcus
GREAT LAKES CROSSING

FUR CLEARANCE FOUR DAYS ONLY

For four days only,
we're taking 50% to 70% off original prices
on over 400 of our most fabulous furs.

You'll find an outstanding selection
including sable, mink, beaver, fur-trimmed cloth coats,
and selections from top designers.

Sale ends January 30.

Store Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm,
Sunday 11 am to 6 pm.

Prior season's merchandise may be included.
All furs subject to prior sale and labeled to show country of origin. All sales are final.

PHOTOGRAPH BY



OUR PRICE GUARANTEE

If you should find a lower price on an identical item we stock from any other local retailer we'll not only meet that price

WE'LL BEAT IT BY 10%

on the spot just for bringing it to our attention.

Excludes closeouts and liquidations.



\$44

Sahara White Toilet
• Round front 12" rough in
• Concealed trap design
• Seat sold separately
(191895_191856)

\$98

Wellworth Toilet
• White finish
• Round front
• Siphon jet flush
• Seat sold separately
K4227PTWH (807249_805505)



\$29.99

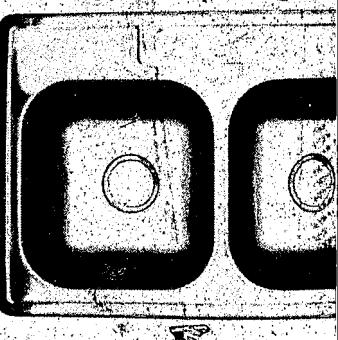
Ratchet Roller Paint Mate

- Convenient trigger pushes paint to the roller cover
- Lightweight applicator tube fills directly from the paint can through a specially designed feed tube
- Special internal feed roller cover (503512)

BALI
Today

1" Vinyl Blinds

Width	72" Length
23"	\$10.96
30"	\$14.96
37"	\$16.97
44"	\$20.96
51"	\$24.95
58"	\$29.96
65"	\$32.97
72"	\$36.96



\$69

SingleHand Kitchen Fa with Spray
• Chrome
• Washerless
7425 (222226)

MILL'S PRIDE
Quality Cabinets Made Easy

\$87

24" x 18"

Classic White Vanity Cabinet

- 1 door/ 2 drawers
- Left or right drawer
- Easy to assemble
- Lifetime warranty
- 3/4" construction
- Faucet sold separately SS2418CC (797197)

Attention Wire Customers:
Prices in this ad may be
different at the time of purchase.
We adjust our prices daily to the
wire commodity market.

NM Building Wire
with Ground

12/2

250' \$22.90

1

Prices may vary after Janu



Monday-Friday 6am - 10pm
Saturday 6am - 10pm
Sunday 8am - 7pm

Visit our web site at: www.homedep

PONTIAC 24TH
ROSEVILLE 24TH

(248) 253-8900
(810) 415-9620

(810) 757-3000

WARREN

(734) 844-7300

CANTON 24TH

(810) 997-1411

UTICA 24TH

(248) 347-9600

NORTHVILLE

(313) 359-9600

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

(248) 423-0040

SOUTHFIELD

OPENING

MADISON HEIGHTS!



Scotts

**\$2.98
10 Qt.**

- Horticultural-grade sphagnum peat moss and perlite
 - Resealable bag
- 72977 (536432)

Prices Starting at:

\$6.94

- Tropicals
 - 10" pot size
 - Black pots
- (673872)

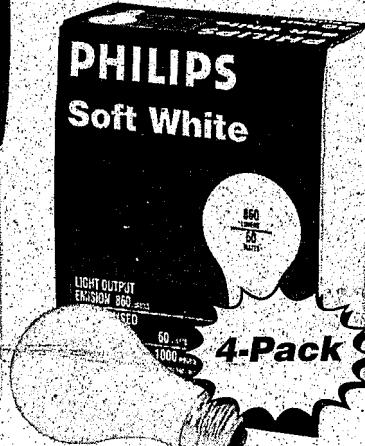
STERLING

\$42.84

Double Bowl Stainless Steel Sink with Satin Finish

- 33" x 22" x 6" deep
- 22 gauge; undercoated

OB433FHD (100684)



97¢

- Soft White Light Bulbs**
- 60, 75 or 100 watt
 - 750 to 1,000 hour average life
 - Soft white general lighting for all applications
- 214361 (235482)

RYOBI.

\$39.97

- 7.2 Volt 3/8" Cordless Drill Kit**
- Kit includes: 1 battery, 3-6 hour charger, 2 double-ended bits & 5 drill texture
 - Comfort grip with no-slip texture
 - Built-in bubble level for accuracy
 - 3/8" keyless chuck for quick bit changes
 - 24 clutch settings for versatility
 - 2-speed trigger switch, reversible
 - Center handle for comfort and balance
- HP721K (180904)



Milwaukee®

\$121

\$215

Ea.

- 2"x4"x8"
Kiln-Dried
Whitewood Studs**
- Great for general construction purposes
 - Each piece grade stamped for building codes
- (161640)

\$3.86

12 oz.



- Great Stuff® Foam Sealant**
- Seals holes, cracks and gaps
 - Prevents loss of cool air in summer and heat in winter
 - Will not dry out, crack or shrink
 - Minimal expanding foam
 - Can be used inside or out
 - Paintable after curing
- (138142)

\$49

24" 6 Panel
Colonist
Interior
Pre-Hung Door

(310861)



- 10' PVC Pipe**
- | | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 1 1/4" (312940)..... | \$2.69 |
| 4" (193879)..... | \$10.90 |
| 3" (193860)..... | \$7.90 |
| 1" (193755)..... | \$2.30 |
| 3/4" (193712)..... | \$1.60 |
| 1/2" (193682)..... | \$1.10 |

Attention Lumber Customers:
Prices in this ad may be
different at the time of purchase.
We adjust our prices daily to the
lumber commodity market.

TR - Tool Rental available
at these locations
24 - These locations
Open 24 Hours

Visit us online for home improvement information, to purchase gift cards, and our store locations.

TAYLOR TR
NORTHLAND
REDFORD
COMMERCE
HARPER WOODS
BRIGHTON
WEST LANSING
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP (517) 381-0650

4/2
5.50

May 30, 2000, if there are market variations.

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP
WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP TR
ROCHESTER HILLS
WOODHAVEN
STERLING HEIGHTS
MADISON HEIGHTS TR

(734) 975-1029
(248) 698-4801
(810) 948-1590
(248) 601-2643
(734) 671-4400
(810) 264-7866
(289) 591-7520

We reserve the right to limit quantities to the amount reasonable for homeowners and our regular contractor customers. It is our policy to make a good faith effort to accommodate our customers. Details on any product warranties available at the store. *Key Credit Terms: For purchases made with your Home Depot Consumer Charge Card, the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is 21% (16.5% in IA). Payments will not be required for 3 months, with no interest, for all purchases of \$2,000 or greater that qualify for the Major Purchase Feature of your Home Depot Consumer Charge Card account. APR will be 15.49%. Minimum monthly finance charge is \$1.00 (\$5.50 in IA and WI). Offer subject to credit approval by Mongram Credit Card Bank of Georgia. Check store for additional details. Any minimum monthly payment shown is an estimate based on purchase price only. Does not include sales tax, insurance charges, or finance charges and may be higher if you have an existing balance or make additional purchases on your account. Installation provided by independent licensed contractors. License numbers available upon request.

©2000 Home T.L.C. Inc.



Eating out will entail a shorter drive for Springfield residents

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Springfield Township residents with an appetite for a meal out could have an option closer to home this time next year.

The Davisburg Fountain Square development off Andersonville Road just south of Broadway will feature a family-style, sit-down restaurant. Another drawing card for the

eateries is plans to serve liquor.

Tim Birtsas of Clarkston, one of four partners in the detached condominium and restaurant development, applied for a liquor license with Springfield Township recently. His application, however, was premature because he isn't quite ready to break ground on the project. The Springfield Township Board of Trustees took no action on his request at its Jan. 13 meeting, although members said they

think the restaurant will be a good addition to the community.

Springfield Clerk Nancy Strole said since there is no actual building yet, the application cannot go forward. She said the appropriate time to apply would be after a building permit is issued and some plans are filed with the township. Birtsas said he hopes to have the building under construction by fall, or perhaps a little sooner. He said he can't say what type of food

will be served, but he said having a liquor license gives the restaurant operators more flexibility.

Trustee Dennis Vallad said he has heard community members say a nice restaurant is lacking in the township.

Birtsas said the closest place for residents now is probably Clarkston or Holly.

"People like to go out and have a drink with dinner," he said. The 3,248-square-foot, 112-

seat restaurant will work well for the Fountain Square community, he said, in addition to the rest of Springfield's residents. He said the 30 condominiums are geared toward empty nesters and professionals who would likely want to have dinner out fairly regularly.

Five of the units are already sold, and a model is being built now. According to provisions in the Planned Unit Development ordinance, the restaurant must

be open before the final 10 units can be sold, Birtsas said.

The township's role in the liquor license approval process is a recommending one. It forwards its acceptance or disapproval of the idea to the state Liquor Control Commission, which actually issues the license.

The township currently has three available unrestricted liquor licenses, Strole said. The only other potential applicant now is the Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course, which is scheduled to open in July. Strole said interested parties can be apprised if someone else applies for a license.

Township officials expect to have more licenses available after the 2000 census. Liquor licenses are made available based on population. One license is available per 1,500 residents, she said.

New fund for retirees' benefits considered

■ INDEPENDENCE

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

A new law gives municipalities more flexibility in how they plan to pay for their retirees' future health care benefits.

Independence Township plans to look at the new options and decide whether it makes financial sense to set up a new fund for public employee retirement health care.

Independence Township Finance Director Susan Hendricks said since the township only has two or three people currently taking advantage of retirement medical benefits, the issue is not a big one now but could be in the future.

"This is a big issue that we talked about when I worked for Wayne County," she said, which has thousands of retirees.

The Public Employee Health Care Fund Investment Act allows local governments, including townships, to set up a public employee health care fund. Money set aside in that fund would pay for retirement medical benefits. The advantage is that money is set aside to pay for those benefits ahead of time. The new law, which took effect in November 1999, also allows governments to invest that money more aggressively.

A public body would have to pass a resolution forming the fund, according to a memo from Richard Baldermann, administrator of the local audit and finance division of the state's Bureau of Local Government Services. The resolution has to designate a person to act as the fund's investment fiduciary. It also must make withdrawals only for health care benefit payments and administrative expenses of the fund. It also must designate who qualifies to get the benefits and determine whether the fund will be established on an actuarial basis.

The funds also must be invested according to the policies of each unit of government.

Most municipalities budget for retiree medical benefits on a year-to-year basis when they do their operating fund budgeting, Hendricks said.

She said it is something she and other staff members need to study and then decide if the township could benefit. A report would be made to the township board. Members would then decide whether to pass a resolution forming the fund.

"It's probably not a bad thing to have," Hendricks said. "My question is how do I know how much (money) to put in?"

The rising cost of health care is likely a major reason the option is attractive for many municipalities, she said. But she does not think townships and cities will see major windfalls from investing the money in the stock market. She said a big return on the investments is possible and that could result in a smaller contribution from the general fund for retiree benefits in some years.

— 15 MONTH CD —

6.15%
APY

At this rate
you can really
grow your money.

\$10,000 minimum deposit. Limited time offer.

And you may qualify for no monthly maintenance fee checking.* Act now.

Call toll-free 1-877-480-2345
or visit e-Bank® at www.huntington.com

 Huntington

Banking. Investments. Insurance.

Member FDIC. Minimum balance to open and obtain Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is \$10,000 (\$2,000 for IRA CDs). A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. For personal accounts of less than \$100,000, fees could reduce earnings on the account. Other yields available depending on maturity terms and amount of initial deposit. APY accurate as of 1/9/00 and subject to change without notice. Not valid with any other offer. Offer good until 2/29/00. *Minimum Total Relationship Balance requirements must be met. There is a \$50 minimum deposit required to open a checking account. Not applicable to Huntington Access Account. ©2000 Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. Financial services since 1856. 1CD008P1ALL. Registered service marks of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. ©2000 Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. Financial services since 1856. 1CD008P1ALL.

Groups gather nominations for Hometown Heroes

Hometown heroes in Oakland County — those who volunteer their time and effort for the betterment of their community and to help others — will be honored in a new awards ceremony slated for March.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Hometown Heroes Awards, to be given to volunteers in six categories — seniors, youth, boards and commissions, direct service, faith-based and business volunteerism.

The awards are being sponsored jointly by Lighthouse of Oakland County, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, HomeTown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business.

They'll be handed out at a luncheon, March 29, in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, the first luncheon to be held in that facility's new addition.

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

The luncheon will be sponsored by Northern Trust Bank, located in Bloomfield Hills. With Northern Trust covering the cost of the event, it can then double as a fund-raiser to spur even more volunteer activity in Oakland County, according to Noreen Keating, CEO of Light-

house.

The \$40 per seat ticket price for attendance at the lunch will raise funds for A Volunteer Place, a new volunteer recruit-

PRETTY TILE, UGLY GROUT?

(THE STUFF BETWEEN THE TILES)

Tired of moldy, missing, dirty, cracked grout? We clean, seal, repair, regROUT & stain/change color!

FREE ESTIMATES

The Grout Doctor
248-358-7383

COMPUTERIZE INC. Since 1984

SYSTEM INCLUDES: • 15" Color Monitor
• 64 MB SDRAM Memory
• 8 MB AGP Video Card
• 6.4 GB WD Hard Drive
• 52X CDROM Drive
• Sound Card & Speakers
• Modem 56K V90
• Network Card 10/100
• Floppy/Keyboard/Mouse
• Windows 98 CDROM

BUILT TO ORDER

CELETON-350.....\$710
CELETON-400.....\$735 PENTIUM II 400.....\$810
CELETON-433.....\$740 PENTIUM-II 450.....\$915
CELETON-466.....\$770 PENTIUM-II 500.....\$945
CELETON-500.....\$820 PENTIUM-II 550.....\$1030

Software • Accessories • Service • Delivery • Financing • Leasing

13973 MIDDLEBELT, LIVONIA (734) 427-0102 FAX: 734-427-7766 www.computerize.com

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 Sat. 10:00, Closed Sunday

OXFORD 7

Downtown Oxford on Lapeer Rd. (M-24) 248-359-7100
\$3.50 Twilight Shows 4pm to 8pm daily
ONLY \$4.00 Matinees before 4 pm.
Kids, Seniors, & Everyone all day Tuesday
\$4.50 with Student ID after 4pm
\$4.00 Late Show Fri & Sat Digital Stereo
© No passes or Tuesday discounts
Unlimited Free Drink Refills & 25¢ Corn Refills
Stadium Seating Gives YOU An Unobstructed View

MOVIE GUIDE

ALL 7 THEATERS DIGITAL STEREO
ALL 7 THEATERS STADIUM SEATING

DEUCE BIGELOW (R) 9:20
SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (PG-13)
11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
BEING JOHN MALKOVICH (R)
11:50, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15
MAGNOLIA (R) 12:15, 4:45, 8:15
GREEN MILE (R) 12:30, 4:20, 8:00
STUART LITTLE (PG)
12:05, 2:00, 4:55, 7:15, 9:05
GALAXY QUEST (PG)
12:20, 2:25, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
TOY STORY 2 (PG)
12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:10
COUPON ONE FREE 46oz POPCORN WITH THIS AD EXPIRES 02/04/00 CE

Budget forecast sees tuition hike for OCC

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOME NEWS SERVICE
mmalott@homecomm.net

Tuition rates for county residents would take a modest hike next year at Oakland Community College, up 2.5 percent to \$48.90 per credit hour, under a 2000-01 budget outlined to the Board of Trustees Monday by Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley.

Such a tuition increase would support an overall increase in the college budget of 5.7 percent, totaling \$116.7 million. The most significant area of new spending in the budget is a 20 percent hike in facility projects, but it also allows for 6.6 percent growth in salaries and new personnel.

OCC has been adding significant amounts of new technology to its classrooms in recent years.

But it would take a break next year, dropping spending on new tech projects by 24 percent, he said.

Those were the highlights of a preliminary budget presented to the board Monday evening. Further details will come in future budget sessions. Brantley said he is seeking approval from the board in May. The new fiscal year takes effect in July. The board took no action on the budget Monday night.

Brantley said he anticipates the tuition hike because the college is at the end of a three-year tuition guarantee plan enacted by the college. He anticipates a rise in in-district tuition rates from \$47.70 per hour to \$48.90, for out-of-district rates from \$80.70 to \$82.80 and for out-of-state tuition from \$113.20 to \$116.20.

Factors affecting revenue will include enrollment and state aid. Brantley projected stable enrollment for the year, 436,000 student credit hours compared to last year's 435,000. That is down from an all time high in 1992 of over 530,000 credit hours.

State aid is projected to increase just one percent in the coming year, Brantley said. And the college will get hit with a \$1.1 million loss as a result of tax table changes enacted by the state tax commission and another \$842,000 loss due to changes in the way utility land valuations are calculated.

Overall, the result is a 5.7 percent increase in revenues for the

college, but Brantley said OCC will be able to make a \$700,000 contribution to its fund balance at the end of the year.

Trustee Judith Wiser questioned the 6.6 percent increase in salaries.

Brantley explained that some of the amount comes from contract settlements including pay increases of 3 to 3.5 percent increases. In addition, he said, all groups have step increases for all employees not already at the top of their pay scales.

Brantley did say he anticipates some additional hiring will be necessary, but he could not specify how many new employees would be needed.

Make your nomination

A ballot to nominate volunteers is printed elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 25.

Winners will be selected by a committee of representatives of the volunteer organizations participating in the Volunteer Place.

Keating said Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon, to allow volunteers to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford to go. A table of ten is \$400. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 335-6752 to sponsor a table.

For more information regarding the purchase of tickets for the luncheon, call (248) 204-5053.

\$31.5 million state grant allows OU to start new construction

Oakland University has won a \$31.5 million grant from the state of Michigan, through its \$203 million capital outlay budget, for construction of a new education building on campus.

The university will use the money for a new building for its School of Education and Human Services, according to Rochelle Black, Oakland's director of government relations.

Details of the building's design, square footage or number of floors, are not yet available, according to university spokesman Ted Montgomery. Architecture of the building has not yet begun. The awarding of the grant will now allow OU to begin that design work.

The grant is worth \$31.5 million. University funding will have to cover another 25 percent of the cost of construction, he said.

Enrollment at Oakland University is at an all time high, with 14,664 students, Montgomery said.

- ❖ New Manufactured Homes from \$325/mo
- ❖ \$2,000 Park Rebate
- ❖ \$190 First Year Base Lot Rent
- ❖ 200+ Models - Open 7 Days

call 248-628-5552
or one of our six in-park Home Dealers

Hill Street Homes 248-628-3608	Little Valley Homes 248-969-5555
Parkhurst 248-969-3670	YCD Homes 248-969-9000
American Living 248-628-9909	New Millennium 248-969-3100

\$39,995 price; \$4,300 down and monthly payments of \$325 for 300 months at .25 APR



Everything but.



**As low as
\$209 a Month***
36-Month Lease
\$1,400 Down Payment
\$209 1st Month Payment
\$225 Security Deposit
\$1,834 Due at Lease Signing
(Tax, title, license and registration are extra.)

**GM Employees
\$199 a Month†**
36-Month Lease
\$725 Down Payment
\$199 1st Month Payment
\$225 Security Deposit
\$1,149 Due at Lease Signing
(Tax, title, license and registration are extra.)

Chances are — if you want it, Malibu's got it. It's the lowest-priced car with standard V6, automatic, air conditioning and ABS. Chevy Malibu. Standards you can depend on.

MALIBU
WE'LL BE THERE

SEE YOUR CHEVROLET® DEALER.

*Example based on survey. Each dealer sets its own price. Your payments may vary. Malibu payments are for 2000 Malibu with MSRP of \$17,215; 36 monthly payments total \$7,524. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GMAC must approve lease. Available only to residents of MI, MN, WI and select counties in IL, IN, IA, KY, MO, NE, NY, ND, OH, PA, SD and WV. You must take retail delivery from participating dealer stock by 4/3/00. Mileage charge of \$.20/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for maintenance, repair and excess wear. If lease terminates early, lessee is liable for all unpaid monthly payments. Payments may be higher in some states. Not available with customer cash offers.

†Available only to qualifying GM Employees and eligible family members who are residents of MI, MN, WI and select counties in IL, IN, IA, KY, MO, NE, NY, ND, OH, PA, SD and WV. Malibu payments are for 2000 Chevrolet Malibu with MSRP of \$17,215; 36 monthly payments total \$7,164. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GMAC must approve lease. You must take retail delivery from participating dealer stock by 4/3/00. Mileage charge of \$.20/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for maintenance, repair and excess wear. If lease terminates early, lessee is liable for all unpaid monthly payments. Payments may be higher in some states. Not available with customer cash offers. All current GM-S program rules and restrictions apply.

*Based on MSRP comparisons. Level of equipment varies. Malibu is a registered trademark and Chevy is a trademark of the GM Corp. ©2000 GM Corp. Buckle up.

0942840

OPINION

7073 DIXIE HIGHWAY, CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN 48346

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000

A10(CL)

Library collection

Expectations finally being met

Independence Township Library users will have more books to read and more reference materials to use in the coming months.

The library was granted \$250,000 by the Independence Township Board from the township's general fund last week to supplement its collection.

We're glad the library is finally getting a much-needed financial boost.

The \$250,000 allotment is 2 1/2 times the library's normal book budget.

The money will be split between adult and youth materials. Fiction, non-fiction and reference will all be supplemented.

Independence Library has been slow to fill its expansive shelves since it received a new 20,000-square-foot building in 1992, which was five times the size of its previous building. Its collection has lagged for many years behind others in communities with similar population bases. Currently, the library has between 60,000 and 65,000 volumes when it should have about 90,000 volumes.

"A lot of people expected to see a collection to match the building," Library Director Mollie Lynch said in our news story last week about the \$250,000 allotment. "We gave people a card and they walked in, saw nothing had changed, and walked back out."

Besides not having enough books, the

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

*Mollie Lynch
Independence Township Library Director*

library had to cut back on its hours of operation for a while in order to keep within its budget.

The problem, as we see it, has been that the township board does not want a library board, which would have authority to levy a tax. For philosophical reasons, the township board does not want to form another layer of government. The argument has been that a library board will lead to other township departments, such as parks and recreation, wanting their own boards, too.

While we agree that more is not usually better when it comes to government, the township board has not had enough money in its general fund to bring the library up to the level it should be.

We're happy that after eight years, the library is finally becoming closer to what residents have expected all along.

There's more to transportation than just shiny new automobiles

Last week, the world came to Detroit to see our wonderful new cars. The North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center is the showcase for all the shiny new automobiles offered for the coming year, as well as a dazzling display of concept cars that may never be marketed but stimulate thinking about transportation design.

We are still the auto capital of the world, and this is our time to shine.

The automobile changed history and the way we live our lives for good and bad. It tempted us first from our farms and small towns and then from our congested cities. Ribbons of highway were built to allow the automobile and trucks to move across country and, more significantly, across ever expanding urban areas.

The suburbs grew with the automobile and the roads built to accommodate it.

We had suburbs before the automobile, connected by electric streetcars that ran from the center of Detroit, west to Ann Arbor and north to Pontiac. But the subs didn't really grow until the freeways allowed people to drive their own cars from home into the city. Inevitably, the suburbs, themselves, became places where industry and commerce followed the people.

The center city lost its prominence as retail shopping, entertainment venues and office and factory jobs moved out to the suburbs.

We love our cars and the independence they give us. But that independence has come at a price. The racial divide has been exacerbated by the outward movement and the lack of transportation for the poor who remain in the center city. We've destroyed viable neighborhoods to put in freeways. We've devoured thousands of acres of farm, forest and park land to build housing along the freeways.

We spend large amounts of our state bud-

get on continuous road repair and build new roads that will also require repair. We consume fuel at unacceptable levels. Our major roads and freeways are frequently clogged to a standstill during rush hour.

In affluent Oakland County, 91 percent of commuters drive alone to work. Most of them have very little choice in the matter.

By design and practice, Detroit has one of the worst mass transit systems in the United States. The Michigan Constitution mandates that not less than 90 percent of fuel taxes go toward building and maintaining roads, leaving a paltry 10 percent for alternatives like rail and bus systems, and even this is not currently allocated.

We understand how important the automobile is to the economic life of metropolitan Detroit, but we also know that time has come to rethink our transportation needs locally, regionally and nationally.

The Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of environmental and public health organizations, is offering some alternative thinking about a system for "moving people not cars."

They are asking that we limit construction of new roads, allocate the maximum allowable 10 percent fuel tax to mass transit and programs to mitigate congestion, require the Michigan Department of Transportation to plan road projects that complement local master plans and allow communities to disapprove construction plans if a consensus can't be reached in three years.

Other cities such as Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston and Toronto have efficient, well-used mass transit systems and programs that discourage wasteful driving practices.

We can still have our personal automobiles, but it is way past time to also have a good mass transit system in metropolitan Detroit.

Dale A. Stuart
Supervisor
Off. 625-5111, ex. 213
Home - 625-0918

Nell Wallace
Trustee
Clarkston Off. 625-1800

Joan E. McCrary
Clerk
Off. 625-5111, ex. 203
Home - 625-9127

Daniel F. Travis
Trustee
Off. 625-2900
Home - 625-3262

Lawrence F. Rosso
Trustee
Home - 625-9646

James Wenger
Treasurer
Off. 625-5111, ex. 209
Home - 625-4447

Jeffrey M. McGee
Trustee
Off. 666-2700

You can write to Board Members at:
90 N. Main St., P.O. Box 89, Clarkston, Michigan 48347-0069

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should the state require summer school for children who can't read by the fourth grade?



"Yes. It's important to read so the sooner they learn to do it, the better."

*Nancy Farrugia
Independence Township*



"I don't think it should be required. I think it should be offered, though, if the parents want it for the kids."

*Brad Callahan
Clarkston*



"I would think so."

*Louis Fournier
Waterford*



"I think it would be a good idea, a very good idea."

*Thressa Webb
Waterford*

LETTERS

Let's not play dead on school voucher plan

I am writing in reference to the letter headlined "Scrap school voucher idea" by the Rev. Richard A. Peacock of Troy in the Jan. 13, 2000, issue of the Clarkston Eccentric.

It is amazing that a man of God is proposing to play dead on having a school voucher plan. His confused statements were filled with misinformation.

■ First, the Ohio judge's ruling that threw out a school voucher program similar to one proposed in Michigan was stopped by the Supreme Court.

■ Second, according to Peacock's premises, all funding should be removed from all public schools because they practice religions. It should be honestly acknowledged that all schools practice some form of religion so the voucher plan would have a level playing field and support student-informed choice of education, not preferring one religion over another, although, the Christian calendar is used by all schools. This is calendar year 2000 A.D., A.D. being a Latin abbreviation for Anno Domini, which means the year of the Lord (Jesus Christ).

■ Third, the separation of church and state is not in the U.S. Constitution. It was in the Soviet Union's; however, we do not live there.

■ Fourth, godly citizens should not flee royal battles. Our founding fathers didn't passively play dead to England, and our Constitution shows us the proper conduct for such battles. Thus, it is clearly seen that vouchers should be aggressively pursued so we can vote our choice and cause inferior educators to diminish, not get aid.

*Leo E. Olbrys
Clarkston*

Springfield Township's civic center plans raise questions

Perhaps it is time for the residents of Springfield Township to ask some important questions of the township leadership.

It appears to me that the township is in the process of abusing its power of condemnation in order to secure an additional 78 acres of land that adjoins the several hundred they purchased several years ago north of Davisburg through state funding. The excuse given is that it is required in order to replace 7.5 acres of land township officials want to use for a civic center development.

What are the primary and secondary questions to be asked of township officials? The

primary questions are: Does the law require that the amount of land taken by the township for a civic center be replaced with 10 times the acreage? If not, then why force a sale by the Dolza family? There are numerous parcels of land surrounding the hundreds of acres of township land that could be sought that take the form of five to 10 acres. In looking at a township map, it appears to me that almost one-sixth of the township is under township, county, metro regional or state control. It doesn't appear there is a need to force people into selling their land.

The secondary question is: Why are we building the township civic center, which includes a library and township offices, several miles from the population center of the township?

A careful examination of the township zoning, public lands, and main travel routes suggests that public use facilities be east of I-75 and closer to Dixie Highway. The south and west parts of the township are primarily composed of Indian Springs Metro Park, a county golf course, township park land and rural residential parcels of five and 10 acres or more. Unless there are major zoning changes that cause more concentrated development in that area and park lands are sold to developers (which I would oppose), the population will remain 80 percent or more in the eastern and northeastern parts of the township. Shouldn't we consider placing our public facilities closer to the population center?

If the objective of the officials' plan is to bring business to Davisburg, then they should let the area around the village be developed so the people can live in close proximity to the existing and future businesses. That won't happen! Instead, by their actions, it appears they want the population to finance their civic center but don't really care if it's out of the way or if the residents ever use it.

If you live in Springfield Township, take time to express yourself in this matter.

Jeff Spires

Springfield Township

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Clarkston Eccentric, 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Michigan 48346

Clarkston Eccentric®

KAREN HERMES SMITH, EDITOR, 248-625-1900, ksmith@oe.homecomm.net

BILL CLUGSTON, RETAIL SALES MANAGER, 248-901-2501

LARRY HESSEN, HOME DELIVERY MANAGER, 248-693-4900

TOM CARRON, CIRCULATION MANAGER, 248-693-4900

MARK WARREN, CIRCULATION DIRECTOR, 248-901-2548

RICK FICORELLI, MARKETING DIRECTOR, 734-953-2150

JIM JIMMERSOHN, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, 724-734-2180, jlmj@homecomm.net

JUSTIN WILCOX, PUBLISHER, 248-901-2537, jw16box@oe.homecomm.net

BANKS DISHMON, VP/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, 734-953-2252, bdlshmon@oe.homecomm.net

HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.

PHILIP POWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD JEANNE TOWAR, VICE PRESIDENT/EDITORIAL RICHARD AGINIAN, PRESIDENT

OUR MISSION: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories and communities they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."

— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

New policy in works to regulate community use of school facilities

The renovation of our schools is well under way. In fact, some of the buildings are already providing students with opportunities to work in an exciting, new environment, and giving community members the chance to enjoy facilities that are as functional as they are attractive.

But times have changed, and our decisions must reflect new realities. I remember when school security wasn't much of a concern, and the doors to our homes remained unlocked. Yes, today's world is different in many ways, and life is certainly more complex for students and adults alike.

On the bright side, the renovations eradicate the limitations that had to be endured because our buildings were outdated and ill-equipped. Those readers who have had the chance to tour North Sashabaw or Clarkston Elementary have noticed larger classrooms, a beautiful library/media center, rooms designed for special purposes (art, music and discovery), a colorful cafeteria, and much more! What a difference! Whether you are driving by or dropping in for a visit, it is obvious! We have created something worthwhile for our children and for future generations.

But the changes, well-needed and overdue, provide us with several challenges. First and foremost, we must make these great facilities work for us! The larger classrooms will not mean much unless teachers use that space to the educational advantage of students. The library/media centers won't be worthwhile unless the centers truly become a hub for learning. The technological advancements we have made will not bear fruit unless the equipment works, and the use of technology will not be worth our investment unless it is integrated into the very fabric of instruction.

I have been told that bringing about change is like changing a flat tire on a moving vehicle. To some extent, that analogy seems appropriate. Our facility and staff must keep moving forward with their work responsibilities while they are learning new techniques and developing new talents (technology, team techniques, etc.)

But, the challenges we face are far-reaching and involve more than classroom instruction. As our facilities are brought back on line, the question of community use of facilities must also be addressed. After all, the buildings belong to our citizens. Board of Education policy governs facility use. Simply stated, this policy directs the district administration to put the buildings to good use, and to do so while being good stewards of public funds. This means that the buildings are to be utilized by our public, but the costs must be covered by dollars not dedicated to the education of our children.

As you probably know, the schools no longer receive the significant tax dollars that come with new home development. Now, the district receives a foundation amount for each child enrolled, and Clarkston has always received fewer dollars per pupil than most Oakland County school systems. If we are to conserve funds to match our mission — the education of our children — we must find a way to pay for the fees associated with keeping the facilities available. Custodial fees, replacement charges (broken equipment), snow removal (Saturdays and when



AL ROBERTS

school isn't in session) and insurance must be considered; and unfortunately, concern about possible lawsuits must also be factored into the equation.

The reality is that our community members love their schools, and they want to use them. The truth is that the district should provide reasonable access while working to limit unnecessary liabilities (financial, legal and otherwise). It should be noted that the cost of one lawsuit could cut deeply into the district's budget, and expending dollars for such purposes impacts our ability to provide access. While we have had a set of guidelines for quite some time, it is now time to make some changes and to commit ourselves to enforce these policies uniformly throughout the district.

You may not be aware of district efforts to develop partnerships with Independence Township Parks and Recreation. During the past year, Parks and Recreation has worked with us to create programs that have impacted 4,376 community members. I refer to the pool programs that include swimming lessons, splash and laps, and even scuba diving! While fees for such activities are charged, we are not offering such opportunities to make a profit. Rather, we are covering the costs of such offerings (lifeguards, instructors, clerical support and supervision). My school staff has been directed to do everything possible to encourage community use, but to do so in a manner that doesn't diminish our ability to serve the children of this community. While we are looking forward to the increased use of our school buildings by our community, our mission is to place our community's children first.

So, it is important that activities at any of our facilities are scheduled in an orderly manner and that supervision is provided. Whether a popular viewpoint or not, it is the school administration's responsibility to protect resources that our citizens have provided. I certainly would not want to be reporting in the newspaper that someone was hurt due to lack of supervision or that equipment was damaged because of improper use.

Pat Brumback, one of my assistants, is leading the charge to revise the guidelines. She is very much aware of the need to provide our neighbors with opportunities to enjoy the new facilities they helped to bring to Clarkston. If you have some thoughts that will enable us to keep usage high and costs low, we would love to hear from you.

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

Plan to preserve unique fen will aid Springfield residents for years to come

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CORNER

A rare Red Shoulder Hawk searching for prey finds a home in a string of small lakes, wetlands and a river that crosses Springfield Township in northwest Oakland County. The endangered Massasauga rattlesnake, along with other amphibians and reptiles, finds a home in this watery land. Rare plant species, such as the white lady's slipper, prairie dropseed and Richardson's sedge, grow in this untouched and unspoiled area.

This is the Shiawassee River corridor that includes natural areas known as the Long Lake and I-75 Woods Natural Area located within Springfield Township. Here the river connects lakes and wetlands and passes by forested uplands to eventually flow into Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Particularly unique to the Long Lake area, and considered very rare, is a high-quality prairie fen community that supports a number of rare plants and animals. A fen is a special type of wetland fed by alkaline-rich groundwater. Their special chemistry forms a unique habitat for many rare plants and animals. The fen also includes approximately 265 acres of hanging fen along the northern shore of the lake extending the entire length of the river corridor. It is one of the largest known remaining natural fens in southern Michigan. Studies by the Shiawassee-Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project, a cooperative township, county and Environmental Protection Agency program, identified Long Lake and I-75 Woods' Natural Area as meriting a top priority for protection.

Spurred by these findings, the Springfield Preservation Committee of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy recognized the need to focus their resources and expertise by working with the community to preserve this unique eco-system. The committee formulated a

comprehensive plan that identified specific areas in need of protection, specified the need to develop community awareness by involving local government, businesses, developers, schools and local residents; and outlined educational programs, such as restoration projects and a water-quality monitoring program. The plan was presented to the NOHLC Board of Directors and Auditors at its November 1999 meeting. With great enthusiasm and interest, the Springfield Preservation Committee's plan was unanimously approved.

Fortunately there is still an opportunity to protect such unique and pristine areas. The protection plan will help insure that the Red Shoulder Hawk and other forms of wildlife have a home for future generations. The preservation actions will also help preserve the rural character and quality of life not only for Springfield Township residents but to serve as a model for other communities to follow.

Incorporated in 1978 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC has worked in and for the community for about 28 years. Currently, the conservancy has stewardship of 29 parcels of land comprising about 620 acres, some properties totally owned and some protected by conservation/scenic easements. NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, receiving tax-deductible gifts of all kinds. Also, various membership donation categories exist, such as a renewable Life-Membership donation of \$100 and an annual Family Membership donation of \$25. Questions for the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston MI 48347; e-mail at NOHLC@hotmail.com; or by calling 248-620-4700.

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

Investment in state's workers good

With Michigan enjoying the longest sustained economic recovery in half a century and the state treasury looking at a \$400 million surplus this year, Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week could not have been difficult to write.

The speech drew generally favorable reviews, even from some Democrats. After all, what politician wouldn't kill to be in office during an economy in which cutting taxes and spending more on pet programs are both possible?

Although the speech covered a long list of topics for legislative action during this election year, Engler's speech concentrated on education, devoting 17 of 40 printed pages to the topic.

The governor's priorities are right on, because it's now clear that labor shortages and lack of skilled workers are the major barriers to continued good times in Michigan.

At the biannual revenue-estimating conference at the Capitol last week, University of Michigan economist George Fulton said worker shortages are particularly acute in the construction trades and in jobs having anything to do with computer skills. These, in turn, are exactly the jobs that will require training after students leave high school.

That's an area that Engler stressed in his speech. The groundwork was laid down by a commission appointed by Engler last September to study ways to help parents get kids through college. Headed by Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, the commission found that working-class families can't save enough to pay for ever-increasing college tuition bills, while poor families have trouble saving anything.

In the State of the State, Engler proposed two new programs arising from the commission's findings.

For middle-income families, the governor wants a new kind of savings account that provides tax breaks for setting aside money for college expenses. The Michigan Education Trust (MET) program, the first prepaid college tuition plan in the country when it was adopted in 1988 during the Blanchard Administration, has turned out to be too expensive for most families.

Engler's college savings plan would allow parents or grandparents to set aside a nest egg to pay for college expenses and deduct up to \$3,000 from their incomes subject to Michigan income tax. The money would build up, with taxes deferred, until families needed the cash. If approved, the deferral would complement a federal tax break already in effect. In the federal income tax code's 527 Accounts, when the money was damaged because of improper use.

Pat Brumback, one of my assistants, is leading the charge to revise the guidelines. She is very much aware of the need to provide our neighbors with opportunities to enjoy the new facilities they helped to bring to Clarkston. If you have some thoughts that will enable us to keep usage high and costs low, we would love to hear from you.

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



PHILIP POWER

is withdrawn it is taxed at the student's rate, not the parent's. Given the fact that federal rates vary from 15 percent to nearly 40 percent, this could be a terrific savings.

For families that earn less than \$40,000 a year, Engler wants a new program that provides two years of free tuition at Michigan community colleges. Once again this makes sense. Learning to be a stone mason or a finish carpenter doesn't require a degree in philosophy from the U-M, while community college course catalogues are chock-filled with courses in computer technical subjects and information technology.

Engler also proposed a number of other initiatives in the skills arena, including:

- Operation Fast Break, a set of worker training programs through community colleges and high schools to teach employees who need it "reading, writing, computer skills and the personal discipline needed in the workplace."

- Partnership for Adult Learning, which would provide career and job counseling to Michigan residents through Michigan Works! Service centers, schools, colleges and libraries.

- Increasing spending on adult education from \$80 million to \$100 million.

- Michigan Technical Excellence Program, a "skills credentialing system" to show when Michigan workers have received training in specific technical areas.

As someone who served as the Chair of Michigan Job Training Coordinating Commission in the 1980's, it's nice to see that notions of investing in the skills and human capital of Michigan's workers are getting higher and higher.

After all, what politician wouldn't kill for an environment in which cutting taxes and spending more on pet programs are both possible on the state's agenda?

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

Uncover
the
hidden
value in
your
home.
Fast!

We can turn your home equity into cash.

The cash you need to fund a college education, take a dream vacation, start a retirement fund or buy a new car?

It's waiting for you now at Oxford Bank.

We can help you access cash fast at the highly competitive rates shown below. Overnight approvals possible!

Call the Oxford Bank Financing Center at 248-969-7215 or any of our 6 Branch Locations for a quick assessment and even quicker approvals.

Minimum Line	Maximum Line	Rate	APR**
\$5,000	\$19,900	Prime+2%	10.50%
\$20,000	\$39,900	Prime+1 1/2%	10.00%
\$40,000	\$59,900	Prime+1%	9.5%
\$60,000	\$150,000	Prime+1/2%	9.0%

Addison Oaks (810)752-4555 Clarkston (248)625-0011 Dryden (810)796-2651



OXFORD BANK

"A. Real Community Bank"

Lake Orion (248)693-6261 Ortonville (248)627-2813

Oxford (248)628-2533

Member FDIC

www.oxfordbank.com
**As of Jan. 4, 2000. Annual Percentage Rates may vary based on market conditions but will not exceed 18% APR.
The interest you pay may be 100% deductible (Consult your tax advisor). No closing costs or annual fees.

SKI & SNOWBOARD

**Sale Ends
Sunday**



Boyne USA
RESORTS

Discount Lift Tickets

On sale now exclusively at



www.boyne.com

Bavarian Village
SKI & SNOWBOARD SPECIALISTS



Travel

Ask Us About Our Special
Ski Destination Discounts
& Special prices for Boyne
Country Sports Customers
Call (800) 797-8352



Boyne USA Resorts & Bavarian Village have merged retail operations under the name Boyne Country Sports.
We are working hard to bring you new and exciting sales, events and promotions, including Discounted Boyne
Lift Tickets, Free Lodging, Express Ski Rental, Robotic Tuning and much more... exclusively at Boyne Country Sports!

20%
to
30% off

Skiwear from Coulion, Nordica,
Marker mens, CB Sports, Polo RLX,
Serac, AFRC Ladies Stretch Pants,
Karbon, Thomas Keeling,
Sno Skins, Tsunami, Sims, Drift,
Ten 80, Boulder Gear,
& Obermeyer Lectra Parka

All Kids Clothing

Adult gloves from Gordini,
Gates, Conroy & Kombi

40%
to
50% off

Snowboards & Boots
All Last Seasons Models

- All **SKI BOOTS** Last Seasons Models
- All **PIRELLI** Skis 1999 Models
 - Two • Three • Black Magic • Impulse
- All **OLIN** Skis
 - Discovery • Catalyst • DTS/DTV
- All **DYNASTAR** Skis
 - Max Legend • Max Ride • SpeedSF

70% off

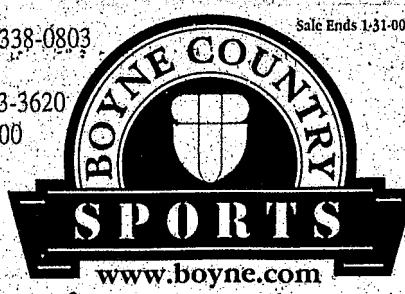
**Skiwear
Clearance**

New Markdowns on over \$500,000
Selected Jackets, Shells,
Pants, Suits & Fleece

*Product may vary by store

Stay FREE at Boyne USA
RESORTS

BLOOMFIELD HILLS • 2540 WOODWARD at Sq. Lake Rd. • (248) 338-0803
NOVI • NOVI TOWN CTR S. of I-96 on Novi Rd. • (248) 347-3323
MT. CLEMENS • 1216 S. GRATIOT 1/2 mile N. of 16 Mile • (810) 463-3620
GROSSE POINTE • 19435 MACK AVE. N. of Moross • (313) 885-0300
DEARBORN • 26312 FORD RD. W. of Telegraph • (313) 562-5560
ANN ARBOR • 3336 WASHTENAW AVE. • (734) 973-9340
EAST LANSING • 246 E. SAGINAW • (517) 337-9696
TRAVERSE CITY • 1995 US 31 at 4 Mile Rd. • (231) 938-3131
PETOSKEY • 1200 BAYVIEW RD. • (231) 439-4906
BOYNE HIGHLANDS • 600 HIGHLANDS DR. • (800) GO-BOYNE
BOYNE MOUNTAIN • BOYNE MOUNTAIN ROAD • (800) GO-BOYNE



Bavarian Village
SKI & SNOWBOARD SPECIALISTS

New for 2000

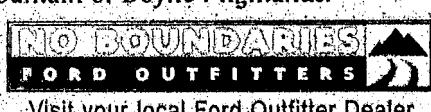
Express Ski Rental

Now Available In-Store & On-line

To make the most of your time on the hill,
reserve your equipment in advance and
we'll have it waiting for you at
Boyne Mountain or Boyne Highlands.



Official Vehicle of the Bavarian Village Ski & Snowboard Team



Visit your local Ford Outfitter Dealer

Clarkston Life

Karen Hermes Smith, Editor 248-625-1900

The Eccentric®

INSIDE:

Clarkston Community

Calendar, B4

Rochelle Smith, B5

Page 1, Section B

Thursday, January 27, 2000



CAROLYN WALKER

GOTALUV those personalized license plates

Over the past few months I have noticed an increasing number of personalized blue license plates while driving in northern Oakland County traffic. (Interestingly, none of them were from out of state.)

As I dodged some of that traffic, I took the time to jot down a few of the associated "words" that I saw. I got kind of compulsive about my jotting — not wanting to miss a single plate — and soon I had a pretty impressive list.

All the while, my curiosity about personalized plates grew and I began to fantasize.

Why would a person want a personalized plate? Why go to the expense? What messages do people hope to send to strangers?

Most importantly, I wondered: What are the people like who are driving the attached vehicles?

Of course, because I never spoke with any of the drivers, I know nothing about them except what their license plates tell me. Here's what I deduced through observation only:

■ PURPLE1 — This is my particular favorite. I saw this plate on a purple car parked in Independence Township one day. The lady who got into that car was fully adorned in purple. I followed her for a while — unsuccessfully — hoping I could stop her to talk about her passion. Obviously, though, she loves that color!

■ R MOORE — I saw this plate in the middle of Dixie Highway traffic.

Please see WALKER, B3



Dedicated worker: Jaime Bonneau gets high school credit for honing her job skills at Mel's Grill.

Special-needs students learn skills on the job



■ Clarkston-area businesses offer special-needs students a chance to learn and practice employable skills.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

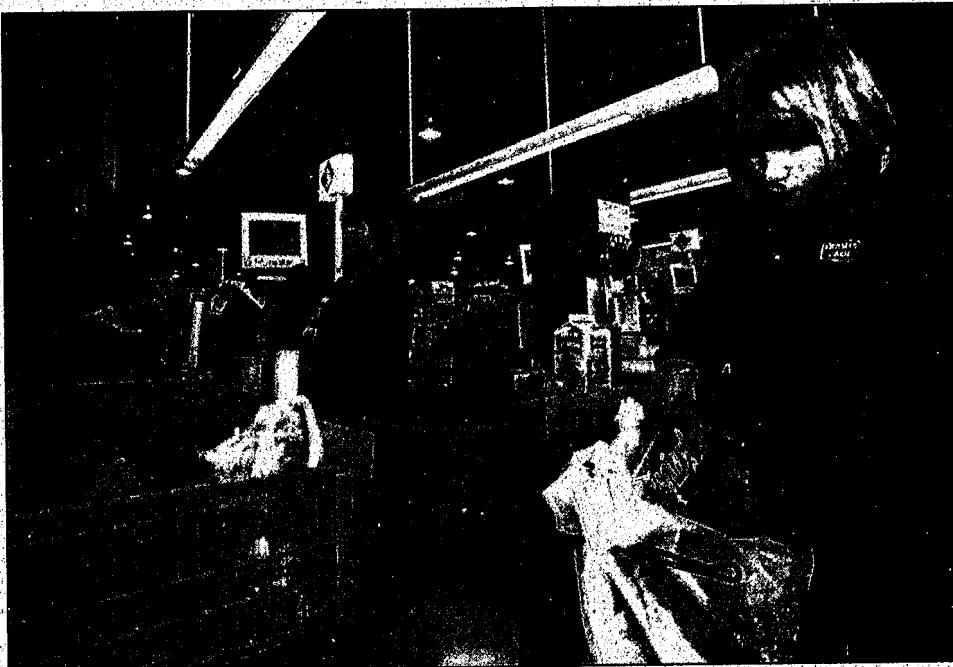
stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Once teenagers are in high school, they're ready to make the move into the working world.

They pick up applications, fill them out, talk to business owners and managers and often end up with part-time work.

For students with special needs, however, getting that first job can be insurmountable. They may not have the verbal skills to convince an adult that they have or can learn marketable skills.

That's where the Vocational Exploration Program class out of Clarkston High School comes in.



Helping out: Danielle Stevenson (left) bags groceries for Beth Poole after cashier Cathy Hamilton rings them up at Farmer Jack's supermarket on Sashabaw Road.

Since 1995, it's provided high school students with special needs a chance to work at a business and develop skills attractive to future employers.

During the first nine weeks of class, students stay at the high school and learn work skills and interviewing techniques.

Then they put what they've learned into practice. They spend about two hours four days a week working at a local business. A school bus takes them to and from the workplace.

These students don't receive an hourly pay for their work, but they do receive high school credit.

They also earn skills they can use throughout life.

Take a look at what sophomore Danielle (Dani) Stevenson is doing at Farmer Jack's on Sashabaw and Waldon roads.

Dressed in her green Farmer Jack's shirt, she stands at the end of the check-out lane, ready to bag groceries for customers.

"Good-bye," Dani says with a smile to a customer after she hands her the groceries.

Now maybe that doesn't seem like much to some people, but to school paraprofessional Sue McEvoy,

the fact that Dani properly bagged the groceries and spoke to the customer first is a big accomplishment for the quiet teenager.

"She's doing so well," McEvoy said about Dani in her first work experience. "She's always been real quiet, but she's opened up and will talk to customers now."

"Dani is a real good bagger," said cashier Rose Croskey. "She's a nice kid."

Front-end manager Susan Patterson added that Dani is a dependable worker, too.

Down the street at Mel's Grill, senior Jaime Bonneau works non-stop. She knows the drill, and she'll proudly tell you what she needs to accomplish.

"I do (fill) the coffee creams, ketchup and mustards, the jellies, salt and pepper shakers, and I sweep the floor," she said.

She does other chores as they're needed, such as getting ice and busing tables.

Deserve a chance

Mel and Sue Mellema, diner owners, got involved

Please see JOBS, B3

super 2-day
SALE

25% off
regular-prices
throughout
the store!

two
days
only!

Saturday & Sunday,
January 29-30

Regular prices reflect offering prices which may not have resulted in actual sales. Percentage off represents savings on regular prices.
25% off discount (valid January 29-30, 2000 only) applies to regular-priced merchandise and is limited to JCPenney stores and department. Sale discount does not apply to the following: Catalog (Catalog Department, Catalog Phone Orders, Catalog Outlet Stores and Department), Sale Merchandise, Red-Ticketed Clearance Merchandise, Value Right Merchandise, Specialty Jewelry, Perfumes, Cosmetics, Color and Treatment from Cosmetics and Salon, Boyd's Bears®, Cookware and Small Kitchen Electronics, All Services, Easy Spin®, Easy Prints®, Horse® Horses® Royal Velvet® by Fieldcrest®, Sealy® Crown Jewel, items offered with special sales and packages in multiples of five or more, or in combination with any other JCPenney offer. As always, credit purchases are subject to a 1/2% credit limit. Cash value of 1/20th of one cent. Cannot be used for payment on account, to purchase Gift Certificates or on any prior purchase.



JCPenney®

Photo: AP

Clarkston-area Scouts reach the top with Eagle ranking

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Not many teenage boys spend their senior year in high school as a Boy Scout. But for those who do, the rewards are worth it.

Just ask Jonathon Lutz, Bradley Carlile, Mahlon (Gunnar) Benson IV and Brent Schermerhorn from Troop 189.

These young men earned the highest scouting award, the rank of Eagle, in late 1999 after planning, implementing and completing a service project that benefits others.

Jonathon Lutz

For Jonathon Lutz, a senior at Oakland Christian School, this meant cleaning up and relandscape property on either side of a handicap ramp that leads to the waterfront at Bay Court Park.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin gave the suggestion to Lutz, and he followed through.

"In order to earn the Eagle rank, we have to get other Scouts to help us with the project," he said. Lutz's parents are John and Kathleen Lutz.

So on a Saturday and a Sunday, about 10 Scouts and other people met Lutz at the park. The township donated rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. Wood chips were dumped on-site and everyone literally chipped in with a good deal of brawn to get the job done.

First they had to clean the overgrown area. They prepared the land for the plantings and



Helping others: Mahlon (Gunnar) Benson IV earned his Eagle Scout ranking after helping his church.



Community service: Brent Schermerhorn landscaped the sign for the new Clarkston High School.



A proud group: Standing around Jonathon Lutz (center) in honor of his Eagle Scout ranking are (left) his father, John Lutz, brother Aaron, state Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, state Senator Mat Dunaskiss, mom Kathleen Lutz and Lutz's former Scout master, Dan Hill.

built a small erosion wall.

Bradley Carlile

Bradley Carlile is a freshman at Oakland Community College who also is proud of the Eagle ranking he earned.

Carlile, a June graduate from Clarkston High School, corralled 25 other Scouts to help him build a set of stairs that lead to the lake at Bay Court Park.

"It took us two days to do more than 200 hours of work," said the son of Rex and Sharleen Carlile. "I had to plan and organize the whole thing myself."

He had different groups working at one time: one leveling the ground; one putting in the steps that also had to be cut.

First they had to clean the

overgrown area. They prepared the land for the plantings and

Mahlon (Gunnar) Benson IV

Benson, who received most of his education at home and is a student at Hillsdale College, spent his energy on a project for his church, Clarkston Free Methodist.

"My church has some property on Stickney Road," he said. "People have been dumping on it. So my project was to clean up the property and build a volleyball court and a fire pit on it."

The trash, which included a lawn mower, a water heater and a jungle gym, filled a huge dumpster.

More than two dozen workers helped Benson with the project. His church had a service on the property about a week after completion.

"It was great to be able to use everything we worked so hard to accomplish," said Benson, the son of Mahlon (Ben) and Cindy Benson.

Brent Schermerhorn

Although Schermerhorn hasn't had his ceremony for his Eagle ranking, he's completed all the

requirements.

The son of Kent and Judy Schermerhorn, he's a senior at Clarkston High School and an all-season athlete.

His project focused on landscaping around the Clarkston High School sign.

"I started thinking about this when we were still at the old high school," Schermerhorn said, "but when we moved to the new building, I was able to start fresh."

He used a computer program to create a landscaping design in school colors and once he got approval from the school district,

Schermerhorn and about 22

Scouts and football friends

helped him with the project.

"I used flowers in the design

that will bloom in the early summer," he said.

Dan Hill was the Scout master when these teenagers earned their Eagle ranking. He's now the assistant master.

"We are so proud of them," Hill said. "These are great kids. The fact that they came up with a project and followed through says something about each of them. Scouting really gives kids an edge."



Top award: Bradley Carlile earned his Eagle Scout ranking after building a series of steps at Independence Oaks County Park.

WELL, NO MR. RODMAN

THE FASHION CONSULTANT JOB HAS NOT BEEN FILLED AS OF THIS AFTERNOON.

There are a lot of talented people looking for new jobs these days. The big problem is matching their particular skills with your particular job requirements.

That's where The Center For American Jobs comes in.

We're not an expensive temp agency.



1-888-4-USA JOBS
www.caj.com

Oxford

- ❖ New Manufactured Homes from \$325/mo
- ❖ \$2,000 Park Rebate
- ❖ \$190 First Year Base Lot Rent
- ❖ 200+ Models - Open 7 Days

call 248-628-5552

or one of our six in-park Home Dealers

Hill Street Homes 248-628-3608

Little Valley Homes 248-969-5555

Parkhurst 248-969-3670

YCD Homes 248-969-9000

American Living 248-628-9909

New Millennium 248-969-3100

\$39,995 price: \$4,300 down and monthly payments of \$325 For 300 months at 9.25% APR*

Relax in a setting of warmth and friendship....

Caring is an integral part of our success. We adhere to providing luxurious amenities and quality service - exactly what we would expect for our own parent or grandparent.

INDEPENDENCE LIVING:

- Dinner served daily
- Bi-Weekly housekeeping
- Weekly flat linen service
- Planned social activities
- Scheduled van transportation
- Heat, electric and water
- Apartment maintenance
- No buy-in fees

INDEPENDENCE PLUS:

- Three meals served daily
- Medication reminders
- Daily housekeeping
- Assistance with bathing
- 24 hour staffing
- Planned social activities
- Heat, electric and water
- No buy-in fees

(810) 229-9190
833 E. Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116



Brighton
INDEPENDENCE
VILLAGE

Home Appliances

15-50% OFF

Regular retail prices
Excludes special purchases

New shipments arriving every day!

Come in and see our great selection of home appliances, all at terrific low prices. You're sure to find just what you've been looking for, from washers and dryers to refrigerators and more!



THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

50% OFF

regular retail prices on top mount refrigerators 21 cu. ft. or larger.
Side-by-side refrigerators 23 cu. ft. or larger.
Month XX Day XX thru Month XX Day XX

SEARS
OUTLET STORE

One-of-a-kind, out-of-carton, discontinued, used, scratched and dented merchandise. Items pictured are just a few examples of the hundreds of great values.

Merchandise shown is representational only. Actual merchandise varies by store.

SEARS WAREHOUSE OUTLET

12001 SEARS AVE.
LIVONIA
1 MILE WEST OF MIDDLEBELT
OFF PLYMOUTH RD.
PHONE: 422-5700

Now more ways to buy at Sears



PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED

Open 7 Days
Mon. & Fri. 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

DOOR 100

Jobs from page B1

in the vocational exploration program after talking to Barbara Greenstone. She's a special education teacher responsible for the program.

"Once we heard about this, we were glad we could participate," Mel Mellema said. "Kids with special needs deserve a chance just as other kids do. Jaime is doing a really good job for us."

In return, Jaime is happy with her work.

"She tells me how much she loves working at Mel's," said Roxanne Bonneau, Jaime's mother. "That is a fantastic program Mrs. Greenstone has for the kids. She goes beyond the call of duty for all the children in the program."

But Greenstone can't provide the opportunities for the teens to develop work skills and be exposed to different types of work unless local businesses participate.

"We want to get the word out that we would like more businesses to participate with us for this program," said Greenstone.

A business doesn't need a specific work plan in mind. Greenstone can help them develop tasks according to a student's abilities.

She mentioned how pleased she is that Farmer Jack's continued the participation after it moved into the former Food Town supermarket site.

Senior Brandon Verwey works at Little Caesar's Pizza on Sashabaw Road for Sam Saad and his brother, Jamal.

"Right now one way Brandon is helping us is by folding pizza boxes," Saad said. He also does stock work.

"In time we will teach him more things. I think the work is

really helping him develop his skills," Saad said.

The brothers decided to participate in the program last school year, Saad explained, because the business is part of the Clarkston community and they wanted to give something back.

Junior Jason Wesol helps out at ACO Hardware on Sashabaw Road through the vocational exploration program.

First Assistant Manager Mary Brewer said the employees like the way he's able to help.

"Jason has the pattern down now. He comes in and gets right to work," she said. His jobs include sweeping the floor, herding the shopping carts, taking out trash, pricing and helping unload stock.

"When Jason first came here, he was very shy and quiet. Now he kinds of laughs and jokes with us. It's nice to see that," Brewer added.

Greenstone stressed that students are supervised during their time at a business if they need to be.

"These teens are dependable workers who take pride in their work. In return, they get life-long skills."

She also said it's important the students work in the community where they live.

"All these kids live in this community and therefore will probably live here as an adult," she said. "Any type of experience they can get in the community prepares them to live there."

Any business that wants to offer a special education student with an opportunity to learn lifelong skills should call Greenstone at Clarkston High School. The phone number is 623-3600.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

The following students from Clarkston have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake: Joseph Glaser, Sara McNew and Amber Morris. All are freshmen.

Shaun Manning, a sopho-

more at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich., has been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 1999. He is majoring in the field of English and is the son of James and Mary Bird of Clarkston. Shaun is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Walker from page B1

Made me wonder if 007 actor Roger Moore was driving a truck through Oakland County. Nah.

■ KAPOW — I saw this plate somewhere in Pontiac. A boxer, maybe?

■ SIDEOUT — I have no idea what this word means. Sounds like a surfing or skateboarding term, doesn't it? But then again, maybe it's surgical.

■ LUVAPIT — I struggled with this one for a long time before I finally decided it's a positive statement for pit bull dogs. Personally, I prefer to luvaberdicals.

■ CRIMINAL — Maybe so, but why brag about it?

■ AUNTBAT — I would love to know who, or what, an auntbat is. I'm picturing an older woman with eccentricities.

■ DIXI2 — A confederate in Michigan? Two confederates? It could happen.

■ IM POOH — But where's Tigger?

■ GIRLIE2 — Girlie. Does anybody use that term anymore? Apparently they do on I-75.

■ 2 PHINE — The car or the driver?

■ 20BABY — This must belong to a young man, right?

■ RAND S — Can't stand for rhythm and blues. Or right and wrong. It's got to stand for something, though. Rice and spinach? Rick and Susan?

■ CRUISIN — Wonder if this driver's met GIRLIE2.

■ 9ERSFAN — I followed this football nut in Rochester.

■ 4UDONA — Somebody's husband had a tender moment.

■ IM2OLD — Gotta love it!

■ LUCKYII — Doesn't this make you wonder what makes the driver "lucky"? Good health? A lotto win? Married the girl of his dreams? Two times over?

■ GATOR — This could be worse. It could say, "snake."

■ UH HUHH — I like this one too. A good attitude in traffic is a must.

As I sat writing this column, I began to pass beyond fantasizing and really wonder about the answers to my previously mentioned questions. I then phoned Elizabeth Boyd, spokesperson for the Michigan Secretary of State in Lansing. She was a veritable font on fascinating information. Consider these tidbits:

■ Sometimes called "vanity" plates, the legal term is "personalized" plates.

■ Blue and white Michigan personalized plates cost up to \$30 above the usual license plate registration fee when they are purchased. There is a \$15 annual renewal fee, too.

■ Personalized plates usually send messages, follow nicknames or initials, or comment on businesses, causes, universities, clubs or professions.

■ As of November 1999, there were 90,000 personalized plates on file in the state of Michigan.

■ There are another 3,900 issued for motorcycles.

■ Personalized plates have been available in Michigan since 1974 when six characters were

allowed. In the early 1990s a seventh character could be added, leading to an increase in the number of personalized plates.

■ Obscenities are banned by law.

"The secretary of state can only issue license plates that are in good taste and decency," Boyd said. "They cannot issue a letter combination that might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency."

What constitutes good taste and decency? The rules, she said, include no character combinations that make obscene words; no swear words; no connotations of sex organs, functions or acts; no words that slur races, social classes or ethnic groups; no ref-

erences to drugs or illegal substances; and no configurations that are offensive to societal values — in any language.

What does the secretary of state's office do if posed with a foreign language concern? They solicit the help of employees and interpreters, according to Boyd.

"People are fascinated by license plates," Boyd said.

"Whenever the secretary talks about license plates, it always evokes a lot of interest by the public."

Carolyn Walker lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston. She is a staff writer for the Waterford Eccentric. She may be reached by e-mail at cwalker@oe.homecomm.net.

To place your ad in this directory call:

Geri Jacklyn at (248) 693-4900
Lake Orion/Oxford

Robbie Haworth at (248) 625-1900
Clarkston

You ain't seen nothing yet.

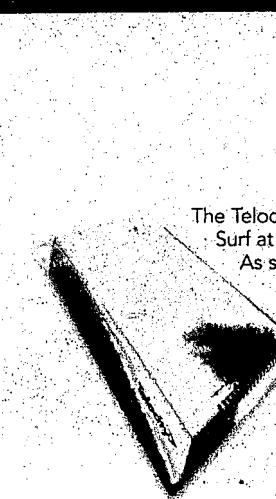


CONSTANT CONNECTION

High-velocity Internet service from Telco is staying on all the time. So you never have to dial-up or wait to get online. Just click and fly whenever you want. You haven't seen the Net until you've seen it in Telco Time.

HIGH-VELOCITY INTERNET

SIMPLE SETUP



The Telco Expressway.
Surf at eye-popping speeds.
As small as a clock radio.
Plug-and-play easy.

Free Activation or
Free MP3 Player
If you sign up by 1/31/2000:
For details:
1-888-808-3055

You ain't seen nothing yet. **Telco**

Sign up for our high-velocity Internet at telco.com or call 1-888-808-3055.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing an event. Type or print event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, Attn, Marsha Wengrow, 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346, or fax to (248) 625-5712. E-mail to mwengrow@e.homecomm.net. The deadline is noon Friday for the following Thursday.

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 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 served. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on our mailing list, call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-523.

SATURDAYS, FEB. 5 & 12**CLARKSTON EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR**

Clarkston Community Education

in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a nine-hour Basement Remodeling seminar 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12. The course is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The seminar costs \$90 plus a textbook fee of \$8. Pre-registration with payment required no later than Friday, Feb. 4, to Clarkston Community Education. Call (248) 674-0993 to register Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The instructor is a licensed builder who can answer questions related to all facets of remodeling. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in more than 40 schools in Michigan. For a free brochure and a current schedule of class locations, call Oakland Builders Institute toll-free at 1-800-940-2014.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

CAREERS 2000 AND BEYOND
5-8 p.m. Oakland Technical Center Northwest, 8211 Big Lake Road, Clarkston. College night and career workshop for middle/high school students and parents. Explore options and plan your future by meeting with college representatives and business professionals, and attending informative workshop sessions. Learn about the "how's and "when's" of financial aid, "School-to-Careers" and much more. For information please call (248) 922-5800.

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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17**EATING DISORDER SCREENING PROGRAM**

7-9 p.m. Neuro-Behavioral Center, 6715 Dixie Highway, Suite 111, Clarkston. Free anonymous screenings for eating disorders. Opportunity to take self-test for anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating, receive educational information, and talk with a mental health professional. Referral to treatment centers provided. For more information, call (248) 625-5599.

FRIDAY, FEB. 18**DINNER-DANCE FUND-RAISER**

7 p.m. to midnight, Deer Lake Racquet Club 6167 White Lake Road, Clarkston. Proceeds will help Clarkston siblings Derek and Danielle Weddle represent

the United States, Michigan and Clarkston as student ambassadors to New Zealand and Australia this summer. There will be dancing with a deejay, also a cash bar, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$25 per person. Make checks payable to: People to People (Student Ambassador) 6150 Overlook, Clarkston, MI 48346. Tickets available at the door. No children under 12. For more information, please contact Beverly Weddle at (248) 625-9063.

TUESDAY EVENINGS**BIBLE STUDY FOR SINGLES**

BayPointe's Singles meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at a home in Clarkston. Meet other adults who are experiencing similar circumstances or perhaps have overcome some of your current struggles. We offer Bible study, fellowship and sharing about how we cope with daily life. Call Dave for more information at (248) 620-1774.

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 manage-

ment 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**WEUNITE (WISDOM OF ELTERS, 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.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING**TOPS. (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)**

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

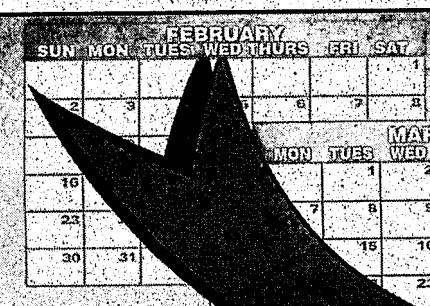
7 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8894 or Kim Tombrell at 620-2616.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY**TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON**

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

EVERY SATURDAY**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING**

10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8894 or Kim Tombrell at 620-2616.



BRING US YOUR CAR LOAN: Get \$50 and No Payments until April

If you have a vehicle financed through a dealer or another financial institution, we'll pay you \$50 to refinance it with us. (Minimum loan amount \$5,000.)

Besides the \$50, your first payment won't be due until April. You'll end up skipping one, maybe two monthly payments. That should help you deal with those holiday bills!

Act now - this offer ends February 29. Call a consumer loan specialist at 248-569-1700 or 734-453-4212 to apply or to find out how easily you can become a Telcom Credit Union member and take advantage of all of our services.

Telcom Credit Union

21100 Northwestern Hwy. 44300 Warren, Road
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 569-1700

www.telcomcu.com



NOVI EXPO CENTER

Thursday, February 3, 2pm-10pm
Friday, February 4, 2pm-10pm
Saturday, February 5, 10am-10pm
Sunday, February 6, 10am-7pm

The 2000 Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo Center promises to be more exciting than ever. It's the first show of the new year, where you'll find new ideas, products and services for your home as well as new featured attractions, demonstrations and events.

ADMISSION:
Adults: \$6.50, Seniors: \$4.50, Children 6-12: \$3.50
Children under 6: FREE

THE 2000 HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW

OVER 300 EXHIBITORS... PLUS:

- Beverly DeJulio, host of PBS' "HandyMa'am" and The Discovery Channel's "Easy Does It," shares her how-to expertise by offering tips from repairs to improvements and redecorating that make life easier around the house
- WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon and "The Garden Show" Dean Krauskopf
- WXIT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege, "Money Talk" Rick Bloom and "PC Talk" Mike Wendland on Saturday and Sunday
- Presentations on decorating, home repair and remodeling
- Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes



NOVI EXPO CENTER
1-96 & NOVI RD.
FEBRUARY 3-6, 2000
www.builders.org

Mishaps drive home point about being careful in snow

Last Tuesday, after a mild nighttime snowfall, I was attempting to reach Southfield during the early morning rush hour. I was supposed to be at 11 Mile and Lahser by 8 a.m. It appeared that every driver in Michigan had the same destination. As I slowly progressed down Telegraph, occasionally getting up to speeds of 3 and 4 mph, I wondered why the snow always seems to multiply the number of cars on the road and why they are all driven by people who have taken lessons from a snail. The road did not seem slippery. Of course it's really hard to know for sure when traveling under 10 mph.

As I watched the clock move more rapidly than my speedometer, I recalled the first time I encountered snow as a driver. On that day there weren't enough other cars on the road to keep me from discovering that it doesn't take much snow to make



ROCHELLE SMITH

a road very slippery.

Allow me to set the scene. I was 16, had gotten my driver's license about three months earlier and was on my way home from the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (now known as Oakland Technical Center). I was driving my two-tone Opal Kadette (gold on the front panels and cream-colored everywhere else — perhaps the result of a mishap/repair from a previous owner's

encounter with snowy road conditions). My boyfriend at the time, Greg, was sitting in the front seat and two friends were riding in the back of the tiny car. I was traveling south on Dixie Highway after pulling off Big Lake Road and had only made it a couple hundred feet when Greg inquired, "Don't you think you're going a little fast?" I glanced at a speed limit sign that read 50 mph, then down at my speedometer, which read 48 mph.

I was fine.

At approximately the same time my little car started sliding sideways. I pumped the breaks, as I had learned in driver's training, and steered into the spin. Nothing I did made any difference. I was heading for the side of the road, completely out of control. The side of the road might have been a good place to head if it hadn't been for an earlier accident which was still being cleaned up there. A

Corvette had hit a semi truck and the two drivers were sitting in the back seat of a police car, giving their stories to the policeman who was turned, looking at them, from the front seat. As luck would have it, the police officer just happened to be leaning against his door, which also just happened to be directly in the path of my sliding Opal. I don't believe my car was still going 48 mph when I hit the officer's door, but it was definitely going fast enough to give him quite a surprise. In only moments I was the person in the back of the police car and it was my story being told.

"I pumped my breaks just like they taught us in driver's training," I started. As I proceeded to tell the officer exactly how the car just started sliding through no fault of my own, I got the distinct impression that he thought I had hit him on purpose. I was starting to have visions of the

jail cell door slamming behind me and began babbling incoherently about steering in the direction of the spin and going the speed limit. I'm not sure what finally swayed the officer (perhaps the knowledge that this incoherent teenager didn't have the mental capacity to plot out such a villainous deed) but he finally just gave me a ticket and told me to be much more careful on my way home.

I took the officer's advice and was much more careful on slippery roads, but I still managed to get into another little fender-bender about three weeks later when I slid into another car on an icy neighborhood street.

Although two accidents within a month is not a very good driving

record, it was an excellent driving record. Those two accidents were more than 25 years ago, and I haven't slid into anything since. Although I was 45 minutes late for my meeting in Southfield last Tuesday, I consider it a successful trip. I was on presumably slippery roads for 90 minutes, never lost traction, didn't have any close encounters and did not end up in the back seat of a police car babbling incoherently. Yes, yet another shining triumph to add to my slightly tarnished driving record.

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

CO-OP SERVICES CREDIT UNION

Certificates of Deposit and IRAs

\$2,500 minimum

For a Limited Time

Certificates	APY
91 Day	5.80%
6 Month	5.80%
12 Month	6.00%
24 Month	6.50%
36 Month	6.60%
48 Month	6.65%
60 Month	6.75%

APY=Annual Percentage Yield/Penalty for early withdrawal.

"Where EVERYONE May Join"
1-800-321-8570 ext. 200

Livonia, Dearborn, Westland,
Wyandotte, Walled Lake



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL'S ANNUAL

99¢

COAT SALE

Great bargains for less than a buck.

February 1 & 2, 2000.
Each coat/jacket will be sold at 99¢ a piece during
Detroit's largest coat sale,

Held at the following locations:

23746 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores	25201 W. Outer Drive, Melvindale
24021 Van Dyke, Centerline	14074 E. Seven Mile, Detroit
15725 Grand River, Detroit	12354 Fort Street, Southgate
28417 Telegraph, Flat Rock	5840 W. Fort Street, Detroit
501 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville	14922 Kercheval, Detroit
13724th Street, Port Huron	750 North Perry, Pontiac
14040 E. 9 Mile, Warren	107 S. Main, Capri
158 Main Street, Mt. Clemens	

Society of ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

1-877-ST. VINCENT

"Everything you want for a whole lot less"

Schendens Source

A DAY SPA

European
Biomechanical
Laser Hair Removal
Professional Makeup
Consultation
Endocrinology
Aromatherapy
Swedish Body Massage
Permanent Makeup
Manicures
European Pedicures
Power Peel



Michael J. Schenden, M.D., Medical Director
201 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1150, Troy, MI (248) 524-3622
302 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, MI 48362 (248) 693-2999
www.schendensource-spa.com
Gift Certificates Available

You ain't seen nothing yet. You can surf faster.

HIGH-VELOCITY INTERNET

CONSTANT CONNECTION

SIMPLE SETUP

Telocity™ lets you cruise the Internet at eye-popping speeds. Imagine sites that scream with real-time action. Experience vibrant graphics and instant downloads. To find out if your neighborhood is in a Telocity Zone, visit our Web site or call today.

Free Activation or
Free MP3 Player
If you sign up by 1/31/2000.
For details:
1-888-808-3055

You ain't seen nothing yet. **Telocity**

Sign up for our high-velocity Internet at telocity.com or call 1-888-808-3055.

**Check out our web site
at www.observer-eccentric.com**

COSTA RICA. YOU CAN REST UNDER A RAINFOREST CANOPY AND A SEASIDE CANOPY ON THE SAME DAY.

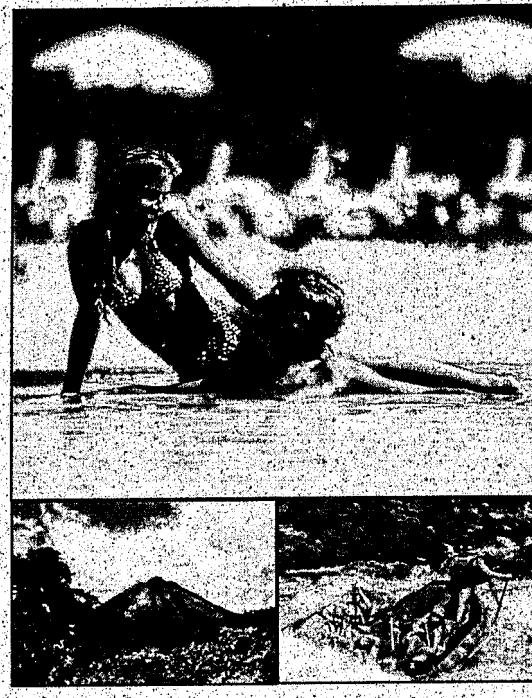
Pack your swimsuit and your hiking boots. You're off to lush, tropical Costa Rica where Travel Charter International offers 7 and 14 day vacations at a wide choice of beautiful beachfront resort hotels.

Our resort vacations center in the Pacific Northwest region, where long, deserted beaches muzzle against forested mountains, steaming volcanoes and breathtaking countryside. Here all kinds of exciting daytrips are offered. Raft a river lined by howler monkeys, mot moths and egrets. Hike among geysers, craters, monkeys and sloths. And more.

Or travel the extents of the countryside and be swept away on a guided adventure to the rich biodiversity of the Costa Rican landscape with overnight stops at fascinating lodges...and a restful finish at a seaside resort.

Does Costa Rica cost a lot? Not with Travel Charter's resort vacations. These air and hotel packages range from moderate to luxury and include round trip air from Detroit, transfers and baggage handling, hotel tax and service charges. We also offer several all-inclusive vacations.

**FRIDAY NONSTOP
DEPARTURES.**
Choose from
beachfront resort
vacations or inland
eco-vacations priced
from \$849 - \$1,929.



COSTA RICA **I.C.T.** **INSTITUTE OF TOURISM** **Travel Charter** **INTERNATIONAL**

See your Travel Agent for Complete Details!

NH44213



ACCOUNTING Kessler & Associates PC, www.keeslarcpa.com
Sosin, Sklar, Rottman, Leifer & Kingston, P.C., <http://ssrik.com>
The Tax Wiz, www.thetaxwiz.com

ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS Monograms Plus, <http://oeonline.com/monoplus>

AD/HD HELP AD/HD (Attention Deficit), [www.adhdoutreach.com](http://adhdoutreach.com)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY JRR Enterprises, Inc., <http://jrrenterprises.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS Legal Notice, <http://oeonline.com/legal>

ANTIQUES & INTERIORS Watch Hill Antiques & Interiors, www.watchhillantiques.com

APARTMENT Can Be Investments, www.can-be.com

ARCHITECTS URS Greiner-Woodard Clyde, www.urscorp.com

ART AND ANTIQUES ART GALLERIES The Print Gallery, www.everythingart.com

ART MUSEUMS The Detroit Institute of Arts, www.dia.org

ASPHALT/CONCRETE PAVING Ajax Paving Industries, www.ajaxpaving.com
S&J Asphalt Paving, <http://www.asphalt paving.com>

ASSOCIATIONS ASM - Detroit, www.asm-detroit.org
Asphalt Pavers Association of Southeastern Michigan, <http://www.apamichigan.com>
Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, <http://www.builders.org>
Oakland Youth Orchestra, www.oym.org
Suburban Newspapers of America, www.suburban-news.org
Suspender Wearers of America, <http://oeonline.com/swaa>

ATTORNEYS Thurswell, Chayet & Weiner, www.legal-law.com

AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES AVS Audio, www.avsaudio.com

AUTOMOTIVE Auto Warranty Extended, www.hnnews.com/autowextend
Competition Limited, www.hnnews.com/compltd
Great Lakes Components, www.greatlakescomponents.com
John Robin Buick-Isuzu-Suzuki, www.johnrobin.com
Ramchargers Performance Centers, www.ramchargers.com

AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES Marks Mgmt. Services, www.marksgmt.com

AUTO RACING Milan Dragway, www.milan dragway.com

BANQUET FACILITIES Genoa Woods, www.genowoods.com

BAKING/COOKING "Jiffy" Mix - Chelsea Milling Company, www.jiffymix.com

BOOKS Apostrophe Communications, www.apostrophe.com

BUILDING PRODUCTS Lenover's Professional Building Products, [lenovers.com](http://www.lenovers.com)

BUSINESS NEWS Insider Business Journal, www.insiderbiz.com

COMPUTER HARDWARE/PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE SUPPORT Thermal Engineering Services Inc., tes-hnf.com

CERAMIC TILE Stewart Specialty Tiles, www.specialtytiles.com

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, www.bbccc.com

INTERNET ADDRESS DIRECTORY

Find these sites on the World Wide Web • Brought to you by the services of O&E On-Line!

Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, www.fthchamber.com	Garden City Chamber of Commerce, www.gardencity.org	FLOORING Dande Hardwood Flooring Company, www.dandeloors.com
Livonia Chamber of Commerce, www.livonia.org	Redford Chamber of Commerce, redfordchamber.org	FROZEN DESSERTS Savino Sorbet, www.sorbet.com
St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center, www.oeonline.com/svfs	CLASSIFIED ADS AdVillage, http://www.advillage.com	GALLERIES Cowboy Trader Gallery, www.cowboytradergallery.com
Community News HomeTown Newspapers, http://hnnews.com	COMMUNITIES City of Birmingham, http://ci.birmingham.mi.us	GOLF Dama Golf Club, www.damagolf.com
Community News HomeTown Newspapers, http://hnnews.com	COMMUNITY NEWS Livingston County Human Services, livesyon.org	GOVERNMENT Livingston County Human Services, livesyon.org
Community News HomeTown Newspapers, http://hnnews.com	COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS Visions of Suanne Big Crow, http://suannebigcrow.org	HAIR SALONS Heads You Win, www.headsyowin.com
Community Services Beverly Hills Police, www.beverlyhillspolice.com	COMMUNITY SERVICES Detroit Regional Chamber, www.detroitchamber.com	HEALTH CARE Family Health Care Center, http://oeonline.com/ehrmann
Community Services Hearts of Livonia, www.heartsilivonia.org	COMMUNITY SERVICES Sanctuary, http://www.oeonline.com/webscool/teenhelp	HERBAL PRODUCTS Nature's Better Way, http://oeonline.com/nbw
Community Services Wayne Community Living Services, www.wcls.org	COMMUNITY SERVICES Wayne Community Living Services, www.wcls.org	HOME ACCESSORIES Laurel Home Accessories & Gifts, http://www.laurelhome.com
Community Services Scorab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	COMMUNITY SERVICES Scorab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	HOME IMPROVEMENTS Accent Remodeling 1 Inc, www.accentremodeling.com
Computer Consultants Idea Computer Consultants, www.idea.com	COMPUTER CONSULTANTS Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	HOSPITALS Botsford Health Care Continuum, www.botsfordsystem.org
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	HOSPITAL SUPPLIES Innovative Laboratory Acrylics, www.hnnews.com/ila
Computer Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	COMPUTER PRODUCT REVIEWS CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	HYDRAULIC AND PNEUMATIC CYLINDERS Hennells, www.hennells.com
Hardware/Programming/Software Support Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	HYPNOSIS Full Potential Hypnosis Center, http://oeonline.com/hypnosis
Computer Product Reviews CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	DANCE INSTRUCTION Scarab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	IDENTIFICATION & LAMINATION Identification Lamination Products, http://oeonline.com/lamination
Crafts Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CRAFTS Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	INSURANCE J. O'Connell & Assoc., Inc., www.oconnellinsurance.com
Crafts Fiber of Michigan, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	INVENTIONS/PRODUCTS DEVELOPED/PATENTS Marieco Products International, www.mariecpl.com
Computer Graphics Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	COMPUTER GRAPHICS Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES Electronic Resources, www.esrep.com
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	MICHIGAN INFORMATION Michigan Web, www.michiganweb.com
Computer Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	COMPUTER PRODUCT REVIEWS CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	MORTGAGE COMPANIES Enterprise Mortgage, www.getmoneyfast.com
Hardware/Programming/Software Support Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	MORTGAGE MARKET Information Services, www.interest.com/observer
Computer Product Reviews CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	DANCE INSTRUCTION Scarab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	SPECTRUM MORTGAGE Spectrum Mortgage, www.villagemortgage.com
Crafts Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CRAFTS Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	MUSIC MEMORIBILIA Classic Audio Repro, www.classicaudiorepro.com
Computer Graphics Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	NURSING EDUCATION Jeff's Records, www.jeffsrecords.com
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	COMPUTER GRAPHICS Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS Dawn Vair Amburg, Independent Distributor, www.flash.net/~dvanambre/silv.htm
Computer Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	OFFICE PRODUCTS Office Express, www.officeexpress.com
Hardware/Programming/Software Support Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	ORIENTAL RUGS Azar's Oriental Rugs, www.azar.com
Computer Product Reviews CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	DANCE INSTRUCTION Scarab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	PARKS & RECREATION Huron-Clinton Metroparks, www.metroparks.com
Crafts Fiber of Michigan, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CRAFTS Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	PLANNING AND TRAFFIC CONSULTANT Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc., www.birchlerarroyo.com
Computer Graphics Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	POLICE DEPARTMENT Hamburg Police Department, http://hnnews.com/hamburgpd
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	COMPUTER GRAPHICS Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	POOL SUPPLIES Water Specialists, www.hnnews.com/waterspecialties
Computer Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	POWER TRANSMISSION Bearing Service, Inc., www.boarlingservice.com
Hardware/Programming/Software Support Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR Profile Central, Inc., www.profile-usa.com
Computer Product Reviews CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	DANCE INSTRUCTION Scarab Studios, www.scorabstudios.com	REAL ESTATE Real Estate Agents, www.oecrealtors.com
Crafts Fiber of Michigan, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CRAFTS Linden Lane Farms, www.fibersofmichigan.com	REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL BBRSoAR Appraisers Committee, http://jlistified.com/appraisals
Computer Graphics Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	REAL ESTATE EDUCATION Real Estate Alumni of Michigan, www.ramadvantage.org
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	REAL ESTATE - HOME INSPECTION AmerSpec Property & Environmental Inspections, http://inspect1.com
Computer Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	RELOCATION Conquest Corporation, http://conquest-corp.com
Hardware/Programming/Software Support Applied Automation Technologies, www.capps-edges.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH Kessler & Company, www.kesslerandcompany.com
Computer Product Reviews CyberNews and Reviews, http://www.cybernews.com	CRYOGENIC PROCESSING Cryo-tech, Inc., www.cryofrz.com	RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES Asghar Afshar, M.D., www.gyndoc.com
Crafts Fiber of Michigan, www.fibersofmichigan.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	RESTAURANTS Midwest Fertility and Sex Selection Center, www.mffs.com
Computer Graphics Logix, Inc., www.logix-usa.com	CREDIT BUREAUS Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES Albans Restaurant, www.albans.com
Credit Bureaus Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, www.a2cb.com	CREDIT BUREAUS<br	

BUSINESS REVIEW SERVICES, INC. PRESENTS

"A CLOSE UP LOOK

AT LOCAL BUSINESSES"



Pine Tree Place

Assisted Living For The Elderly

All too often it has seemed a nursing home is the only choice for someone who is unable to live independently. Pine Tree Place, located at 5480 Parview in Clarkston, offers a sensible alternative: assisted living. What exactly is assisted living? Officially, it's defined as a special combination of housing and personalized care designed to respond to the individual needs of those who need help with activities of daily living. Assisted living is for those who may need a little help to get going in the morning -- dressing, bathing, grooming or eating -- and who are more independent the rest of the day. They are people who do not need round-the-clock skilled nursing care. The best part of the assisted living that is offered by Pine Tree Place is that the assistance isn't handled in an "institutionalized" way. It's provided in a way that promotes maximum independence and dignity for each resident, and it even involves family, friends and neighbors, if possible. Assisted living also costs less than a nursing home. Usually one simple fee covers almost everything in a resident's day-to-day living. Not medicine, of course, but housing, utilities, food, transportation and daily supervision. What most individuals and their families appreciate is the sense of community, the structure they find at Pine Tree Place. Their residents are surrounded by companionship. They benefit from all the planned activities, and they receive healthy meals! And privacy is there, too! All they need to do is close their door. If you would like to become A PART OF THE PINE TREE PLACE FAMILY then call 248-620-2420.

The Law Firm Of

Harry, Saoud, Fiederlein & Hull

Probably the most important advice you'll ever receive will be to seek professional legal assistance whenever legal problems do arise. The Attorneys at Harry, Saoud, Fiederlein & Hull handle serious Personal Injury, Worker's Compensation, Auto Accidents, Medical Malpractice, Business Contracts, Real Estate Transactions and Litigation, Bankruptcy, Divorce, Child Custody, Criminal and Drunk Driving and Wills and Trusts.

The firm many people have turned to for legal assistance is The Law Firm of Harry, Saoud, Fiederlein & Hull located at 20 W. Washington, Suite 1 in Clarkston, phone 620-1300. Make an appointment to see one of these licensed practicing attorneys and discuss your legal matters. They will be happy to assist you in any possible way.

We take pleasure in bringing your attention to Harry, Saoud, Fiederlein & Hull for legal assistance. Call today for more information or to schedule a consultation. The Law Firm of Harry, Saoud, Fiederlein & Hull looks forward to serving your needs throughout the year 2000.

Clarkston Medical Group / Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center

When it matters most to you and your family, the Clarkston Medical Group together with the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center is available and ready to respond to your health care needs 24-hours a day. During the day the 5 physicians of the Clarkston Medical Group, specialists in both pediatrics and internal medicine, are available to handle all your family's medical needs including physicals, immunizations and treatment for illnesses and minor injuries. In the evenings and on weekends and holidays the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center takes over as a convenient source for treatment of your minor medical emergencies. No appointments are necessary except for physicals, waiting time is minimal and care is provided in a comfortable, community environment. A professional staff of physicians and nurses is on duty to meet the medical needs of our community. With complete lab and x-ray facilities and a pharmacy on the premises, they can offer prompt attention whether you need routine health care or minor emergency attention.

Serving local families, you'll find Clarkston Medical Group and Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center to be a convenient community facility, located at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 200, phone 248-625-2621 (days), 248-625-CARE (2273) evenings and weekends. Most insurances are accepted and a report of your visit will be sent to your doctor to provide continuity of care.

S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.

Metro Detroit's Leading Custom Home Builders

Thinking of a new home? Many people in southeastern Michigan have been relying on S.R. Jacobson Development Corp. for that extra measure of service in new construction homes. S.R. Jacobson homes are not built with tangible alone. They are built with foresight and planning as well as pride in craftsmanship. Their handcrafted homes provide distinctive residences to reflect your personal tastes and lifestyles.

From the initial planning to the two-year warranty service, S.R. Jacobson Development Corp. maintains their high quality standards. Their experienced craftsman recognize the significance of quality and are proud to be part of the company team.

Featuring homes with many unique characteristics, S.R. Jacobson currently is building homes in Novi, Northville, Wixom, Van Buren Township, Canton, West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Brownstown and Flatrock. For information on these neighborhoods, please call (248) 642-4700.

We feel that once you have seen their homes you will understand why S.R. Jacobson has become synonymous with quality new construction throughout the area. S.R. Jacobson would like to thank their customers that have enjoyed their homes for the past twenty years. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Housemaster Inspection Services

Tom Russo - President

A home is probably the largest single investment you'll ever make. Therefore, you should know exactly what to expect before you purchase your home, in terms of repair and maintenance.

Housemaster Inspection Services located at 3328 W. 12

Mile Road in Farmington Hills, phone 888-848-0202 offers complete and professional home inspections. A home inspection is a visual examination of the physical structure of the systems in the home. The building inspector represents their client and no-one else. A complete home inspection includes an examination of the house from top to bottom. The inspector examines the heating system, central air conditioning, interior plumbing, electrical systems, the roof and visual insulation, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, the foundation, basement and visual structures. A house cannot fail an inspection. A professional inspection is simply an examination into the current condition of your perspective home to indicate the items which will be in need of immediate major repair or replacement. This will enable you to make your purchasing decision more confidently.

If you are in the process of purchasing a new or existing home, or currently own a home that you would like inspected, we suggest you contact Housemaster Inspection Services at 888-848-0202.

HouseMaster
The Home Inspection Professionals

Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation Company

Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation Company, a diversified physical therapy services organization specializes in Orthopedic, Industrial and Sports Injury assessment, consultation, education and treatment. Their company is staffed with experienced registered Occupational & Physical Therapists and Certified Athletic Trainers who work together and are committed to providing their clients with the highest quality rehabilitative services available. Each of their facilities is equipped with State-of-the-Art musculoskeletal assessment and treatment resources. This allows them to offer their clients individualized treatment programs aimed at achieving maximal functional recovery in the shortest period of time possible.

The physical therapists at Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation know how to evaluate your present condition and can plan a program of physical/occupational therapy to help you progress as quickly and safely as possible. Dwight Orthopedic offers pool therapy and certified hand therapy as well as other modalities, exercise programs, and education. The goal of Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation is to restore or achieve optimal movement and function and relieve pain. Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation has many locations to serve you, including one in Lake Orion at Indianwood Professional Building;



**AMERICAN
HOUSE**
SENIOR LIVING
RESIDENCES

American House Oakland

Living here feels good! At American House Oakland, you'll find their staff helps many residents maintain their former life-style and assists others in becoming as independent as possible. Located at 1915 Baldwin Road in Pontiac, phone 248-335-7020, American House Oakland operates with one goal in mind: to create an atmosphere conducive to the well-being of their residents. Many senior citizens appreciate the dignity of independent living but like knowing that supportive service is right nearby. American House Oakland offers professional services by a qualified staff who has special love for the elderly. Don't you owe it to yourself to inspect the superior facilities at American House Oakland? Their way of life gives their residents the encouragement, opportunity and companionship to make every day as full and vital as they want it to be. That's a good feeling and feeling good is what American House Oakland is all about. Call 248-335-7020 today for a tour of the facilities.

Appleone Employment Services

If you are dissatisfied with your job or currently don't hold a position, contact the professionals at Appleone Employment Services. Many services are satisfied only to get you employed, regardless if the position fits your qualifications or aspirations. Appleone Employment Services wants to get you into a position satisfactory to both you and your new employer. While they can't promise to place you in a position, as no service can, they have access to managers, corporate officials, and company owners throughout the area. Who have openings for permanent or temporary positions?

Appleone Employment Services not only has won the respect of hundreds of people, locally, who have found jobs through their excellent service, but that of employers who have secured dedicated employees from them as well. Appleone Employment Services has two convenient locations to serve you: in Novi at 3979 Grand River Avenue, phone 426-8300 and 3999 Centerpointe Parkway in Bloomfield Township, phone 338-7222. Appleone Employment Services would like to thank their clients and employees and they look forward to serving your needs in the future.



Philip R. Seaver Title Company

What is title insurance? It is peace of mind. A written assurance that your new home is all yours and that there are no claims or legal defects that can interfere with your usage and enjoyment of your property. Philip R. Seaver Title Company are experts in our area. Their wealth of experience and knowledgeable staff will insure that your closing is smooth and efficient.

There is great satisfaction in knowing that when you consult Philip R. Seaver Title, you are in conference with an authority on the matter of abstracts and titles pertaining to everything on file in the office of Recorder of Deeds. We are pleased to bring to your attention Philip R. Seaver Title Company located at 6751 Dixie Highway in Clarkston, phone 625-6100 and 830 South Lapeer in Oxford, phone 963-9522. Rely on Philip R. Seaver Title Company for all of your closing and title insurance needs.

11

Gott's Auto Service

*Robert Gott * Owner*

With so many of today's cars being fuel-injected, turbo-charged and computerized, it is more necessary than ever before to find a repair shop we can rely on with total confidence. Gott's Auto Service, located at 5709 Mabie Road in Clarkston, phone 623-0119, is a firm with an increasing number of satisfied customers. As specialists in both foreign and domestic auto repairs, the ASE Certified technicians here are experienced in both major and minor repairs. From a simple tune up, oil change or air conditioning recharge, to complex internal engine repairs, all work done is promptly and at an honest cost. Additional services available through Gott's Auto Service include dependable towing and road service. We are pleased to suggest you rely on Gott's Auto Service for all of your auto repair needs. Gott's Auto Service would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Oxford Lake Dental Care

It's a proven fact that good dental care is vital to your overall health, as well as your appearance. With today's emphasis on preventing dental problems before they start, there are many advantages in seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Being treated by the same dentist each visit establishes a good relationship where your dentist is familiar with you and your individual needs and can best help you to prevent decay or other dental problems.

At The Dental Practice Of Doctors Dan and Donna Sahatske, their orientation towards preventive dentistry helps you maintain good dental health. From regular check-ups, cleanings and fillings to cosmetic dentistry, the advantages of this practice means personalized, individual attention. Doctors Dan and Donna Sahatske strive to keep up with all of the latest advances in dentistry. They are continually updating their dental education as well as utilizing the newest technology in dental techniques. They also meet and exceed all sterilization requirements. New patients are always welcome and the Doctors give all new and existing patients a complete comprehensive exam. All of the above efforts combined with reasonable fees gives you the benefit of quality dentistry in a caring environment. Knowing your dentist and seeing him or her regularly will help you maintain DENTAL HEALTH FOR A LIFETIME! For more information or to schedule an appointment just call the office at 628-2540. They are conveniently located at 91 South Washington Street in Oxford.

Coldwell Banker Shultz Realty

With all the real estate agencies in the area, just exactly what makes the friendly professionals at Coldwell Banker Shultz Realty stand out among them all?

Experience, quality service and market presence are three good reasons to rely on Coldwell Banker Shultz Realty, whether you're seeking to buy or sell your existing property. This full service agency has specialists in all phases of real estate to give you the professional, personalized service you deserve.

Whatever your real estate needs, contact Coldwell Banker Shultz Realty. Builders, homeowners, and businesspeople throughout the area are glad they dealt with these "people-oriented" experts. They have two convenient locations to serve you: 2633 S. Lapeer Road in Oxford, phone 248-393-3333 and 932 S. Lapeer Road in Oxford, phone 248-625-3711. So give them a call today. Coldwell Banker Shultz Realty would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs throughout the year 2000.

RBI Custom Builders & RBI Development Co.

RBI Custom Builders & RBI Development Company are pleased to present some of our ongoing and upcoming projects. RBI Custom Builders is currently constructing Clarkston Village Place; a 4 unit upscale condominium complex on Main Street in the Village of Clarkston. The quality of construction of these 2400 to 2900 square foot units will satisfy even the most discriminating buyer. Each unit has a first floor master suite, library with fireplace and 2-car attached garage. The Victorian design is compatible with the architecture within the community. The units are priced from the mid 300's. For more information call Tim Birtas at 248-620-2248.

RBI Development Company offers the Davisburg Fountain Community which consists of Davisburg Fountain Village; a 30 unit detached condominium complex designed with an emphasis on empty nesters and retirees. Fountain Hills of Davisburg provides 10 single family home sites, up to an acre in size, within walking distance of Davisburg Elementary School and the proposed Springfield Township Library and Office Complex. Both pedestrian friendly, residential developments encompass Davisburg Fountain Square which, upon its completion, will include a U.S. Post Office, Restaurant, two Professional Offices and a quaint Retail Center in a park-like setting. Traditional elevations have been designed to give a Greenfield Village like feel to the entire community. For information please call Tammy Helm at the Davisburg Fountain Community Sales Office, 248-625-4801.

Coming soon is Ingomar Farms Residential development in Clarkston, consisting of 40+, half to 1 acre home sites in a park like setting. This waterfront community will include multi-purpose pathways for walking, jogging, biking, roller blading and exercise stations, a putting green and community pond house with a horse farm theme.

RBI Custom Builders & RBI Development Company look forward to serving your needs in the new millennium.

Anderson Boat Sales

When you purchase a new boat you'll want to be sure your dealer is a full-service concern who can provide you with quality service after the sale. In this area, people have found a dealer who offers a wide selection of quality boats and just as importantly, expert service by trained professionals. That dealership is Anderson Boat Sales located at 647 Highland (across from Pontiac Airport) in Waterford, phone 248-666-9922.

Anderson Boat Sales carries Marauda fiberglass runabout and fishing boats as well as high performance boats, Ski Brendella ski boats, aluminum fishing boats, and American, Riviera Cruiser & Odyssey Pontoon boats. They also carry Johnson, Evinrude, Force and Mercury outboards as well as Mercruiser, Volvo and OMC sterndrives. Their service department is staffed by experienced personnel including certified technicians who have extensive experience and knowledge to repair all makes and models. They are backed by a full-stocked parts department where most parts are available. Anderson Boat Sales large selection of parts and accessories has made them the boaters headquarters of this entire area. Anderson Boat Sales would like to take this opportunity to thank the boating community. They value your business and look forward to serving your future boating needs.

James R. Filak, CPA

"We Work With You"

In today's economic climate, individuals and businesses need every advantage when it comes to taxes, accounting and financial planning. James R. Filak, CPA located at 1520 S. Lapeer Road, Suite 207 in Lake Orion, can help you put your hard-earned money to work for you. With his knowledge and experience of the ever-changing and complex tax rules, of advising small businesses on the appropriate entity structure and dealing with all small business matters and as a financial planner, James R. Filak, CPA, is a one-stop source for any financial concern for individuals and businesses. You should call the office of James R. Filak, CPA at (248) 693-1589 and make an appointment. His full range of services include: accounting, payroll, small business advisory services, tax preparation and planning for individuals and businesses, as well as financial planning. So, if you are an individual, or own a business, James R. Filak, CPA and his staff can meet your needs. We suggest you start saving your time and your money. Call James R. Filak, CPA at (248) 693-1589 today.



Flagstar Bank

Homeowners, ask yourself these important questions: Is my interest rate too high? Could I lower my monthly payments? Am I currently paying rent, but considering purchasing a home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, call Flagstar Bank and profit from their experience in home mortgage loans.

Flagstar Bank has helped many area homeowners with financial decisions very similar to yours. Their goal is to get you the most effective loan program, regardless of what your circumstances may be. Their knowledgeable, experienced staff will help you to obtain the money you need, whether for first mortgages, or for refinancing. This way, they're helping you get the credit you deserve, putting the equity in your home to work for you, and you can better understand the sometimes confusing language of mortgages!

We are pleased to commend Flagstar Bank with two local locations to serve you: 4944 Highland Road in Waterford, phone 248-673-4100 and 2729 University in Auburn Crossing Mall, phone 248-377-1900; on their efforts to best serve area residents. Call today for more information. Flagstar Bank would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your mortgage needs in the future.



Total Insurance Services, Inc.

In every community, dedicated insurance agents are among the most important of all businesses. You see, they don't just sell insurance policies, they design insurance programs, tailor made for you as an individual; your family; or your business needs. Just such a dedicated insurance counselor can be found at Total Insurance Services, Inc. located at 7640 Dixie Highway, Suite 100 (1/2 mile South of I-75) in Clarkston, phone 248-625-0410. Their founding agencies have provided service to Oakland County dating back to 1913.

There are many insurance agencies and agents in this area. What makes TIS outstanding above all others? It's the service and personal interest that Hal Bannasch, Mike Descamps, Bill Smith, Chuck Zamek and Jim Litwin take in the welfare of you, your family, your personal property and your business. TIS is truly your full service agency. They can service your business, family and personal needs including: auto, boat, RV, commercial and business, condo, rental and homeowners insurance. Most of us do not want to think about the many things that could happen to us, or our property and there is no need to if we have TIS planning for your future security.

For security and peace of mind, we are pleased to bring to your attention Total Insurance Services, Inc. We feel they are truly experts in the insurance field, as well as a real asset to our community. Hal, Mike, Bill, Chuck and Jim would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. They value your business and look forward to serving your future insurance needs.



Modified Roofing

Serving the area for over 26 years

A good roof enhances the value of property and if you ever decide you want to sell you'll find an attractive durable roof will make your home or business more desirable.

The firm well known in this area for complete roofing and re-roofing services is Modified Roofing. This firm has made a complete study of roofing and the problems of roofing in our area. They know that a well built roof sheltering a satisfied customer is the best recommendation that any company can have.

Modified Roofing will be happy to assist you with any of your roofing problems. Whether it's a hole in your roof, or a whole new roof, THEY DO IT ALL! They feature residential and commercial roofing, reroofing, and repair. They offer free estimates; all work is guaranteed and they are licensed and insured for your protection.

Why take foolish chances with the major investment of your lifetime, your home or business? Call Modified Roofing at (248) 623-1979; (248) 391-2912 or (248) 338-1240 for all your roofing needs. Everyone at Modified Roofing thanks their customers and looks forward to serving your needs.

<h

Ways to win \$1,000,000

300,000 Sit-Ups

3,000 Kidney Blows

1,500 Uppercuts

125 Prize Fights

5 Concussions

4 False Teeth

or



We've got millions for you to win.
And with a little luck, you could be
one of the new MotorCity Millionaires.

Some people put years into making their first million, you can make yours in just a few seconds. Introducing MotorCity Millionaires: the biggest, most exciting slot promotion to rev up the MotorCity. With just one "lucky coin" in any of our 2,600 slots, you could be the newest MotorCity Millionaire. That "lucky coin" could be a token in your slot cup, the ten dollar bill in your pocket, or one of the remaining credits on your machine. So, no matter how you like to play your favorite slots, maybe, just maybe, the next coin you play will start your \$1,000,000* celebration!

MotorCity Millionaires.
One Coin ... One Million Dollars. Play Today!



*\$1,000,000 awarded over 20-year period. Complete rules available at any Club Metro booth.
MotorCity Casino and the MotorCity Casino Logo are trademarks of Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C. © 1999 Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C.

If you bet more than you can afford to lose,
you've got a problem. Call 1-800-270-7117
for confidential help.

Michigan Department
of Community Health
MDCH

Sports & Outdoors

Daniel Stickradt, Sports Editor 248-693-4900

on the web: <http://observer-eccentric.com>

Clarkston
Eccentric®

INSIDE:

Clarkston skiing, C2
Outdoor Calendar, C3

Page 1, Section C

Thursday, January 27, 2000

North Oakland Spotlight



DANIEL STICKRADT

From Division I commitments to odd rankings

With many of the state tournaments for the winter prep sports season set to begin during the next two months, a lot is starting to happen in North Oakland county and beyond.

Kudos: A total of three area athletes have already committed to Division I schools. Lake Orion's Matt Wohlgemuth and Oxford's Eric Ghiaciuc both recently committed to Central Michigan to play football, while Oxford senior middle-blocker Bethany Pruetz committed to LaSalle last week to play volleyball.

Weak in the MAC, KVC: In this week's Associated Press Class A boys basketball poll, Milford of the Kensington Valley Conference and Utica Ford II of the Macomb Area Conference are ranked 16th and 22nd, respectively.

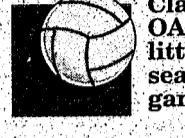
Meanwhile, OAA Division I member Pontiac Northern is only 17th in this same poll, while several other quality Oakland county teams are nowhere to be found.

First of all, which schools of any significance have Milford or Utica Ford played? Second, I saw Ford play in a quad scrimmage at Lake Orion in late November and the Falcons (9-2) struggled.

Ferndale whipped Ford, Rochester

Please See STICKRADT, C2

Lahser turns back Clarkston



Clarkston entered the season as the defending OAA Division II champions but have done little to show that they can contend this season. The Wolves dropped their third league game of the season Tuesday against Lahser.

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

After breezing through the Oakland Activities Association Division II last year, Clarkston's volleyball team is finding the waters much rougher this year.

The Wolves rallied for a dramatic win in game two, but was capsized in three games by league rival Bloomfield Hills Lahser Monday night, 15-9, 14-16, 15-3 at Clarkston.

It was Clarkston's third OAA loss this season, after going 11-1 a year ago. The Wolves drop to 13-8-1 overall and 3-3 in the league, while the Knights improved to 16-6-0 overall and 5-1 in the league. Lahser is enjoying a major turnaround and is now tied for first in the seven-team league with West Bloomfield, after finishing sixth in 1999.

Lahser coach Margie Vasile said her team came together as a unit in the third game, recovering from a tough second game loss.

"Last year, we seemed to lose every league match 15-13 or 16-14 in the third game," she said. "We wanted to take that third game and go all the way to 16 with it. They just didn't give up."

Clarkston came back from a 14-9 deficit in the second game to win 16-14, and appeared to have the momentum entering the third game. The Wolves began the game holding the serve, but the Knights immediately recorded a side out, and were on their way from there.

"We just haven't dealt with pressure very well," an upset Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said after the match. "We didn't serve receive in the

third game, we didn't pass to anybody, and we just didn't step up to the plate."

The Knights jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the first game, taking advantage of mistakes Clarkston made on defense. But three straight aces by senior Jennifer Winn pulled the Wolves to within 11-8 before the Knights responded.

Lahser 5-foot-11 senior Jennifer Bernhardt, who dominated the middle all night long, made a kill to stop the Clarkston run, and served the final three points to win game one.

The way game two started, it seemed as if the Knights would coast to victory. Lahser used a balanced offensive attack in taking a 12-4 lead. Senior middle hitter Erin Galloway recorded a pair of kills, and sophomore Anne Hafeli ripped off back-to-back kills to jumpstart the Lahser offense.

Unexpectedly, the Wolves battled back on the strength of a 12-2 run to win game two. Clarkston got contributions from Kristen Faick (served last six points), Angela Humphreys (kill tip, kill and a block), Lindsay Simko (three kills) and Mary Warchuck (three kills) in the game-ending run.

"Coming back in the second game is of little or no value," Richardson said. "We've done that before, and will probably do it again. The other team just stepped up and played harder than we did."

Vasile complimented the play of Hafeli and senior Megan Tupper for providing sparks to the team.

"This was Anne's first game back from injury and she played great," Vasile said. "Megan in the back row is one of the best I've ever coached."

Hafeli led the Knights by going 10-for-17 in attacks with 10 kills. Bernhardt went 13-for-15 in attacks with



Up-and-over: Clarkston junior Angela Humphreys tries to block Bloomfield Hills Lahser sophomore Anne Hafeli's kill attempt in Monday's Oakland Activities Association Division II match. Hafeli and the Knights went on to defeat Clarkston, the defending Division II champions, 15-9, 14-16, 15-3, sending the Wolves into fourth place in the seven-team division.

Staff photo
by Steve
Cantrell

Downward spiral

Davison hands Wolves fourth defeat, 57-56

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

Davison was to Clarkston what the icy roads were to area motorists Tuesday night.

Playing a helter-skelter style, the unbeaten Cardinals pulled out an exciting 57-56 win over the host Wolves, avenging a 25-point loss to Clarkston from a year ago.

Davison overcame a poor 10-for-25 free-throw shooting performance, including three misses in the final nine seconds, to defeat Clarkston for the first time in many years. The Cardinals, ranked 13th in the latest Associated Press Class A basketball poll, improve to 10-0 on the season.

After the game, Clarkston coach Dan Fife said he was concerned over his team's lack of mental toughness in close games.

"They (Davison) didn't do anything we haven't seen before," Fife said. "I'm not blaming our physical effort, but we're having problems with our mental effort, and that means I'm not getting my message across as a coach."

It was a frustrating game for Clarkston, who pulled to within one point of Davison five times, but could never take the lead. The Cardinals made a habit out of making shots while they were falling

down off the wrong foot. Although the Wolves got the shots they wanted out of their offense — especially in the second half — several rimmed in and out.

Clarkston's four losses this season have come by a total of 17 points, including a buzzer-beater loss to Detroit Redford and a five-point loss to rival Pontiac Northern. Fife put the blame on his own shoulders for the team's habit of losing close games.

"A big difference in those close games is coaching," he said. "Learning is a strange thing, and I believe you learn the most in life through negative experiences. It forces you to look at yourself. Losing just drives me nuts."

Davison, buoyed by a loud and large group of fans, outscored Clarkston in only one quarter, but it was enough for the win. Clarkston's Adam Schapman nailed a 3-pointer at the first-quarter buzzer to knot the game at 16-16.

The Cardinals then used a scrambling defense and dead-eye shooting to go on a 13-5 run through the first three minutes of the second quarter, taking a commanding 29-21 lead. Although Clarkston tightened down defensively, the Cardinals bounced into halftime with a 34-29 lead.

Please See BASKETBALL, C2



Is This Heaven?

New state-of-the-art ballpark, 20-Game World Series Season Ticket packages, Opening Day 2000, satisfaction guaranteed and a free gift.

By Barry Gibson
Director of Ticket Sales
Detroit Tigers

"Is this heaven?" Shoeless Joe Jackson asked the Kevin Costner character in the movie *Field of Dreams*. "No," I would say, "It's Detroit."

Here's why I say that.

The best ballplayers in the world will be playing at our new home, Comerica Park, next season. With the addition of Juan Gonzalez, our lineup will look great with Dean Palmer and Tony Clark.

Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr., Alex Rodriguez and Jeff Bagwell will be just a few of the homerun-hitting extraordinaires that will be here next year.

Next season you'll see the best players that baseball has to offer.

But the Detroit Tigers are more than that. It's cheering the home team. It's the food. It's the new home, Comerica Park. It's a free gift. It's affordable. It's fun with family and friends. It's baseball.

The 20-Game World Series Season Ticket

There are 81 games in our season. Full season tickets are selling faster than ever before. However, you can get a 20-Game World Series Season Ticket. With a 20-Game World Series Season Ticket, we treat

you like a full season ticketholder. Here's how:

• State-of-the-art ballpark. Think of it as a palace with grass. This place will have everything your heart desires: a ferris wheel and carousel, restaurants for every taste and great seats. This will be a terrific place to have fun watching baseball. You'll have the same great seat for every game (*Opening Day may differ*). In fact, we guarantee that your seat location will be better than the game-to-game buyer.

• Opening Day 2000. Now is your chance to guarantee your seats for Opening Day at Comerica Park. We have already had several thousand requests for Opening Day. The only way to ensure your seats right now is to add opening day to this package.

• Satisfaction guaranteed. We are so sure you will like Comerica Park, you have our "Fans First" guarantee. If you don't like your first experience at Comerica Park, we'll refund your money in full. There is no risk to you, the fan.

• Free gift. If you order your packages today, you will receive an exclusive Detroit Tigers daytimer. This special gift will have every game listed and

great information about Comerica Park. This gift is only available for a limited time, so get your added bonus today.

Just \$252 Buys A Summer Of Fun

This 20-Game World Series Season Ticket is probably the best deal in Major League Baseball. Each ticket can be as low as \$12.

There is only one problem,

We have just a limited amount to sell. We'll sell this out pretty quickly. So, we recommend that you buy today. Then get ready for a summer of fun. You'll see the best the Tigers and Major League Baseball have to offer. You'll probably feel like I do. That this is baseball heaven.

Order your 20-Game World Series Season Ticket today.

Call the
Detroit Tigers at
(313) 471-BALL!

www.detroittigers.com



Wolves put Northern on ice

By Brad Monastiere
Staff Writer

Facing its toughest test of the season, the Clarkston hockey team made just enough "jabs" to pull out a victory Saturday night.

Led by the hottest line in the state, the Wolves won their seventh straight game over 10th-ranked Port Huron Northern 4-3 before a packed house at Lakeland Arena. Clarkston improved to 12-3 overall with the win.

The Wolves were led by the JAB line - Jon Bemis, Anthony Facione and Bill Kalush - in notching the win. The line combined for three of the four goals and totaled eight points in the game. Kalush scored two goals, and Bemis tallied one.

"We know where each other are on the ice, and we cycle the puck real well," Kalush said. "We're used to playing together, and we feed each other all the time."

Coach Bryan Krygier said this was the team's best win of the season, against the toughest opponent it faced so far.

"They got a good team, and the reason they do is that they keep coming at you," he said. "But we came back at them too. The difference is that we had Steve Badger come through and make big

saves for us."

Badger, a fourth-year senior, made the tough saves when he had to and helped to hold off a late Northern rally. The Huskies buzzed the net, and scored with 59 seconds left in the game to take the score 4-3. But Badger turned aside three more shots and the Clarkston defense tightened up to preserve the win.

Kalush scored the game-winning goal on a play that showed how good the JAB line is. Bemis cleared the puck around the boards, and Facione, facing the boards, deflected the puck behind him and out to center ice, where Kalush picked it up in mid-stride. He then skated past a Northern defender and tucked the puck in to put Clarkston ahead 4-2 with 6:22 left in the game.

"Anthony read the play perfectly, and he knows I'm going to be there when he tips the puck," Kalush said. "It was a perfect set up."

"Any coach would want to coach a player like Bill," Krygier said. "He plays hard at both ends of the ice and scores key goals for us. He got that fourth one, which turned out to be the game-winner for us."

The Wolves took an early lead thanks to players not on the JAB line. Junior center Ryan MacKin-

Please See HOCKEY, C2

Stickradt from page C1

shot the lights out against them, and Ford barely beat Lake Orion, a junior-dominated team in a rebuilding year.

Yet, somehow, someone on the voting panel actually voted for Milford and Ford.

First of all, programs such as Northern, Clarkston, Ferndale, Rochester Adams, Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup for example all have superior talent, they play much tougher schedules and, because of it, have records around or a little above five-hundred. Which makes me ask the following question: Does strength of schedule ever count in high school rankings?

Some schools play in powder-puff leagues and seldom play against tough non-league opponents, but still find themselves in various polls, regardless of the sport.

I know one thing: If Utica Ford or Milford played in the OAA Division I or OAA Division II, Saginaw Valley League, which has third-ranked Saginaw and fourth-ranked Flint's Northwestern, the Detroit PSL, which has four of the top 12 teams, or the Big Eight West Conference, which boasts top-ranked Benton Harbor, and seventh-ranked Kalamazoo Central,

what kind of records would they have? Some sub-five-hundred records would be likely.

In another strange ranking discrepancy, Detroit Pershing is ranked 20th in the national pool, but the 12-0 Doughboys are only sixth in the AP Class A state poll.

Go figure.

The best of the SEMSL: In the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, there are four divisions — Mt. Holly, Pine Knob, Mt. Brighton and Alpine Valley — which total close to 40 schools. All four have produced Top 10 schools in the past, but there is now doubt which is the best division this year.

In this week's Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association poll, there are several Observer & Eccentric area schools ranked, and all hail from, you guessed it, the Pine Knob Division.

In the boys' poll, Rochester Adams (No. 4), Lake Orion (No. 5) and Clarkston (No. 6) are all ranked in the Class A poll, while Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook (No. 6) and Birmingham-Detroit Country Day (No. 7) are ranked in Class B-C-D.

Over in the girls' poll, Bloomfield Hills Lahser (No. 6), Adams (No. 7), Lake

Orion (No. 8) and Clarkston (No. 10) are found amongst the Class A elite, while Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (No. 4) and Country Day (No. 6) are found in the B-C-D poll.

Grand Blanc, (Class A boys and girls) and Fenton (Class B-C-D boys), both from the Mt. Holly Division, are the only other SEMSL schools ranked this week as schools from Northern Michigan dominate.

Just wait: Oxford's wrestling team lost to state-ranked and host Hartland Saturday and the Hartland Invitational in the championship match, 36-35, as the Wildcats were still missing three starters with injuries.

Oxford is expecting those starters back either this week or next week. The Wildcats wrestled state-ranked Fenton last night in a key Flint Metro League match and have another test in two weeks against league rival Lapeer West, another ranked opponent.

Intimate settings: The nice new field houses at schools such as Lake Orion, Clarkston, Auburn Hills Avondale, Macomb Dakota, Troy and South Lyon are, well, nice and all. They have spacious

seating, well-lit gymnasiums and plenty of room to operate several practices and games at one time if needed. But there is still nothing like watching a game in an old, small, intimate gym.

So, what are some of the best small gyms to watch games at? Two, which are out of the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, are Romeo and Lapeer West. As of schools within the area, my favorites are Waterford Mott and Rochester.

I would throw in Clarkston Springfield Christian into that list, but Class D schools all have smaller gyms so that can't count.

Cheering for higher: Lake Orion's girls competitive cheer team, which has won three invitationals this season, will get to showcase its field house to dozens of teams from around the state this Saturday at the Lake Orion Invite.

Lake Orion will be the site of this year's MHSAA state finals, the first-time in the sport's eight-year history that a school from Eastern Michigan will host the finals.

Hard knock life: The past two years, no one from the area suffered more bad luck during the winter sports season than Lake Orion's boys basketball team — until this year.

Neighboring Oxford has lost seven games this season, six by ten points or less and four by less than five points, the latest on Tuesday in a 59-57 defeat to Romeo, where the host Bulldogs won with two free throws with three seconds left.

Daniel Stickradt is sports editor for the communities of Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford within the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Group. He can be reached at (248) 698-4900 or e-mail to dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

Clarkston skiers sweep Andover

BY BRAD MONASTIERI
STAFF WRITER

Coming off an extended break, the Clarkston boys and girls ski teams got back into action with solid victories Tuesday.

The girls team once again completed a clean sweep, this time dispatching Bloomfield Hills Andover 10-84. The Wolves' boys team won with similar ease, beating the Barons 13-24 at the in a SEMSL Pine Knob Division meet.

Both teams are 4-0 and are off until next week's Pine Knob Tournament.

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said the team's 11-day break from competitive action gave him a chance to run the team through time trials that he couldn't earlier this month because of unseasonable conditions.

"The time paid off for us because we got a chance to see where everyone is," he said. "The downside is that while we were training, everyone else was on exams, and now that we're back in the grind, we have exams."

Exams were just as helpless to keep Clarkston from victory as Andover. The girls team went unchallenged in sweeping the top five scoring places at the meet. Senior Megan Whipp took first with a time of 47.00 seconds, followed by Nicole Villiere

Please See SKIING, C4

Basketball from page C1

Senior Kevin Stalker swished a 3-pointer less than two minutes into the third quarter to pull Clarkston to 35-34, but Davison responded — as it did all night. The Cardinals let the Wolves get within one, then went on an 8-0 run late in the third to take the momentum back, and held a four-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Wolves had their chances to win the game in the fourth quarter. Davison shot 2-for-7 from the charity stripe in the fourth, and didn't score in the final 1:12 of the game. Schapman made two free throws and nailed an jumper off an offensive rebound to get Clarkston within one point with 26 seconds left, but a pair of desperation shots at

the end didn't fall.

Schapman, a 6-foot-5 senior center, played a fine all-around game for the Wolves, finishing with 15 points, 14 rebounds and three steals. Senior guard Ryan Marino scored 14, and Stalker, a senior guard, tossed in eight points for Clarkston.

Randy Kann scored 13 to lead Davison.

"I think we're better physically than we're playing, and we're better mentally than we're playing," Fife said. "These are second-year players for me, who know what to expect from me."

The Wolves conclude the first half of their league schedule Friday night with a game at 7:30 p.m. game at Troy.

Daniel Stickradt is sports editor for the communities of Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford within the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Group. He can be reached at (248) 698-4900 or e-mail to dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

Hockey from page C1

non slapped in a rebound shot off a goalmouth scramble less than five minutes into the game. MacKinnon's goal was set up thanks to a diving shot and rebound attempt by senior Derek Hool.

Less than a minute later, the JABs went to work. Bemis showed his breakaway speed by outskating the Northern defense and scoring a gorgeous breakaway goal to put the Wolves up 2-0 with 9:36 left in the first. He faked a shot to his right and

came back with a pretty backhand flip past a sprawled Northern goaltender. Facione and junior defenseman Jeremy Gabriel picked up assists.

The Huskies roared back with sustained pressure on the Wolves for the rest of the period and early into the second. Northern cashed in with a goal 1:05 into the second, cutting the Clarkston lead to 2-1. Badger stopped a Northern breakaway, and the save seemed to swing momentum back to the Wolves.

Kalush netted his first goal of the game with 8:07 left in the second when he slapped in a shot from the low slot area. Facione took a pass from Bemis and slid it out to the front of the net, where Kalush was all alone. The low shot to the left side found the net, giving Clarkston a valuable two-goal lead.

Clarkston was able to kill two Northern power plays in the third period to preserve the win.

"This is the best Clarkston

hockey has played," Kalush, also a four-year veteran said. "We're also playing the toughest schedule, but you get better when you play the tougher competition."

The Wolves, currently ranked seventh in the state in Division I, travel to Birmingham Saturday night for a 7 p.m. game. The Wolves will be looking to avenge one of their three losses of the season in the league contest, which takes place at Cranbrook.

six kills, while freshman Laurel Stucky played well with three kills on 11-for-12 attacks.

Clarkston travels to Ortonville-Brandon today as it starts the second half of its league schedule and the Wolves will host the annual Clarkston Invitational Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Richardson said he is looking for leaders to emerge from his junior-dominated team.

Please See SKIING, C4

Volleyball from page C1

"We are lacking in leadership," he said. "We don't have one person to turn to when we need it. It's up to them."

Falck went 12-for-13 serving with 11 assists. Winn was 10-for-10 serving with three aces and seven assists. Simko had a team-high six kills and went 19-for-22 on serve receptions. Senior Brittanii Brewer had five kills and two solo blocks for the Wolves.

COLLEGE HOCKEY AT "THE JOE"

SVB

Michigan State vs. Lake Superior State
Saturday, February 5 • 7:30PM

MICHIGAN VS. MICHIGAN STATE
Saturday, February 26 • 7:30PM

Joe Louis Arena

Tickets are: \$25, \$18, \$13, \$9, \$7.50 for student tickets and are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, Hockeytown Authentics, all Ticketmaster locations or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

FAMILY PACK
4 General Admission Tickets • 4 Slices of Pizza • 4 Cokes
ONLY \$39!
CALL (313) 396-7575
Great Group Rates Available! CALL: (313) 396-7911

BE SURE TO CATCH YOUR RED WINGS ON T.V. THIS WEEK
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 vs. CALGARY • 7:30 pm on FOX SPORTS NET
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 vs. NEW JERSEY • 7:30 pm on FOX 50
MONDAY, JANUARY 31 vs. PHOENIX • 9:00 pm on FOX 50
Every game broadcast live on WJR 760AM



Enter to win Detroit Red Wings Tickets!
Check Today's Classifieds Section
to See How You Can Enter to Win!

Observer & Eccentric

HEAT UP YOUR WINTER

TigerFest 2000

PRESENTED BY PEPSI

Saturday, January 29 | Cobo Arena | 12 noon - 5 pm

Be there! Come meet Juan Gonzalez and other members of the Detroit Tigers at TigerFest 2000 — an action-packed baseball festival for the entire family!

SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE*

Dave Borkowski, Robert Fick, Dave Mlicki, Jeff Weaver, Brad Ausmus, Doug Brocail, Juan Gonzalez, Brian Moehler, and more.

*Subject to change

FEATURING

- Autograph Sessions
- Baseball Seminar and Clinic
- Player Photo Sessions
- National Anthem Auditions (noon - 2pm)
- Kids Activity Area
- Comerica Park Experience
- Plus, much more



2-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez

Tickets just \$5

Available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, or call

248-25-TIGER



Be There.

TigerFest 2000



Observer & Eccentric
CLASSIFIEDS

DETROIT

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Lake Orion hockey meeting

An effort 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.

Gymnasium needed

A local gymnasium is needed for tonight's Oxford Christian-Lake Orion Shalom Baptist's varsity boys basketball and varsity girls volleyball games as both schools have gymnasium conflicts. The schools are willing to move to a neutral nearby site or reschedule the games. Please call Oxford Christian athletic director Jeff Alexander at (248) 628-6035 or Shalom Baptist athletic director at (248) 391-0443 if there is an open gym in the area.

Reporting Scores

With the winter sports season well into full swing for all area prep 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) 901-2553.

Deadline for publication is 11:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ten Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-19 in each state.

Players are selected by invitation only. Several current and former NBA and Division I college players have played in this top-notch camp, so call (704) 372-8610 immediately for further information about this exciting opportunity.

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

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER
dstickradt@ve.home.com

earlier this month, and are expected to sing a binding letter-of-intent next month.

"Central's new coach, Mike Debog, said that he wanted to recruit and win with Michigan kids," said Lake Orion head coach Chris Bell. "So far he is living up to those words. And I know by recruiting Wohlgemuth and some other players from this area, he is getting some very talented football players."

Both Wohlgemuth and Ghiaciuc are glad to be heading north to CMU and said the coaching staff was one reason why they chose the Chippewas.

"They're great. The coaches were very nice and encouraging and they were very straight forward with me," said Wohlgemuth, who is considering running track this spring to prepare himself for midsummers workouts at CMU. "I really liked the campus up there and they have the programs I wanted. Everything just clicked."

Ghiaciuc echoed those thoughts.

"The coaches seemed very energetic and they seemed very honest with us," said Ghiaciuc, who was a state medalist in wrestling last year in the heavyweight division and was one of Oakland County's top weightmen in track, throwing the shot 50-5 and the discus 137-7. "They seem like they are putting a lot into the program and I felt very comfortable with them."

Both Ghiaciuc and Wohlgemuth plan on entering CMU's education program, as Ghiaciuc hopes to land a career in secondary education and Wohlgemuth a future of ceramics and art teaching.

The North Oakland duo gives the Eccentric-coverage area 10 players that have committed to Division I schools, including Birmingham-Detroit Country Day's Jeremy Battier (Duke), Birmingham Brother Rice's Mark Goebel (Michigan State), Orchard Lake St. Mary's Jerome Gonzales (Michigan), Rochester's Eddie Hillary (CMU), Southfield-Lathrup's Omari Coleen (CMU), Waterford Mott's Andy Thorn (Iowa), and Walled Lake Western's James King (CMU) and Lorenzo Parker (Vanderbilt).

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in

Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

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 3-9:30 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.

TRAVEL & RV

The 17th annual Camper, Travel and RV Show will be held through Jan. 30 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features more than 100 exhibitors with the latest in campers, RVs and

travel destinations. Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Admission is \$6.50 adult and \$3 for children. Ages five and under will be admitted free.

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

Please See CALENDAR, C4



BIGGEST EXTENDED CAB OF ANY HALF-TON.

Here's another fact: The Truck has the biggest extended cab of any half-ton pickup.* Bigger than Ford F-150. Bigger than Dodge Ram. Bigger than any import. Period. The Truck is big on comfort, too. Consider: more rear-seat legroom than any half-ton pickup, adjustable outboard head restraints and an 18-degree rear seatback angle that makes backseat drivers happy on long trips.

All those features make for one mighty appealing full-size pickup.

All this — and Silverado is now available with four doors.

MOST POWERFUL V8 OF ANY 4x4.

When it comes to power, The Truck offers you a choice of not one, but two new V8 engines that are more powerful than Ford F-150 or Dodge Ram or any import.* Choose the 285-hp Vortec 5300 or go for the most powerful V8 you can get in any 4x4 pickup anywhere: the new 300-hp Vortec 6000.** Test drive Silverado today at your local Chevy Dealer. Silverado. It's The Truck. From Chevy.

The most dependable, longest-lasting trucks on the road.***

SILVERADO

LIKE A ROCK

SEE YOUR LOCAL CHEVY DEALER TODAY!

Toll free 1-877-THE TRUCK or www.chevrolet.com/silverado

All claims exclude other GM vehicles. *JD Power and Associates 1999 Automobile Performance, Execution And Layout (APEAL) Study. **Study based on 8,763 consumer responses. www.jdpower.com. ***Based on overall extended cab department.

*Based on available V8 horsepower. **Available in 3/4 ton only. ***Dependability based on longevity: 1981-1998 full-line light-duty truck company registrations. Excludes other GM divisions. © 2000 GM Corp. Buckle up America!

Please See BRIEFS, C4

Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

Employment

Your HomeTown Classified ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...
www.oeonline.com



This Classification
Continued from
Page F9.

500 Help Wanted General

CLOSING MANAGER

Farming Hills Builders - Developer of single and multi-family homes seeks a highly motivated individual for closings, sales associate, management and assisting the vice president. Knowledge of purchase agreements, title work and closing statements is required along with a strong customer service background. Computer skills used extensively. Work schedule must fit. We offer a competitive benefit and compensation package including health insurance and 401k. Please send resume with salary requirements to: Attn: Office Manager, 32000 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, OR FAX: 248-851-1531.

♦ COLLECTORS ♦
A Southfield collections company has immediate openings for motivated individuals with a minimum of 2 years experience in collections. Requires professional telephone manner, good communication skills, basic PC data entry skills, customer service oriented knowledge of automotive industry helpful. Our employees receive competitive wages, excellent benefits including medical, dental, life, 401(k) with company match, bonus plan, business casual dress code in a team-oriented environment. Please submit your resume to:

Attention: HR Manager
P.O. Box 2203
Southfield, MI 48037-2203
Or fax: (248) 359-2670

CONSTRUCTION LABORER POSITION available with rapidly growing residential builder. Responsible for keeping buildings clean & orderly during construction, general site maintenance & assisting project superintendent. Position is in W. Bloomfield. Pay is \$10/hr. Advancement opportunities for qualified individual.

Call: 248-960-4751,

4 Mon.-Fri. 8am-10am

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COORDINATOR

McKinley Properties, Inc., a national property management firm, seeks an experienced Construction Projects Coordinator.

Responsibilities include: supervising multiple diverse residential construction projects.

Candidates should have experience reading blueprints, managing work crews, supervision of construction or rehab projects and scheduling of construction contractors. Some travel will be required.

Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include medical, dental, life insurance, 401(k) and a discount at McKinley apartment communities.

Please send resume with salary history to:

Facilities Director
McKinley Properties
319 Brault Ct.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Fax: (734) 769-6914
EOE

CONTROLLER
Controller for Metropolitan Detroit construction contractor. Will be responsible for all accounting functions. Including budgeting and forecasting. CPA firm recruiting for client.

Send resume to:
CONTROLLER
Swad Company
38701 Seven Mile, Suite 245
Livonia, MI 48125

COURTIES
LIVONA LIMK
LIMK

LIVONA LIMK
LIMK

CUSTOMER SERVICE
\$400/WK
16
NEEDED

No Prior
Experience
Call
248-338-4320
EOE

FLOOR TECHNICIANS
Day shift, Mon-Fri, for company
in Westland, (734) 722-8888

GRINDER HAND WANTED
Benefits and 401K
(248) 344-4080

DRIVERS
Able to drive heavy, gravel
train, & woodbox. Experience
necessary. 248-334-4405

DRIVERS CONVENANT
TRANSPORT \$1,000 sign-on
bonus for Experience Company
drivers. (800) 441-4394. Owner
operators. (888) 657-3729. Bud
Meyer Truck Lines. Refrigerated.
Hauling. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-877-283-6393. Solo
drivers & contractors.

DRIVERS • DO YOU WANT
GUARANTEED HOME TIME?
It's Yours By Calling:
1-800-247-8040. SMITH-WAY
MOTOR EXPRESS. Earnings
up to .39 cents a MILE. COM-
PLETE BENEFITS PACKAGE!
www.smwco.com

DRIVERS: INEXPERIENCED
training available. North Ameri-
can Van and bus trailer trailer
46-state hauling opportunities
for owner/operators/temporary
company drivers. Call
1-800-348-2147, Dept. MIS.

FLAGSTAR BANK
GRINDER HAND WANTED
Benefits and 401K
(248) 344-4080

ADMINISTRATIVE
Assistant

Part-time. Computer literate.
Microsoft Office a plus. Excellent
communication skills and
excellent organization a must.

Fax or mail resume to:

Attn: General Manager
32431 Schoolcraft Road•Livonia, MI 48150
Fax: (734) 266-2505

500 Help Wanted General

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Computer experience. Please
send or fax resume to:
50481 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom,
MI 48393 Fax: 248-669-2812

**Customer Service
Manager**

Highly motivated individual with
out-going personality &
customer service management
experience desired for Detroit
branch office of growing national
home services co. Must handle
inquiries & issues in professional
manner to ensure customer satisfaction.
Good computer skills essential.
Rate established. Professional
environment or home improvement
experience a plus. Starting
salary \$25,228 based on experience
+ incentive compensation
group insurance & other
benefits. E-mail resume to:
JOBS12@HSSONLINE.COM or
fax to (802) 774-3488. EOE

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS / MOVERS
needed for Moving Company in
Rochester. Full or Part-time.
\$8-\$12+ benefits. 248-669-9900

DRIVERS / NEW 2 PAY OT
some experience - 30/cpm. Top
pay - 40/cpm. Regional. 39/
cpm. Jump Start Lease Pro-
gram! MS Carriers

DRIVERS...SWIFT TRANS-

PORTATION HIRING OPERA-

DRIVERS & PO'S. SKILL ABOUT

SIGN-ON BONUS! CDL

Training Available! Excellent
Pay & Benefits. Assigned Equip-
ment. Job Stability

1-800-575-9467

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVER
Stake Truck Driver needed for a
major plumbing wholesaler. CDL
Class, B, air brakes. Excellent benefits including
vacation pay & bonus. Please call
29949 Back Rd., Wixom, MI 48393
or fax to: 248-926-0280

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS

WANTED

Opening available for experi-
enced CDL-AH Drivers. 95% no
touch freight benefits available.

Call A.D. Transport

1-800-832-0350, ext. 105.

500 Help Wanted General

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Bloomfield Hills based associa-
tion seeking detail oriented, self-
motivated individual to assist
with data entry, research, editing
and miscellaneous responsibil-
ties for publishing area. Must
have a familiarity with Windows
98 and a knowledge and under-
standing of IBM software. Can-
didate must have a high level of
accuracy, dependability and a
good sense of grammar and
punctuation.

DALLAS INDUSTRIES:

103 Park Dr.,
Dallas, TX 75201

FAX 248-583-9402

500 Help Wanted General

SENIOR LEVEL

At least 1 year call center
experience. Some college
preferred.

500 Help Wanted General

ENTRY LEVEL

At least 6 months customer
service experience. Above
positions require working
knowledge of computers,
strong interpersonal skills
and a strong customer focus.

500 Help Wanted General

**PAY BASED ON
EXPERIENCE**

• Excellent Benefits including
tuition reimbursement.

• Excellent advancement.

• Everyday casual dress.

Our brand new state of the art
call center is located in the
Galleria Office Center.

Fortune 100 company.

Call or fax resume with
income history.

PHONE: 248-351-5630
FAX: 248-204-3734

500 Help Wanted General

DIRECT CARE AIDE

Group home openings for afternoons,
midnights, 7am-4pm, paid training. Competitive
wage & benefits.

Call Sharon: 734-948-4971

313-791-2482

Brenda: 734-942-6165

500 Help Wanted General

**Direct Care/
Personal Assistants**

To help people in their apart-
ments in Farmington, \$7.80 to
start. Call Cynthia 248-477-6072
or Janet: 248-521-3350.

500 Help Wanted General

Direct Care/Personal Assistant

For a woman (2 later) in her
lovely home in Livonia. After-
noon shift, full-time afternoon
midnight float shift. No weekend
day shift. \$7.80-\$7.90 or start.

Call: 248-304-4873 or Shelly

248-477-5205

500 Help Wanted General

DISPATCHER

Growing Fuel &

Towing Company in Brighton

needs experienced dispatcher.

Strong phone & radio skills
required. Day shift benefits.

Call: 248-477-0609

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVER/LABORER

For sheet metal fabricator. Full

time with benefits.

In person or by phone.

Call: 248-477-0610

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS

Able to drive heavy, gravel
train, & woodbox. Experience
necessary. 248-334-4405

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS CONVENANT

TRANSPORT \$1,000 sign-on
bonus for Experience Company
drivers. (800) 441-4394. Owner
operators. (888) 657-3729. Bud
Meyer Truck Lines. Refrigerated.
Hauling. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-877-283-6393. Solo
drivers & contractors.

500 Help Wanted General

**DRIVERS • DO YOU WANT
GUARANTEED HOME TIME?**

It's Yours By Calling:
1-800-247-8040. SMITH-WAY
MOTOR EXPRESS. Earnings
up to .39 cents a MILE. COM-
PLETE BENEFITS PACKAGE!
www.smwco.com

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS: INEXPERIENCED

training available. North Ameri-
can Van and bus trailer trailer
46-state hauling opportunities
for owner/operators/temporary
company drivers. Call
1-800-348-2147, Dept. MIS.

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVER'S CONVENIENT

TRANSPORT \$1,000 sign-on
bonus for Experience Company
drivers. (800) 441-4394. Owner
operators. (888) 657-3729. Bud
Meyer Truck Lines. Refrigerated.
Hauling. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-877-283-6393. Solo
drivers & contractors.

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS & PO'S. SKILL ABOUT

SIGN-ON BONUS! CDL

Training Available! Excellent
Pay & Benefits. Assigned Equip-
ment. Job Stability

1-800-575-9467

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS / NEW 2 PAY OT

some experience - 30/cpm. Top
pay - 40/cpm. Regional. 39/
cpm. Jump Start Lease Pro-
gram! MS Carriers

DRIVERS...SWIFT TRANS-

PORTATION HIRING OPERA-

6C(No)

Classifications 500 to 502

500 Help Wanted General

METER READERS - Immediate openings, training available, paid holidays & vacations. Health Insurance, 401(k) plan. Overtime available. Must have driver's license & reliable transportation. EOE. Call in Novi area. (617) 545-8888 Western Wayne (734) 397-6394

MILL HAN Experienced only. Good working conditions. Top pay & benefits. Retirement plan. Lyon/Plymouth area. Buckingham Tool: 734-591-2335

NAIL TECH & assistant, full time and part-time receptionist, for busy W. Bloomfield salon. Top commission paid. 248-689-1910

NEWS REPORTER Weekly newspaper seeks sharp, curious, enthusiastic reporter to cover municipal beat in a fast growing area of Oakland County for one of Michigan's best-known papers. Good understanding of community politics a must. Experience in municipal government a plus. Great environment, solid benefits package, opportunities for growth/training. Send resume, clip to: Rick Byrne, Editor, South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. E-mail: rbyrne@htn.homecomm.net Minorities encouraged to apply.

NIGHT OPERATIONS For growing janitorial service. Evenings. Company car. Excellent benefits. Call: 313-831-8070

PAINTER

Career minded spray painter for Livonia based electrical enclosure fabricator. Full time position for afternoon shift with full benefits. Call bet 8am-4pm: (734) 425-7143

PAINTERS

EXPERIENCED - * * * Own transportation & tools. Call: 734-326-6175

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Full time. Must have economical transportation. Sales attitude a plus. 401K, 100% tuition reimbursement. BlueCross, HMO, dental insurance; paid vacations & birthday pay. 248-474-1800 Ext. 221. P. Cunningham

PIZZA DELIVERY DRIVERS

& CLOSERS ALSO, daytime help. Apply within: Jet's Pizza 204 S. Washington, Oxford.

PLUMBERS

TOP plumbing service. Department is expanding and moving fast. Excellent opportunity for someone skilled in drain cleaning and the commercial/industrial plumbing field. Benefits, wages & truck for the qualified applicant. Call Brian Bill, James Plumbing Service, 248-548-1500. Plumbers Union Local 98, Signatory

PLUMBING TECHNICIANS

Specializing in commercial and light industrial drain cleaning.

Great pay, overtime and benefits available. (248) 950-1111

POLICE OFFICER

Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Qualifications are:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen

- Must be 21 years of age

- Must possess a valid driver's license and have no criminal record.

- Applicant must possess a High School diploma and Associates degree from an accredited college or university.

- Must have successfully completed or possess proof of C.O.L.E.S. certification, or certification.

- Applicants will be required to pass a written and oral exam, personal background check and psychological exam.

- Applications accepted January 17, 2000 - February 19, 2000

- Salary range \$35,795 to \$51,052

- Contact: Atemnon Command Officer at (248) 349-9400, from 4:00 pm until 12:00 am, Monday-Friday, for information. Walk-in interviews will be picked up in person at the police department between the above times.

- Completed applications must be received by Charter Township of Northville Police Department, 41600 Six Mile, Northville, MI 48167, 11:59 pm, Friday, February 19, 2000. EOE

PRODUCTION/Graphic Artist

wanted: Lee J. Brennan Inc., a marketing & advertising company.

Marketing for production artist.

Must have knowledge of Quark, PhotoShop, Corel, & Illustrator. In a PC environment. Experience in Pre-press a plus. Please fax resume to: (248) 362-2355 Attn: Don.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Overall responsibility for a large continuing education program.

Requires experience in program planning, customer relations,

research, writing & graphic arts,

budgeting, public relations &

computer. Full time. Some

travel & salary history. To: The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Bloomfield, MI 48009 or Fax: 248-644-2476 EOE

RACE HORSE barn help

wanted, full time mornings,

S. Lyon, call Kade, eves. at

248-486-2679

REGULATORY SPECIALIST

Responsibilities include:

ISO/9000 Management & Environmental permitting. Basic computer skills, good communication skills & some relevant experience required. Need to be organized and detail-oriented.

Fax 248-948-8460, or mail to:

HR, 26776 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 201, Southfield, MI 48034 or e-mail: jmarsho@aol.com

RECEPTIONIST

For inventory control & point of sales. Training provided. Call Diane at: (248) 880-8400 or FAX: (248) 360-0403

SAFETY DISPATCHER / CLERK

Northville Township. Is estab-

lishing an eligibility list for the position of Dispatcher/Clerk.

Essential functions include receiving complaints from the public concerning crimes, medical emergencies and fires. Dispatching police, fire & EMS.

Qualifications include:

- U.S. Citizen.

- 18 years of age.

- High school diploma or equivalent.

- Computer skills

- Candidates must successfully complete a testing process and background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Department of Public Safety; 41600 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Mon.-Fri., 8-4pm. Applications will be submitted to: Friday, February 19, 2000, 4:00pm.

- Equal Opportunity Employer.

SURVEY FIELD POSITIONS

Available, entry level, experience preferred, but will train.

Call: (248) 452-5251

TEACHER FOR PEARSON/REDFORD UNION SCHOOL

Part-time, gendered in.

Allied Health. Send resume to:

Karen Moran, Pearson 1990 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48240 or Fax:

(313) 538-4817

TEACHER

New area pre-school. Excellent.

Great working conditions.

Call: (248) 471-2333

TEACHERS - Sylvan Learning Center, W. Bloomfield, Algebra, General Math, Experienced. After school hours, 248-737-8875

TEACHING POSITIONS

Afternoon Kindergarten teacher & Spanish teacher for elementary grades. Can be combined into 1 position. Private Elementary school. Send resume to: P.O. Box 610, Birmingham, MI 48012.

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Solid technical skills and the ability to work effectively with customers is required in order to provide field service and support for robotic and robotic systems.

A technical degree, and/or 2+ years experience in a technical role is required. Requires a solid understanding of electrical/mechanical experience is a plus. An electrical/mechanical aptitude is necessary along with the ability to travel throughout the U.S. approximately 50%

Send your resume to: Kawasaki Robotics, (USA), Inc., Human Resources, 28059 Center, Oak Park, MI 48235. Fax: (248) 405-7811

E-mail: job@krs.com

SHEETMETAL PERSON

Residential & commercial applications for roofing, company.

Experience & Hire-On Bonus. (248) 437-7051

TELEMARKETER

Experienced Telemarketer.

Needed. No sales, appointment setting only. Flexible hours, good pay, great work environment.

Please call: (248) 614-3722

TELEMARKETERS

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEPHONE REP

Fitness USA has immediate part-time openings in our West Bloomfield corporate office.

Contact: Atemnon Command Officer at (248) 349-9400, from 4:00 pm until 12:00 am, Monday-Friday, for information. Walk-in interviews will be picked up in person at the police department between the above times.

Completed applications must be received by Charter Township of

Northville Police Department,

41600 Six Mile, Northville, MI 48167, 11:59 pm, Friday, February 19, 2000. EOE

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

Great pay plus bonuses.

Call: Ronse 248-659-6331 ext. 223 between 11am-1pm.

TELEMARKETING

**THE
Observer & Eccentric**
about you!
NEWSPAPERS

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

Employment

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST
Due to increasing growth, Oakland Commerce Bank has an immediate opening for a Receptionist. Responsibilities include answering incoming calls, answering customer inquiries, light typing and filing. Please apply in person or send resume to: Oakland Commerce Bank, 31731 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Attn: HR Supervisor EOE/MF

RECEPTIONIST
Fast-paced real estate company. Duties include answering multi-line phone, greeting customers, coordinating appointments for agents.

PART-TIME position in West Bloomfield
Hours: Tues & Thurs, 5-8pm
Sat 9am-5pm
Please call Denise at (248) 826-8000

FULL-TIME position in Novi
Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
Please call Jackie at (248) 349-6800

RECEPTIONIST
Full-time Receptionist needed for West Bloomfield Real Estate office. General office work. Great phone skills a must.

PAT BAKER
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

RECEPTIONIST
Full-time Receptionist seeks full-time Receptionist. Flexible hours. Professional applicant should possess excellent verbal & written skills, good math skills, some computer experience & be customer service oriented. Good benefit package. Please call William Bartage at 248-449-7847 or fax resume to: Attn: Bill at: 248-449-1653 or email to: hagopian@aol.com

RECEPTIONIST

Looking for a personable individual to work in our Plymouth office. Includes receptionist and accounts receivable duties. Send resume to: Controller, Classi Contoller Corp., 350 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED
full or part time for friendly real estate office. Computer, phone and organizational skills a plus. Please call Helene at 248-737-9000

RECEPTIONIST/ SWITCHBOARD

Auto dealer seeking enthusiastic individual.
• Possessing excellent verbal communication skills
• Professional attitude
• Full-time position
• Excellent working conditions
• Great pay and benefits

Hours would include Monday and Thursday 8am to 3pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8am - 6pm.

Apply in person or send resume to:
SUBURBAN CHRYSLER/JEEP, INC.
P.O. Box 8065
24315 HAGGERTY RD,
Attn: Office Manager
Fax (248) 442-3611

RECEPTIONIST/ VET ASSISTANT

Part-time, weekdays, evening hours & Sat. Must be able to deal w/people & pets. Computer work involved. Salary commensurate with experience. Southfield. Call: (248) 356-0822. Fax resume to: (248) 356-0822

RECEPTIONIST

Wixom distributor seeks receptionist for busy office. Also responsible for filing & miscellaneus tasks as needed. Full time, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. 100% paid benefits. Please call June at: (248) 624-7000

SALES SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Guarante Life Insurance Company has a full-time opening for a team oriented Sales Support Specialist. Duties include: Communicating with brokers, agents and home office employees, word processing, preparing database programs and spreadsheets, answering phones, as well as other administrative duties to support the local office. Requires: 2 years of experience in office administration, experience. Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, WordPerfect, similar software with keyboarding skills of 50 wpm. Excellent oral and written communication skills with emphasis on strong customer service. Good math and time management skills. Group Insurance experience, plus. We offer a comprehensive benefits package including medical insurance, 401K, and tuition reimbursement. If you would like an opportunity to grow with us, please send a resume and salary requirements to:

Guarante Life Insurance Company
39555 Orchard Hill Place
Suite 205
Novi MI 48375

Equal Opportunity Employer Pre-Employment Drug Screen Required

SCHOOL SECRETARY
For private elementary school. Experience preferred. Full-time. Send resume to: P.O. Box 610, Birmingham, MI 48001

SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL
115-130, 45pm, 40hrs/wk, for 11 mos. Keyboarding 50-60wpm. Proficiency with computers (i.e. Windows '95, Excel, Sims, Calling System, etc.) High school grad. Competitive salary & benefits. Submit resume to: Mr. E.R. Scales, Birmingham Public Schools, 550 W. Merrill St., Birmingham, MI 48009. EOE

SECRETARY/ ASSISTANT
for manager of Troy Financial firm. Word and Excel a must. Organized & detail oriented person needed. Full or part-time, 12.5hr, health benefits, vacation time, profit sharing plan.

Fax resume to: 248-847-4770

or E-mail to jmaxin@aol.com

SECRETARY/ LEGISLATIVE AID
Part-time days. Approximately 25 hrs per week. 51/2hr. Good phone skills required. Typing and computer skills desired. Downtown Detroit office location. Contact Commissioner Sulivan at: (313) 224-0944

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS
Automotive. Expanding major supplier has new long term opening. Temp to perm opportunity.

Television production and creative departments of international advertising agency have immediate needs.

Medical services - suburban healthcare headquarters has many openings. Career development positions.

Melior, financial institution with Detroit headquarters and locations throughout the area has immediate needs.

Call Shirley for appl. today or Email: ljmp@atmail.com

Birmingham 248-646-7683
Clinton 810-226-6642
Livonia 248-473-2933
Taylor 734-284-5457

Advantage Staffing

SECRETARY AUTO SUPPLIER

New openings. Three shifts, immediate full time and temp to temp openings. Detroit and suburban locations. Call Sara today Birmingham 248-646-7683 Clinton 810-226-6642 Taylor 734-284-5457 Livonia 248-473-2933

Advantage Staffing

SECRETARY RECEPTIONIST

Farmington Hills: Law office immediate full time and temp to temp openings. Detroit and suburban locations. Call Sara today Birmingham 248-646-7683 Clinton 810-226-6642 Taylor 734-284-5457 Livonia 248-473-2933

Advantage Staffing

SECRETARY WORD PROCESSOR

Very experienced Secretary/ Word Processor needed to work in beautiful new offices located in Birmingham, MI. We are a busy commercial real estate firm seeking an excellent typist. Proficiency in WordPerfect for Windows & Excel 97 a must. Knowledge of Adobe Page-maker, Adobe Photoshop and mapping software is important. The ideal candidate will have excellent interpersonal skills & a strong work ethic. Fax resume to: 248-646-3200 Call: 248-646-7701

SENIOR SECRETARY

Oakland County educational institution looking for qualified Senior Secretary. Minimum requirements include 2+ years college credit & 65 WPM. Excellent pay & benefits. Send resume to: Box #2420

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

8625 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

RECEPTIONIST

Full-time Receptionist needed to work in a professional office with good phone, typing and organizational skills. Please call: 248-737-9000

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

full or part time for friendly real estate office. Computer, phone and organizational skills a plus. Please call Helene at 248-737-9000

RECEPTIONIST/ SWITCHBOARD

Auto dealer seeking enthusiastic individual.
• Possessing excellent verbal communication skills
• Professional attitude
• Full-time position
• Excellent working conditions
• Great pay and benefits

Hours would include Monday and Thursday 8am to 3pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8am - 6pm.

Apply in person or send resume to:
SUBURBAN CHRYSLER/JEEP, INC.
P.O. Box 8065
24315 HAGGERTY RD,
Attn: Office Manager
Fax (248) 442-3611

RECEPTIONIST/ VET ASSISTANT

Part-time, weekdays, evening hours & Sat. Must be able to deal w/people & pets. Computer work involved. Salary commensurate with experience. Southfield. Call: (248) 356-0822. Fax resume to: (248) 356-0822

RECEPTIONIST

Wixom distributor seeks receptionist for busy office. Also responsible for filing & miscellaneus tasks as needed. Full time, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. 100% paid benefits. Please call June at: (248) 624-7000

SALES SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Guarante Life Insurance Company has a full-time opening for a team oriented Sales Support Specialist. Duties include: Communicating with brokers, agents and home office employees, word processing, preparing database programs and spreadsheets, answering phones, as well as other administrative duties to support the local office. Requires: 2 years of experience in office administration, experience. Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, WordPerfect, similar software with keyboarding skills of 50 wpm. Excellent oral and written communication skills with emphasis on strong customer service. Good math and time management skills. Group Insurance experience, plus. We offer a comprehensive benefits package including medical insurance, 401K, and tuition reimbursement. If you would like an opportunity to grow with us, please send a resume and salary requirements to:

Guarante Life Insurance Company
39555 Orchard Hill Place
Suite 205
Novi MI 48375

Equal Opportunity Employer Pre-Employment Drug Screen Required

SCHOOL SECRETARY
For private elementary school. Experience preferred. Full-time. Send resume to: P.O. Box 610, Birmingham, MI 48001

SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL
115-130, 45pm, 40hrs/wk, for 11 mos. Keyboarding 50-60wpm. Proficiency with computers (i.e. Windows '95, Excel, Sims, Calling System, etc.) High school grad. Competitive salary & benefits. Submit resume to: Mr. E.R. Scales, Birmingham Public Schools, 550 W. Merrill St., Birmingham, MI 48009. EOE

SECRETARY/ ASSISTANT
for manager of Troy Financial firm. Word and Excel a must. Organized & detail oriented person needed. Full or part-time, 12.5hr, health benefits, vacation time, profit sharing plan.

Fax resume to: 248-847-4770

or E-mail to jmaxin@aol.com

504 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience preferred family practice. (248) 651-8491

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Royal Oak - Seek enthusiastic, mature individual. Experience preferred. Fax resume to: (248) 541-2872 or contact Barb at (248) 541-1988

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Great opportunity for a part-time Hygienist to complete our team on Wed & Thurs over Berkley practice emphasizes prevention & STM. (248) 548-3334

DENTAL HYGIENIST

New opening in Auburn Hills. Many other locations available. Oncology, Medic, Follow-up, Surgery, & DME knowledge preferred. Great salaries & benefits.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Full-time position for conscientious, gentle, hard working person for busy upbeat Birmingham practice.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

All receive 1-year experience.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Patent oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Optical, dental, house nursing staff. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Great opportunity for a part-time Hygienist to complete our team on Wed & Thurs over Berkley practice emphasizes prevention & STM. (248) 548-3334

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Full-time position for conscientious, gentle, hard working person for busy upbeat Birmingham practice.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

All receive 1-year experience.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Patent oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Optical, dental, house nursing staff. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Great opportunity for a part-time Hygienist to complete our team on Wed & Thurs over Berkley practice emphasizes prevention & STM. (248) 548-3334

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Full-time position for conscientious, gentle, hard working person for busy upbeat Birmingham practice.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

All receive 1-year experience.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Patent oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Optical, dental, house nursing staff. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Great opportunity for a part-time Hygienist to complete our team on Wed & Thurs over Berkley practice emphasizes prevention & STM. (248) 548-3334

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Full-time position for conscientious, gentle, hard working person for busy upbeat Birmingham practice.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

All receive 1-year experience.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Patent oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Optical, dental, house nursing staff. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Great opportunity for a part-time Hygienist to complete our team on Wed & Thurs over Berkley practice emphasizes prevention & STM. (248) 548-3334

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Full-time position for conscientious, gentle, hard working person for busy upbeat Birmingham practice.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

All receive 1-year experience.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Patent oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Optical, dental, house nursing staff. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.</p

8C(No) Classifications 512 to 710

512 Help Wanted-Sales

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH PEOPLE?
A real estate career in 2000 could be very rewarding for you. Join the prestigious RUDENTAL system, offering the best in training, technology (computers for all), commission, Pre-licensing classes, continuous, Local and National Advertising Exposure.

GORMAN'S FURNITURE DESIGNER / SALES

Gorman's, one of America's premiere home furnishing companies, has something we almost never have: an opening for an experienced sales/interior designer. Join a company that takes great care of both its associates and its customers. You are an experienced interior furniture person we'd like to tell you about our fantastic company. For benefits: For interview call Tom Lias at: 248-344-0880

IF YOU ARE ENERGETIC, charismatic, and see yourself as a team player, our Professional Kitchen & Bath Showroom located in Rochester Hills, may be for you. Sales, and Design experience needed. Please fax resume to: (248) 853-2774

INVESTMENT SALES

Institutional Brokerage Firm
• 6-figure income potential
• Complete benefits package
• 40-hour work week
• No nights or weekends
• Paid training
(including Series 7 & 63)
Call: 248-351-5800 or
Fax resume: 248-351-5814

JOIN THE #1 REAL ESTATE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. We have a full-time, "in-house" training specialist to help you get off to a great start and be successful in an exciting career.

• Excellent Income Potential
• Rewarding Career
• Flexibility
• Independence

Contact Larry Harwin

Coldwell Banker
M.J. Corporate Transfer Service
851-6700
More POWER to you

KITCHEN & BATH SHOWROOM SALES

Part-time. Will train right person. Apply in person. Ideal Finish, 2807 Ford Rd., Canton.

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?

Call and see if you qualify to earn \$50,000. We have the systems and the schooling to make your dreams come true.

Call Mike Muscio
(248) 879-9211
COLDWELL BANKER
Schweitzer Real Estate

OUTSIDE CELLULAR Phone sales. We are expanding our outside sales operation. You will be responsible for establishing sub-agent locations/training. If you are an experienced cellular sales persons & have strong sales skills, this could be you! We offer a full benefits package that includes: vacation, paid vacation, sick days + 401K. This position has above average earning potential. Contact Dave (810)227-2808 Fax your resume (810)227-0443

OUTSIDE SALES

Salesperson needed to join 76 yr. old successful service co. If you are looking for a good future & are not afraid to make new calls and want a competitive quality product that every business uses, let's talk! Salary + commission, car & gas allowance, benefits. Domestic Uniform & Linen Supply. Call Robin Taylor (734) 542-0357 Or fax: (734) 542-0450

REAL ESTATE SALES

FREE TRAINING

From the #1 Real Estate Company in the world!

Call LARRY FREY

(734) 464-6400

www.c21-hs.com

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

512 Help Wanted-Sales

REAL ESTATE... AS A CAREER?
ALL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES ARE NOT THE SAME

If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate Sales, you owe it to yourself to make sure we are #1 in the market place and best suited to insure your success.

*#1 Rated Franchise System
*Continuous Individualized Training

*100% Commission Plan
*Group Health Coverage
*Free Pre-Licensing

*Latest Technical Computer Programs
Enable you to stay competitive advantage

*Unparalleled Local and National Advertising Exposure

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE
Call Jim Stevens
or
Alissa Nead

COLDWELL BANKER

PREFERRED REALTORS
(734) 459-6000

REAL ESTATE CAREER

Discover The Difference

If you're serious about a career in REAL ESTATE, you owe it to yourself to discover why we are the #1 Coldwell Banker office in Michigan and the "Difference" in exclusive Starmark Systems' program leads to your success.

Call Sandy Billingslea for a personal interview. (248) 344-7600

COLDWELL BANKER

SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE
RESIDENTIAL REALTY

REAL ESTATE

Licensed sales person to sell completely renovated homes in Rochester Hills. Guaranteed pay with commission. Send resume with references to: Keatley Realty, Attn: Condominium Sales, P.O. Box 2033, Southfield, MI 48071.

BOOKKEEPER/ASSISTANT MANAGER

Part time (20 hrs/wk). Afternoons preferred. Payables, receivables, billing, purchasing, Word, Lotus Excel. \$18.00-20.00/hr. Send resume to:

Legal Administrator

POWERS CHAPMAN

3001 W. Big Beaver Suite 704

Troy, MI 48084

REAL ESTATE SALES

The #1 Coldwell Banker is looking for team members. Will train to be top producers, great freedom and income potential. Call Claire Williams for confidential interview at:

(734)454-4400

REMERICA
HOMETOWN ONE

MBI GEAR AMERICA requires energetic Salesperson/Event Coordinator for revolutionary bicycle component. Knowledge of cycling or fitness an asset. Flexible hours, competitive wages. Call 800-939-9931

SALES ASSISTANT

New Home

Part-time. Must be willing to work week and weekend days.

Please fax your resume to (248) 642-1586

SALESPERSON NEEDED!

Immediate opening on our sales floor. Willing to train the right person. Some experience preferred. Benefits package included. Please send resume or apply at: Terra Botanica, 1325 N. Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150, Attn: Kris

SALES PERSON

Needed for furniture store with experience in sales preferably. Excellent pay plus benefits. Please call: (248) 640-0586

SALES REP- experienced, precision, page company, metro Detroit, established accounts. 734-261-8250

• OUTSIDE SALES

Salesperson needed to join 76 yr. old successful service co. If you are looking for a good future & are not afraid to make new calls and want a competitive quality product that every business uses, let's talk! Salary + commission, car & gas allowance, benefits. Domestic Uniform & Linen Supply. Call Robin Taylor (734) 542-0357 Or fax: (734) 542-0450

REAL ESTATE SALES

FREE TRAINING

From the #1 Real Estate Company in the world!

Call LARRY FREY

(734) 464-6400

www.c21-hs.com

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Century 21 Hartford South

32900 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

Observer & Eccentric PERSONAL SCENE

To listen and respond to ads, call 1-900-773-6789

Or call toll free using your credit card 1-877-253-4898

Call costs \$1.98 per minute. Must be 18+.

To place your FREE ad, call 1-800-518-5445

Women seeking Men

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white movies, enjoys traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 40-47, financially secure with class, integrity. **T1403**

FUN ANYONE?
DWF, 25, NS, mom of one, seeks attractive, fun, outgoing SWF, 23-30, for dating, fun, adventure, also may want to have sex. Must have sense of humor. **T2612**

HORSEMEN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green full-figured, 13-year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, wants to meet a good horsemanship SWF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possibly LTR. Kids ok. **T1442**

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SWF, 32, soft-spoken, intelligent, employed, independent, down-to-earth, seeks a man who is serious, positive, monogamous. **SM** for LTR. **T1444**

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 32, 5'1", 11lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun, seeking a man who is kind to a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. **T1455**

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking a man who is considerate, kind to him/her, to help him/her break his heart. **T1408**

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL ONE
SWF, 39, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6", who lived or bar scene, likes sports, enjoys traveling, seeking SF, 32-34, for similar interests. **T1294**

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, dining in/out. Seeking someone, 25-35, similar interests for possible LTR. **T1423**

LIGHTNING STRIKES
Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking financial, emotionally secure SWM, 35-35, similar interests, for possible LTR. **T1245**

JAKE THE RISK
DWF, 29, 5'3", NW, preoccupied, medical professional, mother of 1; 2 sons, motivated. SWDFW, NS for LTR. Friends, SF, 21-25, for possible LTR. **T1401**

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde, brown/blue, seeks SWM, 6-7, tall, dark hair, honest, high morals, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. **T1115**

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 15lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music, SWF, 30-35, tall, enjoys sports, travel, friends first, possible LTR. **T1189**

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasantly plump, bubbly SWF, 5'4", blonde/blue, NS, needs SWF, 30-35, tall, for fun, adventure, open to permanent, if true, H/W proportionate, not necessary. **T1083**

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic SWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks SWDFW, 30-35, NS, with passion. **T1263**

LIMITED TIME OFFER
Attractive, slim, physically fit, dressed SF, 49, 5'6", 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, enjoys exercising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning new things. Seeking very active, athletic, SWF, 25-35, physical fit. **T1128**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art, fair, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some music. Seeking open, to seek, seeking SWF with similar interests, for friendship first. **T1222**

PEOPLE PERSON
DWF, 5'2", 125lbs, medium build, blonde/brown, looks, pretty smile, one child, likes traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SWM, 40-52, for friendship first, possible committed relationship. **T1166**

DO WE...
meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF, with vivacious personality, for a possible relationship. **T1467**

PEOPLE PERSON
DWF, 5'2", 125lbs, medium build, blonde/brown, looks, pretty smile, one child, likes traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SWM, 40-52, for friendship first, possible committed relationship. **T1166**

MAIL OR FAX YOUR FREE PERSONAL AD TODAY!

I'd like my ad to appear in the following category:

Women Seeking Men

Men Seeking Women

Sports Interests

The following information is confidential and necessary to send out instructions you will need:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Send to: Personal Scene, P.O. Box 15592, Boston, MA 02215-5592
Or FAX us at: 1-800-397-4444

You can place a FREE Personal ad, 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling our automated ad taking service.

Or if you'd like help in crafting your personal, you can talk to our customer service reps from 8:30am to 11pm.

Monday thru Friday, 10am to 6pm.

Sunday, then you'll record a FREE voice greeting in which you can talk a little bit about yourself and the person you'd like to meet. You can pick up your messages at your leisure and call anyone who interests you. The best part, it's all FREE.

To place your FREE personal, 24 hours a day, call

1-800-518-5445

or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the 900 number or call toll free and use your credit card. You can listen to as many ads as you like and get to know more about the person from the sound of their voice. Then leave a message for the one or ones that intrigue you. All that's left is to have a great date, it's that easy.

To listen and respond to ads that interest you, call the

Meeting Area Singles Just Got Easier

To Place Your FREE Ad Call: 1-800-739-3639

24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week
And Start Meeting People Who Want to Meet You!

Females Seeking Males

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

This shy and friendly DWCP, mom, 42, 5'2", who enjoys reading, movies, music and antiques, is looking forward to meeting a SWCM, 40-44, to spend quality time with. Ad#1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST

Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCF, 39, 5'8", who loves skiing, hiking, canoeing and sunsets. If you're a SWCM, 34-45, who loves nature, give her a call. Ad#1573

NATURE'S BEST

You'll love getting to know this outgoing SWCF, 39, 5'8", who loves skiing, hiking, canoeing and sunsets. If you're a SWCM, 34-45, who loves nature, give her a call. Ad#1573

SPIRITUAL PARTNER

I'm a pretty, fit, non-denominational SWF, 45, who believes we are all spirits and knows the lessons of life. God wants us to have. If you are a SM, who shares the same beliefs, call now. Ad#9872

GIFT FROM GOD

Friendly, kind-hearted and romantic describes this SWCF, 43, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, whose interests music, quiet times and good conversations, is looking to meet a SCM, 40-50, who loves the Lord, animals and laughter. Ad#1230

FOR FOREVER

This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#4455

COMMITMENT

Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining-out, and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#1024

GOOD COMPANY

Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad#9438

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS

Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad#4108

NEW HORIZONS

Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad#2218

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

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

SEEKING A SOUL MATE

This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a pleasant relationship. Ad#7775

FOCUS HERE

This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#1706

HEART OF GOLD

Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#1237

Observer & Eccentric

brings you:

The Christian Meeting Place

The easy way to meet area Christian singles.

ABOVE AVERAGE

Friendly SWF, 60, 5'4", 130lbs., who enjoys movies, socializing and fine wine, is seeking a SWJM, 50-75, for a possible relationship. Ad#7777

LOVES THE LORD

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

FOR KEEPS

This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar interests. Ad#4240

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#2652

HERE SHE IS...

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

IS IT YOU?

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

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#8888

HEAVEN SENT

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

JUST US

SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#2814

SHARE MY FAITH

This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad#7575

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#6354

LETS START ANEW

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

A TREASURE

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#8317

UP FOR IT ALL

Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keeping active, is seeking an easygoing, monogamous SWM, 48-60. Ad#3747

A PEACEFUL MAN

Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#4278

To Respond to These Ads

or Browse Hundreds More

in Our System

Call: 1-900-933-1118

ONLY \$1.98 per minute. Charges will appear on your monthly telephone bill. You must be 18 years of age or older and have a touchtone phone to use this service.

AN ANGEL

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

CIRCLE THIS AD

Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 35, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#1514

CHILDLESS

SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#1777

A REAL TRUE HEART

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

HEAVEN SENT

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

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS

Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches

Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#1510

DOWN-TO-EARTH

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

FOCUS HERE

This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad#1301

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#3580

CALL ME SOON

This friendly DWCM, 52, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and bowling, would like to share companionship and good times with a SWF, who can appreciate a wonderful guy who knows how to treat a lady. Ad#8267

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#1534

CONFIDENTIAL

To place an ad by recording your voice greeting, call 1-800-739-3539, enter option 1, 24 hours a day. To listen to ads or leave your message, call 1-800-933-1118, \$1.98 per minute, enter option 1. To browse through personal voice greetings, call 1-800-933-1118, \$1.98 per minute, enter option 2. To listen to messages, call 1-800-739-3539, enter option 2, once a week for \$1.98 per minute, enter option 3. To renew, change or cancel your ad, call customer service at 1-800-273-5077.

COMMON BOND

Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60, if you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#1445

JUST YOU AND I

Athletic SWM, 40, 6', enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#2739

LEAVE A MESSAGE

Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#6789

CONTACT ME

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

HAVE YOU SEEN..

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

LISTEN TO ME

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

Service provided by

Christian Meeting Place Inc.
5678 Main Street, Williamsburg, NY 14221

Christian Meeting Place is available exclusively for Christian potential romantic relationships with like-minded individuals. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad. Please employ discretion and caution when responding to ads, avoid solitary meetings, and meet only in public places.

GF, LD

0125

Thursday, January 27, 2000

O&E

Classifications 700 to 828

(NO)11C

710 Estate Sales**AN ESTATE SALE****23131
MURRAY
DEARBORN**

MURRAY runs between Outer Drive and North Martha, 2 streets north of Cherry Hill.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
(10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Total Liquidation! Hall-free with metal shelf; twin armoires; twin loveseats; twin walnut bookcases; glass-on-glass dining room table; vintage clothing; much miscellany!

A. & T. SALES
248-877-0880/Schecter**ANNOUNCING
2 GREAT SALES**

By Everything Goes

#1. Fri-Sat. Jan 28-29, 10-4.

• 30811 Franklin Rd.

Franklin Village, Dearborn.

Fr. Sat. P.M. 13 Mi.

COMPLETE STRUCTURE

& ALL FURNISHINGS

Leaded glass kitchen cabi-

nets • appliances • fieldstone

• decking • skylights • all win-

dows & doors • heat & a/c,

pines T&G paneling • 2-baths

• pine armoire • ash dining

set • oriental display & china

cabinets • display & sofa

groups • pair mission sets

• 2 complete bedroom sets

• custom lacquered linen

cabinets • occasional fur-

iture • TVs • sports • art-

work & tons more!

#2. Fri-Sat. Jan 28-29, 10-4.

973 ORCHARD LAKE RD.

S.E. corner Orchard Lk Rd. &

Telegraph, 1/2 mi. from

Bloomfield Home Depot.

6000 SCLT. WAREHOUSE

filled with bedroom & dining

room sets • sofa groups •

wall units • curio & china cab-

inets • artwork • chairs,

tables • household accesso-

ries • appliances • jewelry •

TV's • chandeliers • lamps •

displays & so much more! All

at name your own price!

(Credit cards • Delivery)

Sale Holline 248-988-1077

everything-goes.com

ESTATE SALES

BY IRIS

Complete Household Sale Mgmt.

• APPRAISALS • Auctions •

• Will Buy Complete Inventory •

248-626-7723

Appraiser & Liquidator

For 35 Years In Metro Area.

GREEN TREES

ESTATE SALE

Fri. Sat. Jan. 28-29

10 am - 4 pm

5319 Lauren Ct., Bloomfield

Hills, Take Lake Lane Rd. N of

Quinton, just west of Lahser,

right on Lauren Ct.

Sofas, chairs, tables, Henredon

bedroom, maple bedrooms

rugs, some antiques. Upright

freezer, new washer, TVs,

lamps, model ships, figurines,

books, records, bookware,

decorative accessories, ladies

clothing and much misc.

HOUSEHOLD

SALES

CONDUCTED BY

Lilly M.

& COMPANY

Call Toll Free in 610 / 713 area

1-800-558-8851

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALE

Fri. & Sat. Jan 28 & 29, 9:30am

to 4pm. Many misc. household

items, furniture, 4747 Walnut Lk

Rd., Between Franklin & Inkster.

Open Sat. 1/29, 12-4pm.

COMMERCE TWP., Sat., Sun.

10 to 4, 3855 S. Commerce Rd.

bet. Oakley Park & Commerce

MOVING OUT of state! Antiques,

furniture, art, household, 235 E.

Lincoln, W Woodward/N 14, Fri.

Jan 28, 10-4pm. All Must Go!

PLYMOUTH TWP. - Sat. Jan 28

10-4:30pm, 1542 Waverly, off

Ann Arbor Tr/W of Haggerty.

REDFORD - Indoor moving sale,

Furniture, TV, housewares,

books, tools, antiques, and much

more! Sat. Jan 29, 9-5. 24802

Schoolcraft, W. of Telegraph.

★ Celebrating 25 Years *

MINK COAT, like new, \$575.

Muskrat knee length, excellent

condition, \$575. 248-624-4310

MINK COAT, 52" length, 68"

sweat, 52 skin. Truly spectacu-

lar! \$2000. 734-453-0666

RANCH MINK COAT - Also

beige mink jacket, both size 6.

By appointment. (248) 851-8607

★ Celebrating 25 Years *

MINK Caplet, like new, \$575.

Muskrat knee length, excellent

condition, \$575. 248-624-4310

MINK COAT, 52" length, 68"

sweat, 52 skin. Truly spectacu-

lar! \$2000. 734-453-0666

BARELY USED Queen bed

w/frame, 100% Walnut enterta-

ment center, \$75. Beige sofa &

loveseat, \$150.

(734) 946-8099

BEAUTIFUL BED - Brand new

name brand Queen Mattress set in

plastic, retails \$899, sell \$695. King

734-599-8546

SOFA, Loveseat, Chair, 100%

Italian leather, unused, still in

box. Cost \$4500, sacrifice

\$1650. (248) 514-6122

BEDROOM, DINING ROOM

& Office Furniture

Call: (248) 626-6557

BEDROOMS - complete sets

dunhill modern, solid teak \$1700

or light cherry veneer \$1300.

Double futon, 72" x 36", lamp

\$225. All like new! 25" RCA TV

& VCR offer. 248-352-7011

716 Household Goods**718 Appliances**GE - Water Softener, \$500.
After 6pmAMAZINGLY LOW PRICES!
Wolf Tanning Beds, Buy Factory

Direct, Excellent Service, Flexi-

ble Financing Available, Home/

Commercial Units, FREE Color

Catalog 1-800-842-1310.

CERAMIC MOLDS - approxi-

mately 175 Ceramic Molds for

Sale. \$2 to \$3 each. \$2 each if

you take them all. Call (810) 225-0008

COKE MACHINE, model 273A,

1949, completely restored. 1930

blowout machine. 248-706-0010

18" DIRECTV Satellite System,

Single System Only \$9.00 Down

\$1000.00. Ask about

TELE PROGRAMMING Authorized

Distributor. Call (810) 225-0008

www.integratedsatellite.com

#10015286 Code #00111

(SCA Network)

FERRETS (2) - cage/accesso-

ries, bad allergies, \$50. Gas GE

dryer, \$50. 248-478-8142

STEEL BUILDINGS, New, Must

Sell \$10,400-\$12,000

\$6,890. 40'x60'x14' was \$16,400

\$10,200x16' was \$10,500

\$9,990. 40'x60'x12' was \$10,000

\$7,500. 40'x60'x10' was \$8,990

\$6,900. 40'x60'x8' was \$7,500

\$6,000. 40'x60'x6' was \$5,500

\$4,500. 40'x60'x4' was \$3,500

\$2,500. 40'x60'x2' was \$1,500

\$1,000. 40'x60'x1' was \$500

\$300. 40'x60'x8' was \$1,000

\$800. 40'x60'x6' was \$600

\$400. 40'x60'x4' was \$400

\$200. 40'x60'x2' was \$200

\$100. 40'x60'x1' was \$100

\$50. 40'x60'x8' was \$50

\$25. 40'x60'x6' was \$25

\$15. 40'x60'x4' was \$15

\$8. 40'x60'x2' was \$8

\$4. 40'x60'x1' was \$4

\$2. 40'x60'x8' was \$2

\$1. 40'x60'x6' was \$1

\$0.50. 40'x60'x4' was \$0.50

\$0.25. 40'x60'x2' was \$0.25



800's Autos/RVs

800...Airplanes
802...Boats/Motors
803...Boat Parts
Equipment/Service
804...Boat Docks/Marinas
805...Boat/Vehicle Storage
806...Insurance, Motor
807...Motorcycles/Motorbikes/
Go-Karts
808...Motorcycles-Parts &
Service
809...Off Road Vehicles
810...Recreational Vehicles
811...Snowmobiles
812...Campers/Motor Homes/
Trailers
814...Construction, Heavy
Equipment
815...Auto Misc.
816...Auto/Truck-Parts & Service
817...Auto Rentals/Leasing
818...Auto Financing
819...Autos Wanted
820...Junk Cars Wanted
822...Trucks For Sale
824...Min-Vans
826...Vans
828...Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

828 Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

828 Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

FORD RANGER 1991 XLT - 4x4, V6, 2dr., auto, runs & looks good, \$4500. (734) 513-6716

GMC 1995 JIMMY SLE, 4x4, 4 door, leather, Loloach, 75K, \$12,500. (734) 427-7012

GMC 1993 Jimmy SLT, 4x4, black, leather, 73K, miles, \$7,995. (734) 464-3028

GRAND CHEROKEE 1993 LTD, Loves snow! New tires. Loaded, \$8800. 248-661-5538

830...Sports & Imported
832...Antique/Classic Collector
Cars

834...Acura
836...Buick
838...Cadillac
840...Chevrolet
842...Chrysler
844...Dodge
846...Eagle
848...Ford
850...Geo
852...Honda
854...Lexus
856...Lincoln
858...Mazda
860...Mercury
861...Mitsubishi
864...Nissan
866...Plymouth
868...Pontiac
870...Saturn
874...Volkswagen

830 Sports & Imported

CORVETTE 1985 4-tops, 1 owner, 39K, 1st \$10,000 takes. Will consider trade for equity in land contract.

TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

MERCEDES 1999 S420 Black/black, mint condition \$88,900/best. (248) 625-6407

SAAB 1997 900 SE-Turbo. Perfect condition. 9500 miles. Loaded. Black w/ tan interior. \$19,500/best. (610) 247-5788

SEVILLE 1993 - all black, charcoal leather, Norther System, \$10,500 only \$9,999.

TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

INTEGRA 1990, good condition, Burgundy, 136K, air, sunroof, spoiler, \$2,800. 248-565-7518

INTEGRA 1995 LS - excellent condition, 4 door, 97K power, sunroof, \$9500. 248-288-3332

BUICK 1996 Grand Cherokee Ltd, loaded, sharp, 35K miles, power, leather, am/fm, CD cassette, \$16,900.

PARK AVENUE 1987, Black, rebuilt motor, good condition, \$2,800. Call after 6:30pm 248-335-4983

CAVALIER 1997 4dr, auto 2.4L, loaded, exceptional! \$7800. 248-855-2349

CAVALIER 1998 - new engine & brakes, manual trans, \$5500. After 5pm: (248) 473-4008

CAVALIER 1995 Z24 red, 5 speed, all power, keyless, alarm, 58K, \$7750. 734-422-5791

ESCORT 1998 LX - dark red, 4 door, air, steel, \$8999.

TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CASH - For your used car. Dealer needs cars. My wife says I pay too much. For phone appraisal. TYME 734-455-5566

CONTOUR 1995, low miles, well maintained, super clean, \$6,000. 734-422-4936

CONTOUR 1998 SE - Sport V6 auto, power windows, a/c, 42K, blue, \$11,200. (248) 349-3669

CROWN VICTORIA 1995, 75,000 miles, trailer pkg, wintered in Florida, 248-888-1349

Taurus 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TEMPO 1990 - 4 dr., auto, air, cruise, tilt, power, super clean, no rust. \$2650. 313-255-5376

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TEMPO 1990 - 4 dr., auto, air, cruise, tilt, power, super clean, no rust. \$2650. 313-255-5376

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

TAURUS 1998 - 74,000 miles, loaded, clean, \$5,500. (248) 358-2574

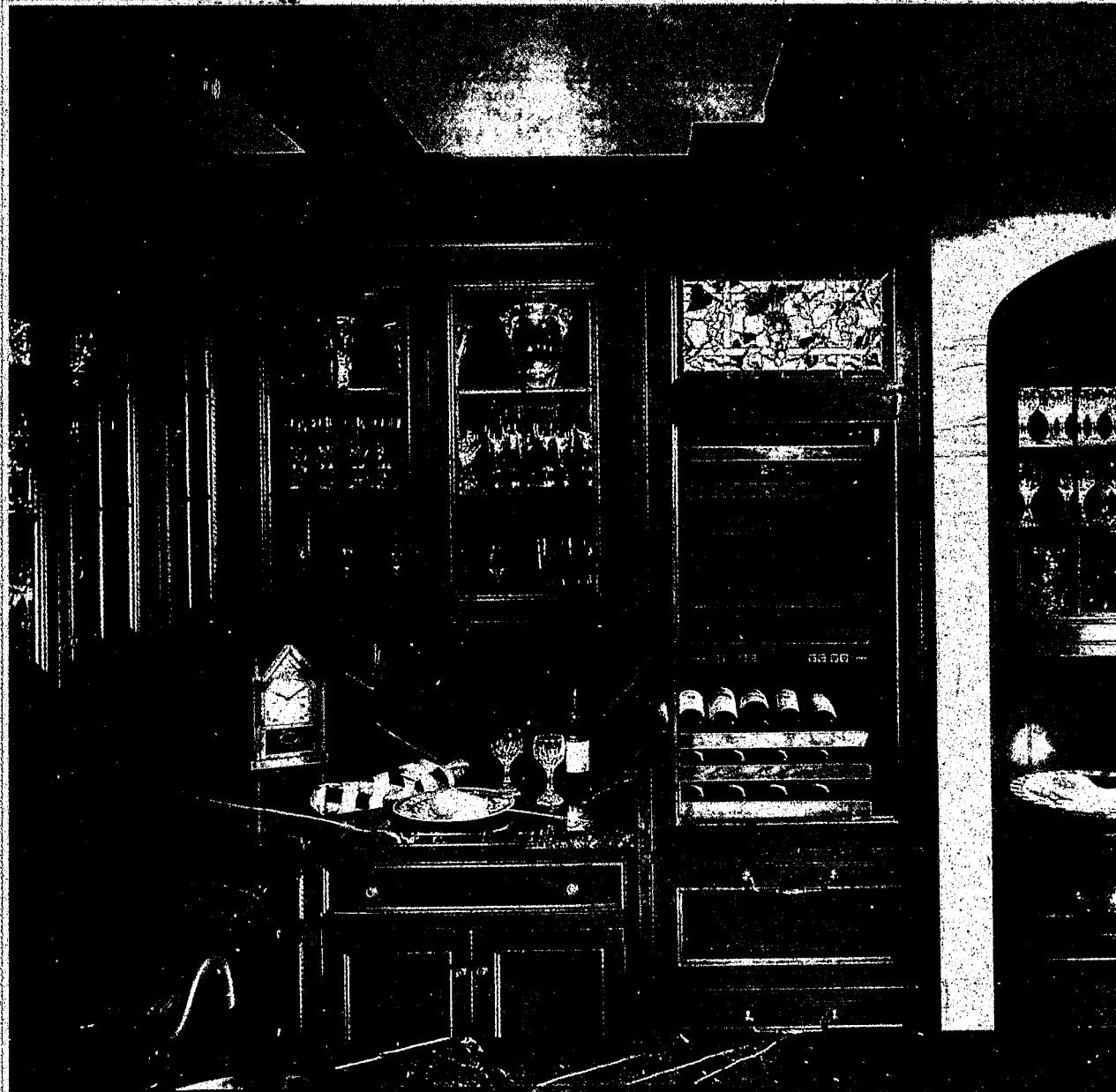
TAURUS 1998 SE - 4dr, 24V engine, spoiler, White, Sharp, clean, \$12,395. 248-305-5284

TAURUS 1997 SHO - completely loaded, moonroof, 8 disc, CD, 39K, premium extended warranty, \$13,600/best. 734-597-8226

TAURUS 1998 silver, 6 cyl, ABS, 6 CD, power windows/locks, \$12,000. 248-360-8051

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000 • THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC® NEWSPAPERS

AT HOME



COVER STORY: Wine storage units help with serving. Page 6

Also Inside:

Inviting Ideas, Page 2 • Appliance Doctor, Page 9 • Handyman Hints, Page 10

inviting ideas

Families share great recipes, stories



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

Some families are blessed to have wonderful recipes handed down through generations.

Several weeks ago, Nell (Petronilla) Benedict, a well-known local cooking teacher, along with a group of culinary friends, had lunch at my house. They had been invited to taste the new recipes I had developed for the American Heart Association's new revised "Low-Salt Cookbook."

As a hostess gift, Nell brought me a copy of her new cookbook, "Italian Recipes from Nell's Cucina: Treasured Dishes and Memories." This is a book she wrote specifically to share with her family. Her recipes (more than 150 of them) are filled with treasured memories and luscious fresh ingredients.

Nell often shares her recipes in the classes she teaches at The Community House in Birmingham, where she has been a constant presence for many

years.

You can buy her book for \$15, plus \$2 for shipping and handling (send a check, made payable to Petronilla Benedict, to Lisa Schalon, Cooper Iverson Marketing, 3900 5th Avenue, No. 280, San Diego, Calif. 92103.)

Joan Tropiano Tucci and Gianni Scapin, with Mimi Shanley Taft, have recently penned and prepared "Cucina & Famiglia: Two Italian Families Share Their Stories, Recipes and Traditions," published by William Morrow and Company Inc., 1999 (hardcover \$25). The forward is by filmmaker and actor Stanley Tucci.

While their book wasn't specifically done for family members, it certainly shares the favorite recipes prepared for their family over the years (more than 200 of them), combining the flavors of the South and North. Joan blends her spicy Calabrian dishes with Gianni's flavors from the Veneto.

Included is Tropiano Tucci's authentic, family recipe for the Timpone, made famous in son Stanley's 1996 film, "Big Night."

It may just be the time to start collecting your family recipes. Have family

members over, trade stories, recipes and prepared dishes, or try some delicious recipes from "Italian Recipes from Nell's Cucina" and "Cucina & Famiglia." I'm inspired!

MAMMA'S BRACIOLINI DE MANZO (STUFFED BEEF ROLLS)

(From "Italian Recipes from Nell's Cucina")

Yield: 8 servings

8 thin slices of lean beef, such as sirloin tip or other cut measuring 4 by 5 inches

Flour mixture: combine 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper

8 slices boiled ham

8 hard cooked eggs, coarsely chopped

8 slices salami (such as Genoa) cut into strips

8 green onions (including 2 inches of the green part), coarsely chopped

1/4 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

8 slices Provolone or Mozzarella cheese, cut into strips

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground pepper

Poultry string or twine

Sauce:

2 tablespoons olive oil

3-4 cloves garlic, peeled and coarsely chopped

1 (28-ounce) can tomato sauce

1 teaspoon oregano

1/2 cup water

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground pepper

10-ounce package frozen peas

Pasta cooked according to package directions and well drained

In a mixing bowl, combine eggs, salami, onions, Parmesan (or Romano) cheese and Provolone (or Mozzarella) cheese, salt and pepper. Set aside.

Lay beef on a hard, flat surface and pound to 1/8-inch thickness with a mallet. Place a slice of ham on each slice of beef. Divide mixture from bowl into equal portions and spoon onto bottom portions of beef. Roll up, turning in the sides. Tie in 3 places with string. Coat lightly with flour mixture.

To prepare the sauce, heat olive oil in large pan and sauté garlic until soft. Add the remainder of sauce ingredients. Place meat roll in the sauce and bring to a boil.

Cover tightly. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Remove rolls to a plate and reduce sauce if too thin (by continuing to simmer). Return beef rolls to sauce and add

the peas. Stir until heated through. Remove the string from rolls and serve beef over your favorite pasta, spooning sauce and peas over the top.

RAGÙ TUCCI (MEAT-BASED TOMATO SAUCE TUCCI-STYLE)

(From "Cucina & Famiglia")

Yield: 8 Servings

1/4 cup olive oil

1 pound stewing beef, trimmed of fat, rinsed, patted dry, and cut into pieces

1 pound country-style spareribs, trimmed of fat, cut in half, rinsed, and patted dry

1 cup roughly chopped onions

3 cloves garlic, roughly chopped

1/2 cup dry red wine

One 6-ounce can tomato paste

1 1/2 cups warm water

8 cups canned whole plum tomatoes (about two 35-ounce cans), passed through a food mill or pureed in the blender

3 fresh basil leaves

1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano leaves, or 1 teaspoon dried

Warm the olive oil in a stew pot set over medium-high heat. Sear the stewing beef until brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Remove from the pot and set aside in a bowl. Add the spareribs to the pot and sear until they are brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Remove the ribs and set aside in the bowl with the stewing beef. (If your pot is big enough to hold all of the meat in a single layer, it may be cooked at the same time.)

Stir the onions and garlic into the pot. Reduce the heat to low and cook until the onions begin to soften and lose their shape, about 5 minutes. Stir in the wine, scraping the bottom of the pot clean. Add the tomato paste. Pour 1/2 cup of the warm water into the can to loosen any residual paste and then pour the water into the pot. Cook to warm the paste through, about 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes along with the remaining 1 cup warm water. Stir in the basil and oregano. Cover with the lid slightly askew and simmer to sweeten the tomatoes, about 30 minutes.

Return the meat to the pot, along with any juices that have accumulated in the bowl. Cover with the lid slightly askew and simmer, stirring frequently, until the meat is very tender and the tomatoes are cooked, about 2 hours.

Please see JOHNSTON, D4

TREMENDOUS SAVINGS AT OUR WAREHOUSE

SALE

2 DAYS ONLY!

Saturday & Sunday
JANUARY 29 & 30

60% OFF*

HUGE SHIPMENT OF FINE FURNITURE JUST ARRIVED FROM ITALY

Choose from a great selection of
Leather Sofas • Love Seats • Chairs • Bedrooms
Dining Rooms Occasional • Exotic Italian Woods
Tables & More!

TRULY INCREDIBLE SAVINGS!

50% OFF*

Everything Else In The Warehouse
FROM NATUZZI LEATHER • BERNHARDT
ELLO • EXCELSIOR • WEIMAN

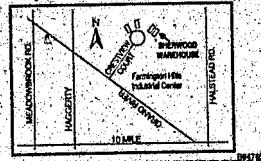
SHERWOOD STUDIOS WAREHOUSE
24760 Crestview Court • Farmington Hills

(248) 478-3780

Groups Sold as Complete Sets
Immediate Delivery • All Sales Final

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10 AM - 5 PM

*Mr. Sugg Retail





marketplace



Delightfully dishy

Special service: Terra Firma's ceramic dish is perfect for serving or displaying alone as a beautiful centerpiece. Designed by Ellen Eudus, the dish is handpainted with grapes and leaves in muted greens. The look is complete with a faux wood border with leaves. The dish retails for \$70 at Jacobson's.



Soft touch

Furry and friendly: Bear artist DonnaMaria Pilot of Livonia recycles special garments that have been put away, such as Mom's old fur or Grandma's old stole, by transforming them into beautiful Teddy bears. Her bears are completely handcrafted and jointed, with each one having its own personality. They range in size from an 8-inch cub to a "bearly" large 32 inches. The artist can also create a Teddy bear from mohair or synthetic fur. Prices include \$75 for 13 inches, \$100 for 18 inches, and \$150 for 25 inches. (Some furs may be additional.) Call (248) 615-1697.



Party on

Something to celebrate: 1-800-PARTY SHOp is a one-stop party shop, with gifts and accessories available to match every party theme. Through its more than 100 "Theme Parties in a Box™," everything for a party can be ordered with a phone call or secure on-line and delivered to the client's door. Gift items include the Peaceful Pair®, featuring a peace lily and a Beta fish. The fish lives off the roots of the plant and reduces the algae in the water. Little maintenance is involved. Cost is \$39.95 plus local sales tax and \$6.95 priority mail. An example of a party set is the Super Bowl Theme Party. The basic party set includes napkins, dinner and dessert plates, table cover, cutlery and cups (for eight people; cost is \$22.50 plus shipping and handling); the deluxe party set contains those articles along with metallic crepe in two colors, curling ribbon and balloons (for eight people; cost is \$33.99 plus shipping and handling). Call (248) 952-5137 or visit ccawatson@cs.com

AT HOME • Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to:

Mary Klemic, At Home

805 E. Maple

Birmingham, MI 48009

Or e-mail at mklemic@oe.homecomm.net

Gardening books inspire, energize



MARTY FIGLEY

January is almost over, but it's still not the time to dig in the garden. Instead, we can get energized by studying some books about gardening and related subjects.

The first book discussed this month is quite a

departure from others we've seen. It is "Rustic Garden Architecture," Ralph Kylloe (\$37.95, Gibbs Smith).

The many photographs show excellent examples of this craft. Kylloe traces its history from the earliest gardens to today. A how-to section will help would-be crafters get started.

One Michiganian, Clifton Monteith (P.O. Box 9, Lake Ann 49650; phone (616) 275-6560), is included in the source list of rustic furniture makers.

"Treasured Perennials," Graham Stuart Thomas (\$39.95, Sagapress), is a treasure itself.

Thomas is now 90 years of age. In the introduction he shares some early mem-

ories, then in the final chapter three of A.E. Housman's poems that he has set to music.

His writing flows effortlessly as he shares his thoughts and knowledge about more than 200 plants that are his favorites, among them hardy Ferns, Dicots, hardy Grasses, Monocots and hardy Orchids. Many of the photographs were taken by Thomas.

"Window Boxes, Indoors and Out," James Cramer and Dean Johnson (\$27.50, Artisan), contains much information for all kinds of these flower containers.

The authors use such diverse things as an iron window grate to an old breadbox to a hollow Hubbard squash. Soil mix recipes for various plantings are included; listings of seasonal plants help with design.

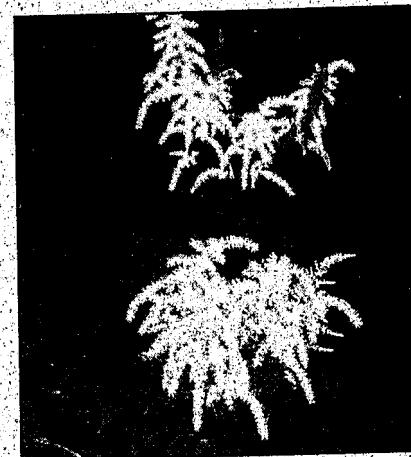
The ideas are boundless and these very creative people may inspire readers to look at possible containers in a different way and to try something new.

The intention of author Peter Valder in "The Garden Plants of China" (\$49.95, Timber Press) is "to bring together... some of the available information about the history, occurrence, use and symbolism of Chinese garden plants."

Many of the plants we grow in our gardens originated in China, such as the Peony, Camellia, Azalea and Wisteria. The book details more than 400 plants and provides many fascinating facts about their origins. We learn about horticultural practices that are used and are treated to photos that may entice many to travel to that country.

"Garden Whimsy," Tovah Martin and Richard Brown (\$30, Houghton Mifflin), encourages us to "put a little fun in the garden."

"True whimsy has its basis in creativity," Martin writes. "It's practiced by people who see things from a slightly different angle... they don't care what the neighbors think of their color combinations or their taste; I see them as trendsetters."



MARTY FIGLEY
Treasure: The Astilbe is just one of many perennials mentioned in Graham Stuart Thomas' book.

good a teacher as the beautiful man-made gardens are. The captions point up the important features of each photo. Think color, foliage, contrasts, harmony, innovations, visions, etc. and beauty will reward.

A bonus is a "walk" through the author's garden.

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

Johnston
from page D2

Warm water may be added to the sauce, in 1/2-cup portions; if the sauce becomes too thick (if you have made meatballs, they may be added during the last half hour of cooking). The meatballs will soften and absorb some of the sauce.)

Note: When preparing ragù for timpano, only the sauce is used and the meat is served as a separate course. The sauce for timpano should be thin, so measure out 7 1/2 cups of prepared sauce and stir in 1/2-cup water before proceeding with the timpano recipe.

Variation: Sweet Italian sausage may be added to this sauce. Sauté it after the spareribs and then proceed with the recipe as written.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

Super Bowl Weekend

TIFFANY LAMPS

1/2 Off

Any
Tiffany
Shade
in Stock.

All sizes.
Discounts off reg.
prices.

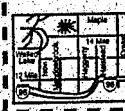
Large selection
quality stained
glass shades,
suitable for floor
or table lamps.
Also may be
wired as pendant.
All hardware available.

AD GOOD THRU 1-30-00

M, T, W, Sat. 10-6
Thurs.-Fri. 11-8
Sun. 12-4

(N.W. Corner) • 14 Mile at Haggerty

248-669-2440



SHADY business



**DICK'S
UPHOLSTERY**

Since 1979

**Start the New Year
with a new look!**

- Custom Upholstering
- Custom Slipcovers
- Beautiful Designer Fabrics

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

10% off all Fabrics now
through February 11th

(248) 471-6590

19162 Farmington Road • North of 7 Mile Road in Livonia

CLASSIC INTERIORS FURNITURE

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SALE!

4 DAYS ONLY!

FRI.
SAT.
SUN.
MON.

1/28
1/29
1/30
1/31

SAVE 40% OFF

EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!

MAKE YOUR PURCHASE OVER \$3,500.00 AND

WE'LL PAY YOUR
6% SALES TAX

- PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE
- BOB TIMBERLAKE
- KING HICKORY
- HEKMAN
- SUPERIOR
- CHARLESTON FORGE
- SLIGH
- THOMASVILLE
- NICHOLS & STONE
- LEXINGTON
- CONOVER
- HITCHCOCK
- HOWARD MILLER
- BUTLER
- DINAIRO
- HARDEN
- BRADINGTON-YOUNG
- HOOKER
- CANAL DOVER
- STIFFEL
- JASPER CABINET
- and many more!*



CLASSIC INTERIORS FURNITURE

20292 MIDDLEBELT, LIVONIA
(South of 8 Mile)

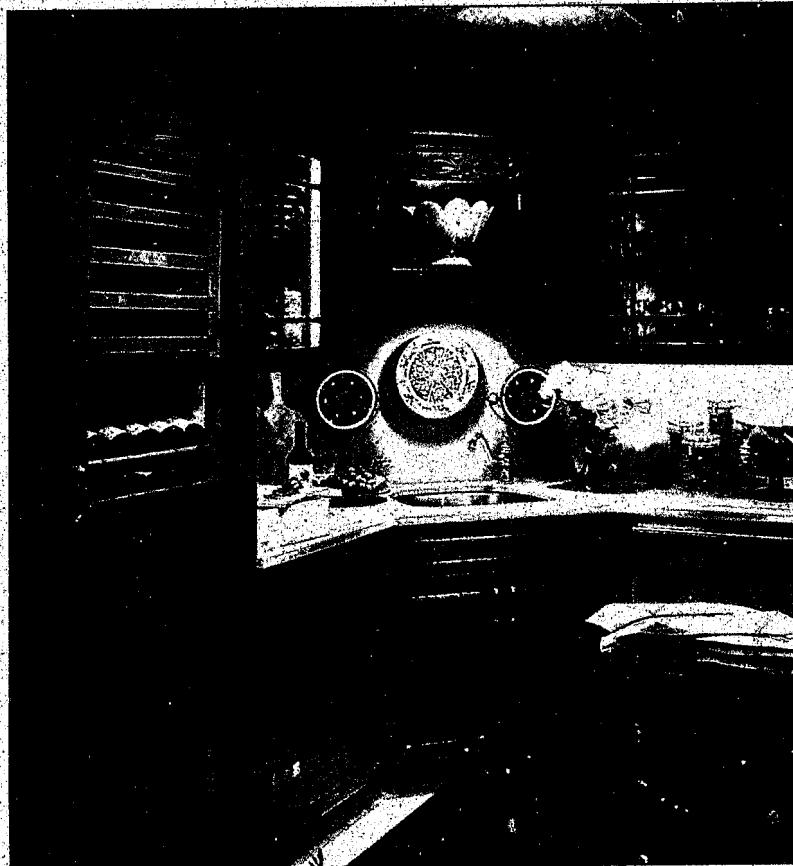
(248) 474-6900



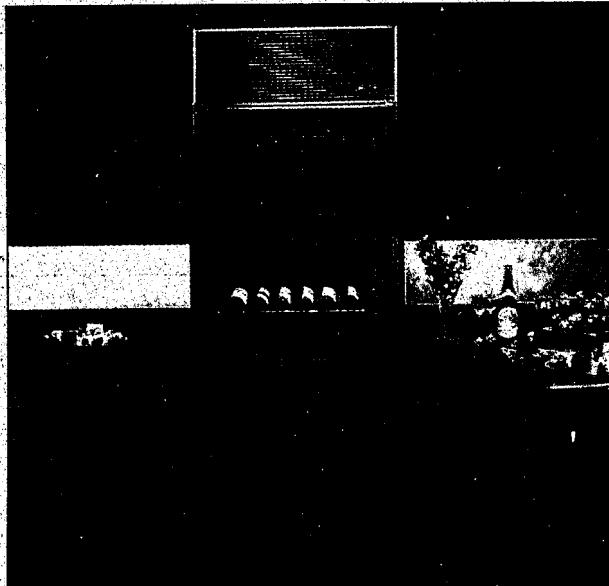
Mon., Thurs., Fri.
9:30-9
Tues., Wed., Sat.
9:30-5:30
Open Sun. 1-5

* All Discounts Are Off Manufacturers Suggested Retail Prices.
* All Previous Sales Excluded
* Offer Not Valid in Conjunction With Any Other Promotional Discounts.

Visit us at www.classicint.com



From storing to pouring: Sub-Zero's upright models in its 400 Series of wine storage equipment maintain levels of light, temperature and humidity to protect wine. They will be featured at the Home Improvement Show in Novi starting next week.



Different sizes: Sub-Zero's smallest wine storage unit fits under a counter (at right). All of the other units include a tilted display shelf (above) to showcase prized collections.

Storage units

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

Goldilocks knew when porridge was too hot, too cold and just right. Adults in real life can often tell when wine is served at just the right temperature. Warm white wine can taste dull, and cold red wine can lose its scent and flavor, wine experts say.

Sub-Zero's 400 Series of wine storage equipment helps with wine preservation in the home. Trevarrow Inc. of Auburn Hills will feature the units among its display of kitchen and home appliances at the eighth annual Home Improvement Show™, taking place Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-6, at the Novi Expo Center.

Trevarrow will be one of more than 300 exhibitors presenting interesting and up-to-date products and services for the home. The show, sponsored by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), will also feature special events. (See related stories.)

"The Home Improvement Show lets homeowners visualize their home's potential," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of the BIA and of Kellett Construction Company of Bloomfield Hills.

For many homeowners, particularly wine enthusiasts, this potential includes storing wine properly. Wine preservation units are becoming increasingly popular.

"They're doing very well," Jim Miller, Trevarrow regional manager, said of the units. "They definitely hit a hot button."





er story

s help protect wine

row wants to educate consumers about wine stor-

ing wine properly) prolongs the life of the wine," Kevin Gawronski of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, says. "Wine is stable under certain conditions; it is altered with the increase in heat."

Miller's units are certainly for wine enthusiasts; others may want different types of refrigeration units. "A wine enthusiast will know about wine storage (elements) important — light, temperature, humidity," Miller says.

0 Series models include two separate refrigeration compartments with independent temperature zones that can range anywhere between 38 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit, for short or long-term storage.

Glass doors of the units are designed to prevent direct sunlight from harming the wine. They can be glass that is clear or ultraviolet light, or solid; the solid doors can be finished with stainless steel or can be paneled to integrate with existing cabinetry.

Other features are a digital readout; electronic controls; an indicator to notify when service is necessary; rustproof metal shelves that can accommodate half-bottles, bottles and magnums; discreet lighting that is independent of the door opening; wood-grain shelves; and optional locks.

Humidity stays at a level of 60 percent, to keep corks from drying out. All of the display shelves in the models are adjustable so that the wine remains in contact with the

cork.

The Model 424 is the smallest of the four Sub-Zero units. Designed for undercounter use, it has five shelves and a 46-bottle capacity.

The Model 427, a full upright unit, stores 132 bottles on 14 shelves. Its front-tilted display shelf showcases six bottles.

A display shelf for six bottles is also featured in the Model 427R. This model incorporates a beverage/food center, with a full-upright wine storage unit and a two-drawer base unit for food and beverage storage. The model holds 78 bottles.

The largest unit is the Model 430. It has 14 shelves and a capacity of 147 bottles, and a tilted shelf to display seven bottles. Its grille design can be replaced with a panel to match surrounding cabinetry.

Prices of the units range from around \$1,978 to \$4,724.



Special events scheduled at Home Improvement Show

The program for guest appearances and home demonstrations at the eighth annual Home Improvement Show™ is below. The show is sponsored by the nonprofit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 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. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

Thursday, Feb. 3

7:30 p.m. — Beverly DeJulio, host of PBS' "HandyMa'am®" and The Discovery Channel's "Easy Does It," shares her how-to expertise by offering tips from repairs to improvements and redecorating that make life easier around the house.

2-10 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon, 3, 4:30, 6, 7 p.m. — Detroit Edison utility safety experts' presentations to caution people about electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines.

Friday, Feb. 4
3:30, 5:30, 7:30 p.m. — PBS and The Discovery Channel's Beverly DeJulio shares her how-to expertise.

2-10 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon, 3, 4:30, 6, 7 p.m. — Detroit Edison utility safety experts' presentations

12:30, 3:30, 7:30 p.m. — PBS and The Discovery Channel's Beverly DeJulio shares her how-to expertise.

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. live broadcast)

10 a.m. to noon — WXYT Radio "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage (live broadcast)

Noon to 2 p.m. — WXYT Radio "Money Talk" Rick Bloom (live broadcast)

Noon, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 7 p.m. — Detroit Edison utility safety experts' presentations

Noon to 3 p.m. — WDEO Radio "Murray Gula, The Home Improvement Doctor"

3-4 p.m. — WDEO Radio "Making Sense of Your Money" Joe Giordano

4-6 p.m. — WXYT Radio "PC Talk" Mike Wendland (live broadcast)

Sunday, Feb. 6

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. — PBS and The Discovery Channel's Beverly DeJulio shares her how-to expertise

10 a.m. to noon — WJR Radio "The Garden Show" with Dean Krauskopf (live broadcast)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon (noon to 2 p.m. live broadcast)

10 a.m. to noon — WXYT Radio "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage (live broadcast)

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. — Detroit Edison utility safety experts' presentations

Noon to 2 p.m. — WXYT Radio "Money Talk" Rick Bloom (live broadcast)

4-6 p.m. — WXYT Radio "PC Talk" Mike Wendland (live broadcast)

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom contest, sponsored by Mathison Supply, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio. The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new air masseur massage bathtub, sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed, all of which will be on display at the show.

'HandyMa'am' to appear at Novi show

Beverly DeJulio of PBS and The Discovery Channel will share her secrets with do-it-yourselfers at the eighth annual Home Improvement Show™ at the Novi Expo Center.

DeJulio can be seen on "HandyMa'am®" on PBS and "Easy Does It" on The Discovery Channel.

As seen on her popular television shows, she will take on a variety of projects at the show, such as decorating with old window frames, making a pot rack, building a fountain from plumbing parts and other easy decorating tips. (See schedule of events.)

Her how-to tips and talents include repairing, improving and redecorating, all with a sense of humor. DeJulio can be heard several times a week on WBBM-AM radio in Chicago. She is the author of a new book called "HandyMa'am," published by Dearborn Publishing.

A single parent of four small children with little money for home improvement or repairs, DeJulio's career began out of necessity.

It all started when her sump pump broke and she plunged right in. Trained as a dress designer/dressmaker, DeJulio applied many of the practical techniques she had learned to home improvement and repair projects.

"By following instructions, using the right tools and fitting pieces together correctly — anybody can be handy around the home. A little patience helps, too," she said.

DeJulio's success around the home led to her desire to share her knowledge with others.

She frequently travels the country appearing on national and local television programs and radio shows and is a columnist for Good Housekeeping Do It Yourself magazine. She conducts seminars and workshops to inspire others to save money and reap the wonderful feeling of satisfaction and self-worth that comes from a project well done.



celebrating family

Use pyramid to please picky eater



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

I often dread dinner time because I usually have to put on my combat boots and battle whining children who profess they don't like what they see being prepared for dinner.

I'll be the first one to admit my

husband and I aren't the perfect parents. We gave in to our youngsters too much when it came to mealtime. We became short-order cooks preparing one type of meal for ourselves, and grilled cheese, chicken tenders or hot dogs for the children. Now we are applying corrective measures to counteract our mistakes.

After trying just about every trick in the book to entice the children's finicky palates, we resorted to The Clean Plate Club. If they clean their plates, they are allowed to go to the treasure chest and pick out a small token. Call it bribery, but it works. (Remember, I never said we were perfect.)

Other families seem to have their own methods of helping their children along the nutrition highway. My family has simply taken a few too many detours along the way. The children are slow to try new things that are good for them compared to the "cruisers" who were taught good eating habits right off the bat.

But my children are beginning to open their minds to new tastes as they discover uncharted territory.

In addition to concerns about whether my children will eat what's put in front of them, it's an ongoing preoccupation wondering whether they are eating right.

If you are shaking your head in agreement, then check out the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children. You can find it on the department's Web site at www.usda.gov/cnpp. Print out the pyramid free of charge, or order the poster for \$5 by calling (202) 512-1800 (ask for stock number 001-00004665-9).

The chart, designed around children between the ages of 2 and 6, suggests foods your children actually like, includ-

ing peanut butter, cereal and yogurt. It recommends:

- Eating less fat and sweets
- Milk group: 2 servings (i.e. milk, yogurt, cheese)
- Meat group: 2 servings (i.e. lean meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, peanut butter)
- Vegetable group: 3 servings (i.e. raw or cooked vegetables, leafy vegetables)

■ Fruit group: 2 servings (i.e. fresh, canned or dried fruit, 100 percent fruit juice)

■ Grain group: 6 servings (i.e. bread, rice, pasta, cereal)

The corresponding work chart asks you to note what your child eats in one week by filling in the triangles and jotting down the foods. By the end of the week, you and your child will know whether more healthy foods need to be incorporated.

Make food fun by teaching your children new ways to appreciate it. There are dozens of child-friendly cookbooks offering healthy eating suggestions and ways to prepare food to make it look like it is fun to eat.

Let your children make happy sandwiches. Pour pancake batter in cookie cutters and create fun shapes. Throw in a treat by allowing the children to decorate the pancakes with chocolate chip eyes, a nose and a mouth.

The more you do now to promote good eating habits, the healthier direction your children will take down the nutrition superhighway through life.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and 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." Leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LHealy@aol.com.

America's Largest Ceramic and Stone Superstore

The Tile Shop

LEARN HOW TO INSTALL TILE
FREE INSTALLATION SEMINARS

DATES & TIME

Sat., Jan. 29th 9:30a.m.
Sat., Feb. 5th 9:30a.m.
Sat., Feb. 12th 9:30a.m.

• Free Financing Available!
• Free Design Consultation!
• No Restocking Fees!

Farmington
37025 Grand River Avenue
248-442-8888

Sterling Hghts.
7900 Nineteen Mile Road
810-731-9999

SUPERSTORE HOURS:
Mon-Fri 7am to 9pm.
Sat 9am to 5:30pm
Sun 11am to 5pm

at home calendar

■ English Gardens conducts free weekly seminars on various gardening topics. The seminars, open to the public, take place 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Topics will be "Starting Seeds Indoors" by Candy Rosowski, Jan. 27; and "Attracting Birds to Your Yard" by Chip Hickey, Feb. 3. Call (248) 851-7506 for information.

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. Ted Nelson will present "Nature of Kensington" garden photog-

raphy and slides. Non-member donation \$3.

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. Nine Mile. George Papadelis of Telly's Greenhouse will present "Gardens Around the World." Guests may attend.

■ Share your own personal slice of life with future generations by making a time capsule album. A class schedule Tuesday, Feb. 1, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, will show you how. The album is also a simple yet meaningful gift to make for family and friends. Call (248) 644-5832.

ENCORE
DESIGN & CONSIGN
HOME FURNISHINGS

NOW OPEN!!!
7 DAYS

Savvy Shopper... Know...
Buying & Selling Consigned Home
Furnishings Make Sense!

~ New & Consigned Upscale Home Furnishings
~ Outlet for New Quarantine Washed Furniture

23330 Farmington Road • Farmington
In Downtown Farmington Center
(Next to the Post Office)

248-426-0040

VISA
MasterCard
Discover
Amex
Diners Club
U.S. Bank
BankAmericard
VISA
MasterCard
Discover
Amex
Diners Club
U.S. Bank
BankAmericard

appliance doctor

Open the window while you cook



JOE GAGNON

I wrote a column about three years ago that pointed out the problems associated with carbon monoxide in the American kitchen from the use of a gas range. The words raised quite a stir with the utility companies in the area and I received a few phone calls taking me to task. I pointed out certain facts which were proven true and time seems to have healed any animosity created.

Today comes another story about gas ranges written by the Appliance Service News out of Chicago. Gas ranges may pose a health risk to persons who suffer from asthma, according to a study conducted by the University of California at San Francisco.

The study found that asthma sufferers who use gas ranges daily have a greater number of urgent visits to doctors and emergency rooms, and more

hospitalizations for their health problem than asthmatics who operate gas ranges less frequently or not at all, said lead researcher Dr. Mark Eisner. This, he noted, may result from nitrogen dioxide, a byproduct of natural gas combustion that can function as an irritant to asthma sufferers and trigger an asthma attack.

Eisner stopped short of advising asthma patients to switch to electric ranges, noting that additional research is needed to verify the nitrogen dioxide/asthma attack link, if it exists, or to determine if other environmental factors are the cause.

Conducted among 540 asthmatics living in Northern California, the study found that those who use gas ranges daily are twice as likely to suffer asthma attacks that require emergency treatment.

Now you may ask yourself why the Appliance Doctor writes these kinds of columns with such negative shadows cast upon certain subjects. I can tell you that I have been in this appliance business for over 30 years and never in my wildest dreams would I think of these

things on my own. Today we have test instruments that can prove what we, at one time, could suspect. I agree that the knowledge we gain from certain tests today is alarming, and if predictions of the future take us to a lifespan of many extended years compared to today, then let the researchers and scientists continue doing their best.

A story a few years ago about gas ranges and carbon monoxide in the kitchen resulted in a very positive result for many and continues to do so today. Homeowners called and wrote me to report that because of my advice, they no longer feel nauseated when cooking in their kitchen. For many years consumers suffered headaches when preparing the family meal and they wrote as well to report that the pain was gone by following a simple doctor's cure: Open the window in the kitchen when cooking. Introduce some fresh air into your home, there's plenty of it and it doesn't cost anything.

While I write this column, the temperature outside is 9 degrees and I'll bet the majority of readers have every win-

■ Introduce some fresh air into your home. There's plenty of it.

dow in the house closed tight. The storm windows are in place and every crack has been sealed to keep the cold out and the heat in. The furnace is running full blast and keeps recycling much of that old air over and over again. The very thought of doing what you're doing scares me and that is why I have two windows cracked in my house.

My doctor just put me through another one of those complete physicals and all reports indicate I could live well past 100. My research indicates this could be due to an open window. Stay tuned.

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

Horton
Plumbing
RESIDENTIAL &
COMMERCIAL
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING

- Bathroom Remodeling
- Water & Sewer Lines
- Plumbing Fixtures
- Repaired
- New & Repair Work
- Disposal
- Water Heaters Preventor
- Lines Installed & Repaired
- Garbage Disposal
- Backflow Preventor

**WATER OPERATED
BACK UP SUMP PUMPS
& SUMP PUMP HIGH
WATER ALARMS**

Visit Our Showroom
1382 S. Main St.

**USE THIS COUPON FOR
\$5.00 OFF
ANY SERVICE**
Expires June 1, 2000

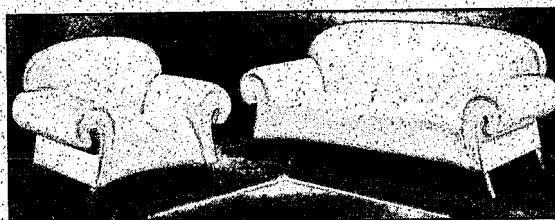
Over 25 Years Experience
QUALITY WORK-QUALITY PRODUCTS

Horton Plumbing
1382 S. Main St., Plymouth
L943835

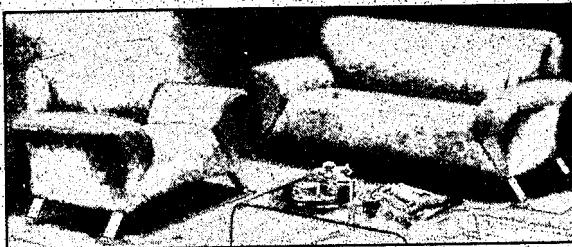
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
(734) 455-3332

"From Italy... To You"

wilma
Salotti



Not Just Leather, Wilma Leather

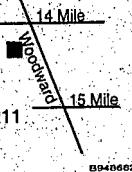


Now, see both in our showroom.

EUROMODA

Furniture and Design

33474 Woodward Ave.
2 Blks. N. of 14 Mile Rd.
Birmingham (248) 647-5211



**Better Safe
Than Sorry!**



safes unlimited

150 Safes on Show Room Floor
Wall Safes, Floor Safes,
Gun Safes.

Complete Delivery & Installation

WE CAN PROTECT YOU!
248-858-7100

1991 ORCHARD LAKE RD., SYLVAN LAKE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00-5
Wed. 8:00-2, Sat. 8:00

D947197

handyman hints

Detailed plan vital for kitchen work

BY TINA RUARK REARDON
ImproveNet

This week we are going to tackle the subject of kitchen remodeling. This is one of the most requested items we have been receiving this month from consumers in the tri-county area.

Several of our customers have expressed a deep concern when making a decision on what to do. Cost - cost - cost.

ImproveNet provides a special program for consumers who are on the Internet. Simply go to www.improvenet.com. There is a link on that site that will allow you to get an estimate for kitchen remodeling. This link will ask you six simple questions:

1. What style is your kitchen? (contemporary, country, traditional, eclectic or Euro)
2. How would you describe your budget? (economy, standard or luxury)
3. What shape is your kitchen? (galley, L-shape, U-shape, island or peninsula)
4. What size is your kitchen? (enter the square feet)

5. What is the ZIP code of the home?
6. Is this a complete overhaul of your kitchen or a partial remodel?

Once you have answered the six questions it will allow you to customize the remodel project that you'd like an estimate on.

The final stage will give you an estimated cost for the project. You can modify the cost by making changes to the descriptions - possibly to save money. This is a service that takes a bit of the "cost fear" out of the equation.

A well-thought out, detailed plan is a must for any kitchen project. Whether you design the kitchen yourself, work with a contractor or go to a kitchen designer, formulating a plan is the first step.

There are three basic kitchen functions to consider and arrange to create an ideal kitchen: storage, preparation and cleanup. There are several different shapes to a kitchen, but they all need to have a "classic work triangle." This triangle has a concept that basically positions the three major kitchen components: refrigerator, stove and sink.

Once you have decided on the design

and plan of your kitchen, you'll need to spend some time on choosing the right finishing materials. This is another critical part of the kitchen remodeling process. Here are some things to consider in four primary categories:

Cabinets - There are two basic cabinet styles: European style (frameless) and face-framed cabinets. Either can be ordered from custom or semi-custom cabinetmakers or from stock suppliers. Make sure to go and see the product before ordering, make sure it's exactly what you want.

Countertops - The choices range from very durable, yet very expensive materials, such as solid surface or granite, to less expensive but attractive choices of ceramic tile and laminates. Solid surface, marble and granite tops aren't typical do-it-yourself materials, unlike tile and laminate tops that are definitely within reach of do-it-yourselfers.

Flooring - Recently the top three flooring choices are sheet vinyl, ceramic tile and wood floors. It's truly a decision needed to be made by the consumer. It all depends on the durability needed

and the designs that you'd prefer.

Kitchen sinks - Kitchen sinks are made of materials such as solid surface, cast iron, stainless steel and plastic. Mounting styles are either top-mount under-mount with a combination sizes and features: single bowl, double bowl, deep or shallow.

There is also the decision of faucets take your time and make sure it is a perfect fit with the look you're going for your new kitchen.

Most importantly, once you have made all the decisions on what you like to spend on your project and what type of a "new" kitchen you'd like make sure you know the contractor who is doing the work for you. Be sure to find out about their business and what type of work the contractor has done for other consumers in the past.

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

at home calendar

■ Learn how to enhance your home and increase its value with good landscaping in a class, "Landscape Design," scheduled Tuesdays, Feb. 1-29 (no session Feb. 8), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class is part of a series taught by Merritt Wolsey, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., a perennial farm and landscape design company. Call (248) 644-5832.

■ 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 paying adult, are available through Thursday in the guest service center at Art Van Furniture stores in Livonia, Southfield, Waterford, Novi and four other communities. (Entries must be submitted by Monday, Jan. 31. The exhibit will run Feb. 5 to May 7.)

■ The Children and Family Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor offers workshops for ages 6-12 on Scout badges. Call (734) 998-7061.

you've known us for fine interior design and now we've added COLORWORKS UNCOMMON a unique boutique



pillows - you've never seen ones like these
table linens - to make your mouth water
accessory pieces - beautiful, classic, special
and so much more!

vessels - elegant, eclectic, extraordinary
accent furniture - a surprise for the eyes
bedding - for nights to remember

COLORWORKS STUDIO OF INTERIOR DESIGN

32506 Northwestern Highway • Farmington Hills, MI
Between Middlebelt & 14 Mile
(248) 851-7540
www.colorworksstudio.com

Page D10

HUNTER DOUGLAS • LEVOLOR • DUETTE • KIRSCH • GRABER • LUXURIOUS DRAPES • PALI • DEL MAR •
WE SELL ONLY 1ST QUALITY NAME BRAND BLINDS & WALLPAPER

NOW 2 FACTORY SHOWROOM OUTLET LOCATIONS...
Serving You with 1st Quality, Name Brand Blinds & Wallpaper at Factory Discount Prices!
Come visit either of our Showrooms located in Plymouth & Sterling Heights and save an extra 10% off our already up to 82% off savings! Come see 1,000's of blinds on display and over 3,000 special order wallpaper patterns. Sterling Hts. Showroom is Located at 6615 19-1/2 Mile Rd., Plymouth Showroom is Located at 909 N. Sheldon Rd.

82% OFF
up to
PLUS TAKE AN EXTRA **10% OFF**
All Blinds & Wallpaper!
*Coupon can not be used in conjunction with any other promotion, offer or discount. Previous orders are excluded.

NO PAYMENT FOR 6-12 mos.
Professional Measuring and Installation Available
1-734-207-5015

HOURS:
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Tuesday 10am-5pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm
Thursday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

American
Blind and Wallpaper Factory
For instant price quotes, to place an order, to receive a FREE Blind Sample Kit or Wallpaper Catalog (x2 Sets Apply to Wallpaper Catalog only) or for directions to either Factory Outlet Showrooms call...
1-800-442-3919
or visit... www.abwf.com

We Accept All Major Credit Cards, Checks and Money Orders. Ask for details.
• SILHOUETTE • LUMINETTE • AMERICAN • HUNTER DOUGLAS • LEVOLOR • DUETTE • KIRSCH • GRABER •

Thursday, January 27, 2000 / OBSERVER & ECCL CENTRIC / At Home

focus on photography

What's in a name? Plenty, for photos



We are all, of course, identified by our names. Our pets, it goes without saying, all have names, too. Names give us our own special identity and separate us from everyone else. They help give order to what otherwise would be chaos.

Well, this reasoning can apply to your important photographs, also. Naming your pictures will help keep your negatives organized and will help you recall a memorable shot and know exactly where it was taken.

I name all of my photographs. Doing so helps me keep track of all my prints, identifies each one in an exhibit and gives my customers a means of recognizing their purchase.

How do you go about selecting a name for your pictures? Often, a straightforward approach works well. Name a photo for exactly what it is. For example, the sun going down over the ocean silhouetting the sailboat and palm trees could simply be called "Pacific Sunset." Your favorite shot from Yosemite could be, naturally, "Half Dome At Dusk."

Naming your photographs such as these examples will give you instant recall of the special times from that special trip. For example, one of my favorite pictures is entitled "The Moeraki Boul-

ders." Just hearing these words and seeing the image brings back fond memories of a great trip to New Zealand and the excitement of making this photograph.

Some photographs, however, lend themselves to a more clever way of selecting a name.

That delightful shot of the dejected Little League ballplayer could be called "What's The Batter?" Or the charming picture of your granddaughter in her Sunday finest could be "In The Pink!"

Creative photographer Brian Kerman took this interesting picture in Oxford, England. Noting the juxtaposition of the bicycles and flowers, Brian came up with the very catchy title of "Pedals and Petals!" This title not only cleverly identifies his picture, but gives Brian instant recall of his trip to England and of the joy and meaning of taking this fine shot.

Different spokes: Brian Kerman cleverly named this photograph "Pedals and Petals!" He was in Oxford, England, when he came upon this interesting scene.



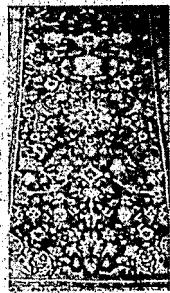
Adopt-a-pet

Sasha: Sasha is a 3-year-old domestic mediumhair kitty. This black and white beauty was given up because her owners were moving. She is already spayed, so she could go home with you right away. Sasha is very friendly and sweet. Cats, like other pets, can help keep you healthy by lowering your blood pressure. Just petting her could do wonders for your stress level. And you would do wonders for hers, too! Sasha (No. RO577) and other pets are at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills Shelter. Call (248) 852-7420.



CLOSING SALE
EVERYTHING MUST GO
HUGE SAVINGS
60 to 70% off Every Rug

Size	Reg.	Now
2x3	\$240	\$72
3x5	\$485	\$146
4x6	\$599	\$179



Mon.-Sat. 10-6
Sun 12-5

OFG
Oriental Rugs & Antiques Gallery
ON THE BOARDWALK

6917 Orchard Lake Road • W. Bloomfield, MI • 248-851-2828

*Take your room from
Ordinary to Extraordinary!*

*Designer
Lamps & Mirrors
20% off
Thru the month
of January
Also see our
silk flowers,
Pottery & Glass.*



STORE HOURS:

Mon-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

*Shop where the designers shop
Open to the public*



Furniture & Major Appliances for Entertainment

1017 West Maple Road
(Between Decker & Pontiac Trail)
Walled Lake, MI 48390
Phone: (248) 624-6700



January Thomasville **CLEARANCE** 40-60% Off

- **SAVE ON BEDROOMS** Transitional to 18th Century, Sleighs to Posters • **SAVE ON DINING ROOMS** Mahogany, Glass & Iron, Casual to Traditional, China's, Servers, & Sideboards • **SAVE ON LIVING ROOMS** Sofas, Sectionals, Loveseats, Conversation Sofas & Sleepers.
- **SAVE ON ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS** Full Size, Low Profile, Free Standing, Holds Most 35/36" TV's
- **SAVE ON LEATHER** 100% Top-Grain Leather, Sofas, Reclining Sofas, Reclining Loveseat • **SAVE ON OCCASIONAL** A Variety of Styles, Mahogany, Oak, Glass, Iron, Marble & Stone
- **SAVE ON CHAIRS** Wing Backs, Recliners, Accents, Chairs with Ottomans, Fabric & Leather • **SAVE ON HOME OFFICE** Freestanding Desks, Modular Workstations in Cherry or Oak with Matching Leather Chairs • **50% OFF BEDDING** Most Sets In Stock & Ready for Immediate Delivery. Ask us about Americas Best Warranty, 20 Year Non-Prorated! See store for complete details.
- **SAVE ON SELECTED FLOOR SAMPLES UP TO 60% OFF** Floor Samples Will Be Sold In As-Is Condition, Items May Be Scratched or Discontinued.

Going On NOW through January 31, 2000.

No Payments &
No Interest for
12 Months*

Visit Our Web Site!
www.thomasville.com

See all of these fine furnishings at:

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Clarkston

7550 Dixie Hwy, One Half Mile South of I-75
(Exit 93) in Clarkston • PH: (248) 620-3344
Toll Free: (888) 288-4553

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Bloomfield Hills

4080 Telegraph Rd.
One block south of Long Lake Rd.
Phone: (248) 646-0800

Showroom Hours: Mon-Fri: 10-9 Sat: 10-6 Sun: 12-5

*Based on approved credit on Thomasville Mastercard. Cannot be combined with any other offer. 25% deposit required on all special orders.

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Sterling Heights

7023 14 Mile Rd. Just West of
Van Dyke In Sterling Heights
Phone: (810) 274-4440

Entertainment

Joe Bauman, Editor (248) 901-2562, jbauman@oe.homecomm.net

on the web: <http://observer-eccentric.com>

The Eccentric®

Page 1, Section E

Thursday, January 27, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Cheryl Schonherr (left), Chip Wiswall, and Gary Walker in a scene from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "The Foreigner," a comedy by Larry Shue, 8 p.m. at the theater in the Cranbrook Educational Community. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Call (248) 644-0527.

SATURDAY

The Harlem Globetrotters bring their "Positively Magical" World Tour to the Palace at 11 a.m. Tickets \$20, \$15 and \$10 reserved at the box office and all TicketMaster locations. Call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Meet Marian Owczarski, artist-in-residence at the Orchard Lake Schools, 1-3 p.m. at "Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture" at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. The event will feature a sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., and performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m. Owczarski's works will be on display at the center until March 1. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

HOT



It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all TicketMaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information, or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Place your bets...



Local woman gambles on a 'grand' new career

BY SAM TRICOMO

STAFF WRITER

stricomo@oe.homecomm.net

Lights flash and smoke from cigars and cigarettes wafts through the air.

A drink order arrives as a group of voices climbs above the already deafening din. Not the place one would expect to witness a birth but from her perch, Cathy Koch of Farmington Hills sees thousands of them every night.

Koch has no formal medical training. For 21 years she taught music at Roosevelt Elementary School in Oak Park. Last year, she traded in the satisfaction she received when helping young fingers manage clarinets and trumpets to preside over a nightshift birthing station where hundreds of winners and losers are born every minute — Detroit's MGM Grand Casino.

Determining whether the newborn belongs to the winner or loser family is not a difficult task for Koch. A partial clue to the player's lineage sits before them in the form of colored casino chips. Players who walk away with larger piles of the blue, black and red chips than they started with often belong to the winner family but the measure is not entirely accurate.

For the true paternity test, knowing players and dealers alike look to miners for the final say.

"I've seen big winners be big losers and big losers be big winners just based on the way they choose to conduct themselves," Koch said.

One of her first lessons in casino etiquette came in 1980 when Koch and a friend took a short getaway vacation to the country's mecca of legalized gambling, Las Vegas.

Just 24 at the time, Koch recalls the

excitement she felt as she placed herself in the comfortable players chair and took her first look at the deep green felt of the blackjack table. Several of her first hands were relatively simple transactions — dealer gives cards, player loses money.

Blackjack is a singular sport. It pits player against dealer. The sport uses only two pieces of equipment, cards and cash. Both are to be revered by the players.

The game became complicated for Koch when a player near her began to give voice to his impatience with her inexperience.

Koch left most of her money with the blackjack dealers during that trip but she came away with something more valuable — knowledge.

Waiting in the airport for her return flight to Michigan, Koch purchased a book about blackjack and read it cover to cover. On her next trip she knew the basics of the game. On her next five trips, she began to learn the nuances of it.

Stories telling of the embarrassment and frustration felt by players breaking this rule can be found in various Internet chat rooms where people tell of the highs and lows of the gaming life.

ArticBear posted a tale of his own brush against casino manners when a dealer at an Atlantic City casino rebuffed him for attempting to take an empty seat at a blackjack table before the deck had been completely dealt through.

In a response posting from the Wizard of Odds, ArticBear learned the rebuff was a rarity but may have meant the house was concerned that

Please see GAMBLING, E2

Competition is good, but winning is better

BY SAM TRICOMO

STAFF WRITER

stricomo@oe.homecomm.net

For several months MGM enjoyed a local monopoly on legalized gaming in Detroit but competition, the life blood of a capitalist society, put an end to that.

The former Wonder Bread bakery at Grand River Avenue and the Lodge Freeway represents the city's second temporary casino.

With 188,000 square feet of gaming space spread over four floors, the Motorcity Casino boasts more total parking and gambling space than its older sibling.

One-hundred-thirty-six table games and 2,618 electronic games, including slot machines and video poker, fill the spaces where bakery ovens once produced the soft, white bread made famous in Detroit.

While the MGM Grand opened to rounds of criticism for its sometimes difficult parking configurations, Motorcity offers patrons 3,000 free car spaces in a four-story garage.

Motorcity also offers convenience to patrons, being situated directly off the Lodge Freeway. In the event of car trouble, Motor City offers patrons free basic assistance like jump starts.

Motorcity is operated by the Mandalay Resort Group, formerly Circus Circus Enterprises. The group operates 11 gaming properties in Nevada including the Excalibur in Las Vegas.

FAMILY FUN



Anything you want: Arlo Guthrie is one of the headliners at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

Arlo Guthrie to spin tales at Folk Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

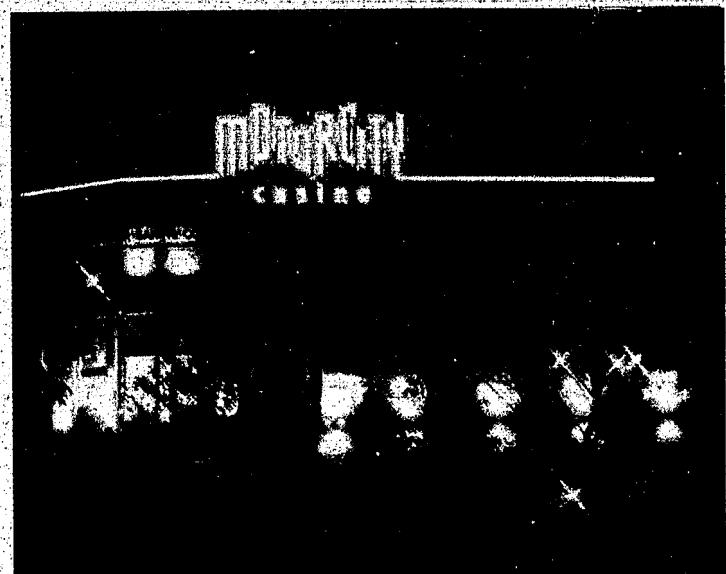
Arlo Guthrie modestly declines all the credit for his ability to spin spellbinding stories.

Even though he grew up surrounded by folk legends such as his father, Woody Guthrie, and Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie was able to write the anti-war anthem, "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," not because of some inborn genius but because it happened to him.

Maybe that's why the 18-minute song about a fellow, dismissed from the draft and subsequently from killing women and children in Vietnam, remains as popular with the younger crowd as with those who grew up during the late 60's and early 70's. Guthrie's clever lyrics may sometimes border on the ridiculous but always contain a glint of truth. His sense of humor, political satire and wry delivery make him a storyteller for all time.

He is one of the featured performers at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday in Hill Auditorium.

"A lot of it is just repeating, like the blind judge who walks in with his see-



Shining bright: Detroit's new Motorcity Casino covers nearly 200,000 square feet of land from its perch above the Lodge Freeway.



See folks like them: Matt Watroba and Robert Jones will emcee and perform at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29 at The Ark.

"ing-eye dog or officer Obie," said Guthrie. "But maybe it was exaggerated a little with the 27-8-by-10 color glossy photographs (with circles and arrows and a paragraph on the back of each one). They were really black-and-white. Of course, as it went on with the real officer Obie and the blind judge, it gets even more ridiculous. Truth is stranger than fiction sometimes."

Please see ARLO, E2



Annie Jr.: Elizabeth Bezerko (fifth from right) has the lead role in "Annie Jr.", which is playing through Jan. 30 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Acting no 'hard-knock life' for this Annie

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Not too much fazes Elizabeth Bezerko, especially when it comes to acting. The 9-year-old Farmington Hills girl is playing the lead role in "Annie Jr.," a shortened version of the musical about an orphan in search of a family.

Produced by Redford drama teacher Nancy Florkowski, "Annie Jr." continues through Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Presented by TinderBox Productions and the North Music Theatre of Detroit, it is directed by Stephanie Stephan.

Although this is Elizabeth's first time playing a leading role, she has plenty of experience. She has performed in productions at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and was cast in "Oliver" at Farmington High School. She studies dance at the Performing Arts Academy in Novi and began singing at the age of

"I like performing and entertaining people," said Elizabeth, a fourth grader at Our Lady of

Sorrows School in Farmington. "Annie's kind of two-faced. At the orphanage she's kind of mean, streetwise. Then with Daddy Warbucks, she's kind."

"The only challenge has been Sandy. Trying to work with the dog is kind of hard. I keep dog treats in my pockets. There's no dog trainer on set so I put them on the ground and she follows me."

Elizabeth has dreamed about playing Annie since she was 5 and saw the movie at a friend's house. A trip with her parents to

The only challenge has been Sandy (the dog). Trying to work with the dog is kind of hard. I keep dog treats in my pockets. There's no dog trainer on set so I put them on the ground and she follows me.'

Elizabeth Bezerko
—Annie Jr.

see the live production convinced her that she wanted the role of the red-haired orphan. She hopes one day soon to dazzle audiences on Broadway. Time is running out, though. In a couple of years, she'll have reached the maximum age for playing the young girl.

"I really like that I get to sing by myself, and that I'm the star of the play," said Elizabeth. "I have lots of lines and sing lots of songs. Sometimes it's difficult because for songs like 'I'm Gonna Like It Here,' I have to really belt it out. But I really didn't have to learn the songs because I already knew them."

A father's pride takes over, as Rich Bezerko quickly adds.

"We know them very well too, now," he said with a smile.

Rich thinks Elizabeth has a good shot at playing Annie on Broadway. The Bezerkos are planning a February trip to New York City to take in a few Broadway shows. While there, Elizabeth will audition for an agent.

But even if she never sets another foot on stage, Rich and his wife Margaret will be content with the growth they've seen in

he was attempting to cheat. "Many casinos have rules against mid entry," Koch said. "Imagine I'm sitting at a table for a while playing only the minimum bet. My big bankroll partner stands nearby. When the deck turns positive, I signal him to come over and plunge in with a big bet."

MGM's philosophy asks newly-entering players to sit patiently.

"Annie Jr."
What: TinderBox Productions presents a shortened version of the musical "Annie."

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

Where: Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 600 Temple, Detroit.

Tickets: \$5, call (313) 535-8962.

their daughter, including the ability to memorize 90 lines.

"The confidence level has gone up," said Rich Bezerko. "She's an all-A student too. She knows if her grades slip, theater goes, but she's such a natural. We don't get that nervous any more watching her. She has a beautiful voice and is an excellent dancer."

Kids from Troy, Rochester, Westland and other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties make up the cast of "Annie."

"It's part of the Scottish Rite Mason family outreach program," said Rich. "It gives children outside of school a chance to do more challenging acting than in a drama club."

until a hand has been played before attempting to break into a blackjack game.

Seats are open to all, but new or inexperienced players are advised to beware of the farthest seat from the left, known as third base.

New players in this seat often catch the wrath of others when they make improper card choices.

In terms of odds, the Wizard believes an inexperienced player in any seat at a blackjack table has as much chance of helping the overall odds as hurting them.

Arlo from page E1

Guthrie is as witty today as in the lyrics for "Coming Into Los Angeles," "The Motorcycle Song" and "The Pause of Mr. Claus (the FBI song)." Asked how his music has changed over the years, Guthrie replies, "It's gotten better. Anybody who does the same thing for 40 years has to get better."

Guthrie left Warner Brothers after 15 years to start his own company, Rising Son Records, in 1986. He spends 10 months a year on the road with son Abe, 30, and daughter Sarah, 20, joining him on stage.

"I didn't encourage or discourage them," he said. "Abe started playing at a young age on his own and started bothering me to show him stuff. Sarah only became interested three or four years ago because she was hanging around with people who were playing acoustic music. All four of my kids know how to play something, though not all of them pursued it but have gone on to do something else."

Next stop

Proceeds from his performance at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival will benefit The Ark in Ann Arbor, one of Guthrie's favorite stops whenever he's in the Detroit area.

'Mom and dad were two for whom singing was not enough. You also had to do something and you had to speak up about something. My mother's family was wiped out in the Holocaust, and dad had his problems with Wall Street. Their history led them to believe you have to say something and do something ...'

Arlo Guthrie
Song writer

Restaurant." His Guthrie Foundation was recently instrumental in taking the AIDS quilt to Cape Town, South Africa.

The Guthrie Center, a non-profit interfaith church foundation named for his father, offers art and music programs for children recovering from abuse, supports people with HIV/AIDS and provides a variety of community services.

The re-release in 1995 of an updated version of "Alice's Restaurant" spreads Guthrie's anti-war messages to a new generation. And in between touring and working with the center, Guthrie tries to keep his fingers on the pulse of the folk music scene.

Folk music today has branched off into a whole industry. But for me folk's always been the music you've learned from other people — by ear or written down. When I grew up, songs were not just for entertainment, something you'd do in the evening. It's only in the last 100 years that we've recorded music. Before that, it was passed down."

Over the years, legends such as Donovan, Bonnie Raitt, Chet Atkins, Don McLean and Guthrie continued the tradition of passing on their particular style of music at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival staged by The Ark.

This year David Siglin, director of The Ark, has once again scheduled acts so diverse that "if you don't like one of the acts, go out in the lobby for 15 to 20 minutes. The next act will be on. There's no time to get bored. Every one of these acts is highly interesting."

We try to present a wide variety of musical forms," said Siglin. "Headliners have to be able to knock out 4,100 people and be able to draw. The rest of the people are the unknowns: Hot Club of Cowtown — they play Texas swing. The work between the guitar and fiddle is amazing. Fred Eaglesmith, they're a roadhouse band. He's from Canada, but you'd think he's from Texas. They opened for three acts at The Ark and blew them off the stage. Beth Nielsen Chapman is best known as a songwriter but is a tremendous performer."

Hot Club of Cowtown

This Austin, Texas-based band swings. Jazz lovers who attended the Frog Island Festival that The Ark put on in June are familiar with the sound of the group's first CD "Swingin' Stampede." They'll find their newest CD, "Tall Tales" even hotter.

Violinist Elana Fremerman grew up playing classical violin, but listeners would never guess that by the fiddlin' she does on "Joe Bob Rag," "Wildcat" and "Draggin' the Bow."

"Some people call it retro. What I call it is hot jazz and western swing," said Fremerman. "I like it because it's happy music. It's dance music, so anyone can go and participate. It's not antiquated or a museum piece. It has to do with Americana heritage. The music from the '20s and '30s is everybody's heritage."

Fremerman will be joined on stage by Whit Smith, guitar and vocals; and upright bass player Matt Weiner, formerly of The Flying Neutrinos.

Tradition at The Ark

The Ark celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2000. Founded as a coffee house by four churches, this Ann Arbor institution began by showcasing local bands playing traditional folk and grassroots music. Today, musicians ranging from Leon Redbone to the RFD Boys take to the stage with a wide array of musical styles.

"With The Ark being open six nights a week, you don't present one kind of music and make money," said Siglin. "A lot of the musicians are just breaking in, and on these nights there might be only 35 to 40 people. So we present everything but straight-ahead rock. The money we make on the folk festival allows us to continue to do that."

Gambling from page E1

he was attempting to cheat.

"Many casinos have rules against mid entry," Koch said.

"Imagine I'm sitting at a table for a while playing only the minimum bet. My big bankroll partner stands nearby. When the deck turns positive, I signal him to come over and plunge in with a big bet."

MGM's philosophy asks newly-entering players to sit patiently.

until a hand has been played before attempting to break into a blackjack game.

Seats are open to all, but new or inexperienced players are advised to beware of the farthest seat from the left, known as third base.

New players in this seat often catch the wrath of others when they make improper card choices.

In terms of odds, the Wizard believes an inexperienced player in any seat at a blackjack table has as much chance of helping the overall odds as hurting them.

MANHIE JACKSON PRESENTS

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

WORLD TOUR 2000

THIS SAT., JAN. 29 • 11 AM

SEATS AS LOW AS \$10!

ON SALE NOW AT THE PALACE BOX OFFICE AND ALL CONVENIENCE STORES

Buckets available for groups, kids 12 and under and seniors, call 844.377.8189.

palace.com

Coca-Cola

POSITIVELY MAGICAL

www.harlemglobetrotters.com

**Prepare to find your spirit.
Meet an epiphany.
Get in touch with your soul at the
Inn's most elegant spa retreat.**

Romance Spa Weekend

- Two nights luxurious accommodations
- Champagne upon arrival
- Therapeutic massage for two
- Dinner one evening

349

per couple, tax & gratuity extra
offer valid through 04/30/00

The Inn at Bay Harbor

1-800-GO-BOYNE • 231-439-4046

www.innatbayharbor.com

Bay Harbor, Michigan

THEATER

Farmington Players stage Steinbeck classic

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

A long-time fan of John Steinbeck, Suzanne Rogers thinks the Nobel Prize winning author would be pleased to know the Farmington Players are opening their run "Of Mice and Men" with a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Friday, Feb. 4.

Directed by Rogers and produced by Mary Ann Tweedie, the riveting drama revisits the depressed era of the 1930s.

"We've done a lot of research, trying to be true to Steinbeck and as authentic as we can to what he was trying to say and also true to the times — these migrant workers and what life must have been like for them," said Rogers, who read "Grapes of Wrath" and "Of Mice and Men" in high school.

She joined the Farmington Players 20 years ago. Steinbeck's career started in the 20s. He's done some of the work his characters, migrant workers, did.

Until the late 30s when he became known, he really lived the struggling artist's life.

"The Capuchins started the soup kitchen when the stock market crashed and they wanted to do something about hunger in Detroit," Rogers said. "The Capuchins will be providing home-baked bread from their kitchen that night. It's a Depression party with a simple meal that might be reminiscent of that time. In keeping with the show and neighborliness, we're going to have hearty, comfort foods prepared by some of the members. It's really different for us, a groundswell effort from our own ranks."

Phil Hadley plays Slim in the production. He agrees that tying the benefit to the drama is a natural.

So is the exhibit of artworks by Nora Mendoza which continues through the run of the show. The West Bloomfield artist's "Migrant Worker" series captures the dismal living and working conditions in the camps and fields. Known internationally for her socially-conscious paintings, Mendoza will be on hand for the opening.

"Of Mice and Men" takes place in the Depression and deals with

Of Mice and Men

What: John Steinbeck's riveting story about two drifters with a special friendship and big dreams.

When: 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20.

Where: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

Tickets: \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Tickets are \$50. Call (248) 553-2955 to reserve tickets, or for more information.

less fortunate people and that's what the Capuchin Soup Kitchen does," said Hadley of West Bloomfield. "It's timeless. The dream has a hope for the future."

Benefit performance

The Capuchin benefit is the second this season. Proceeds from a fund-raiser for the opening of "The Women" Nov. 5 went to the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Both events are part of a plan to give back to the community in return for help in building a new theater facility for the Farmington Players.

The dairy barn, which has been the home of community theater for 45 years, comes down after the "Kiss Me Kate" production in May and a gala benefit in June. Groundbreaking for the single level, barrier-free facility will be held in July.

The new facility is scheduled to open in the 2001-2002 season. It will seat 240, up from 170. It will be a place for all members of the community to gather. Hadley, a Players board member and manager of the new barn, said it's a very flexible facility with a recital and performance hall and meeting rooms for other areas of the community to use. An art display area will allow the audience to take in exhibits such as Mendoza's.

"We've had benefits for ourselves before but only this season have started to reach out to the community," said Rogers, who came up with the idea for the first fund-raiser. "We want to lay a financial foundation for the new theater. We've been reaching

out to the community a lot. We've been asking for money for the new theater and wanted to give back."

Reversing roles

Michael Carraway wanted to be in one of the last productions before the old barn is razed at the end of the season. A member of the Farmington Players for 20 years, this is his first time on stage. In the past, his day job as a director and producer of corporate films prevented him from acting because of the travel involved.

Carraway plays The Boss.

"The dog is on more than I am," joked Carraway of West Bloomfield. "I wanted to be able to say I was on stage. I don't want to make more of my character than it deserves. Since we've begun rehearsals, one of the things that I've always been cognizant of is communicating with the director, putting yourself in his place. It's a lot of trust in yourself and in the people helping you."

This is John Boufford's first show as well. The Troy actor plays Lennie, the slow drifter who's enamored with George (played by Thomas Adams).

Boufford's biggest challenge so far "is to remember all his lines." He said he's not nervous about the part, otherwise.

"I'm a lawyer so nothing scares me," said the 28-year-old Boufford. "I'm used to being in front of a room full of jurors. And I like my character. He's the ultimate child at heart. He captures that one part of us that wants to be a child."

This is Thomas Adams' "first big drama" although he's been in theater since grade school. Many of his roles were in musicals.

"It was very overwhelming, especially when I first got the part," said Adams of Farmington. "I relate to my character in certain aspects. He has a big heart. He does have some explosive moments and that's how I'm unlike him."

A fight coach, Eric Graton, from The Hilberry is working with cast members to choreograph the two fight scenes in the production. Until the sessions began Frank Ginis worried



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

Depression Era: Farmington Players Jim Snideman (left), Gene Connolly, John Boufford, Kathleen Warner, and Thomas Adams (background) rehearse John Steinbeck's riveting story about migrant workers.

someone might be injured.

"I'm a big Steinbeck fan," said Ginis, a Royal Oak resident. "My

role as Curley is physically difficult but we've had a coach here showing us warm-up exercises

and different punches. The idea is to make the fight look real without hurting each other."

ADMIT 555 YOU LOVE THEATRE 552



**the diary of
anne
frank**

by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett
newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman

MAGGIE BLAKE AS 'ANNE FRANK'

Also at the Stratford Festival of Canada this Season:

Judier	the three musketeers	the importance of being earnest	tartuffe	as you like it
patience	Litus andromicus	medea	elizabeth rex	collected stories

BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN! ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

stratford
Festival of Canada

BELL FESTIVAL CONNECTION

VISITORS GUIDE • TICKETS • ACCOMMODATION

1-800-567-1600

www.stratford-festival.ca

COMMUNITY THEATER

The following is a round-up of community theater groups in Oakland County and the remainder of their seasons.

Avon Players, 1185 Washington, Rochester Hills — "Made in the USA, Encore!" Jan. 27-29; "Moon Over Buffalo;" March 3-5, 10-12, 16-18; "Sweeney Todd;" April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13, and 18-20.

Clarkston Village Players, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road — "Jack and the Beanstalk;" Jan. 29-30; "Comedy Two Nights;" Feb. 4-5; "A Case of Libel;" March 10-11, 15-18, 23-25; "Variety Night;" April 15; "A Bad Year for Tomatoes;" May 12-13, 17-20, 25-27; "Mass Appeal;" June 2-3.

Farmington Players, The Barn Theatre,

ater, Farmington — "Of Mice and Men;" each weekend in the month of February; "The Second City, on Tour;" March 3-4; "Kiss Me, Kate;" in the month of May.

First Theatre Guild, Birmingham, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham — "Pied Pipers of Hamelin;" March 24-26, March 31, April 1-2.

Ridgedale Players, 2052 Long Lake Road, Troy — "Oklahoma;" March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, March 31, April 1-2; "Moon over the Brewery;" May 5-7, 12-13, 19-21; Kids shows: Easter show — April 15-16; TBA — June 23-25.

St. Dunston's Guild of Cranbrook, Cranbrook Educational Community, Birmingham — "The Foreigner;" Jan. 21-23, 27-29; "Foxfire;" March 17-19, 23-25; "Damn Yankees;" June 2-3, 8-10.

Stagecrafters, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak — "Cinderella;" Jan 27-30, Feb. 4-6; "Forever Plaid;" Feb. 25-27, March 2-5 and 10-12; "Barefoot in the Park;" March 24-26, 30-31, April 1-2, 6-9; "King & I;" May 12-14, 18-21, 25-28, 31, June 2-4; "Sylvia;" June 16-18, 22-25.

The Village Players, 752 Chestnut Street, Birmingham — "Oliver;" Jan. 28-30, Feb. 4-5; "Sherlock Holmes;" March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 and April 1; "Forever Plaid;" May 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27.

Other community theater groups: Teddy Bear Productions at the Jewish Community Center featuring Lakeland Players, Bloomfield Players, Pontiac Theater IV, and Rising Stars, for ages 10-14, sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Dept.

MICHIGAN'S LARGEST SPORTS CARD SHOW JAN. 28-29-30
BUY TRADE SELL
FRI 12-9 • SAT 10-9 • SUN 10-6
SPORTS CARDS • COMICS • MEMORABILIA • SUPPLIES & MORE!
ADMISSION ONLY \$2.00 PER CARLOAD!



BOB FELLER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
12:00PM - 3:00PM
\$8.00 BALL / FLAT • \$12.00 ALL OTHER ITEMS



**BUTCH BOUCHARD
ELMER LACH**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH
1:30PM - 3:30PM
\$10.00 EACH AUTOGRAPH
ANY ITEM



ALEX DELVECCHIO

SAT, JAN. 29TH • 5PM - 7PM
FREE AUTOGRAPHS



ROBERT FICK
DETROIT BASEBALL STAR
HIT THE VERY LAST HOME RUN AT TIGER STADIUM

SUN., JAN. 30TH • 3PM - 5PM
\$8.00 ANY ITEM
FREE FRIDAY ADMISSION
WITH THIS COUPON
FRIDAY, JAN. 20TH ONLY

Gibraltar
TRADE CENTER, INC.
I-75 & EUREKA RD.
(EXIT 36) TAYLOR
734-287-2000
VISIT US ON THE WEB: GIBRALTARTRADE.COM

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back," through Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Thursday, 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

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

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 preview) Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 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), also 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 27-28; "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater, 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 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: Present comedian Norm Stulz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Lundy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Player Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Hellx 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

MORRISCO ART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Arbor Civic Theatre. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Jake's Women," Jan. 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 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, 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 Second Blvd. near West McNichols and Woodward. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

RIDGEADE PLAYERS: "Deathtrap," Jan. 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Liverworts and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "The Foreigner," Jan. 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527



Open Sesame: It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Telly Monster dreams of becoming a baseball player, Cookie Monster hopes to own the world's first drive-in cookie restaurant, and Elmo wants to be everything. In this musical extravaganza about discovering dreams, children learn that they can become anything if only they put their minds to it. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information, or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella," through Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 414 S. Lafayette Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 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

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m.; dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8788 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opens Thursday evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.: Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

PUPPETART: "Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARETFEST/KERRYTOWN: Features Julie Wilson, New York cabaret artist, jazz/cabaret singer Shahida Nurullah, French chanteuse Jeanette Lorente with accordionist Peter Soave, Andy Kirshner as "Doctor" Nathan Feigl in Person," singers Deanna Relyea and Julia Broholm, U-M Musical Theatre student preview of William Bolcom's "Casino Paradise," Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Kerrytown Concert House, Workbench Furniture, Kerrytown Bistro and Sweet Lorraline's, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV SHOW: 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) 530-1919 or www.ShowSpan.com

COOKING CLASS: With Chef Aldo 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at Andiamo Osteria, Rochester.

\$39.95, includes dinner. (248) 601-9300

DADDY-DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for

registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2. (248) 354-9603

DAVID COPPERFIELD: "Journey of a Lifetime." Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45; Call (248) 645-6666

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVAGANZA: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

POLISH CELEBRATION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food, opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., performance by the Wavel Dancers at 2 p.m., et artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Free. (734) 416-4278

T.G.I.F.: An evening of art (photography exhibit), Robert Frank: "The Americans", music by New

Anxiety, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$20 non-members advance, \$15 members advance; \$25 non-members at doors. (248) 691-1800, ext. 107

CLASSICAL

VICTORIO ANTONIO AND BRAD DEROCHÉ: The classical guitarists perform 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 students. (734) 769-2999 or www.kchelio.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja Vu I Love You," 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

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

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by Afro-American composers, and the

Brazeal Dennard Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9

students/seniors. (248) 557-2085

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chalfant, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

Singer: Craig Taubman, a family entertainer whose albums have won two Parent's Choice Awards, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-6880 for ticket information.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.: Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral

Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The

Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic

Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance.

(248) 347-0440

PUPPETART: "Close the

Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Detroit

Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River,

Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313)

961-7777

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA: Erich Kunzel directs the orchestra in music by Richard Rodgers and his two lyricists Lorenz Hart and Oscar Hammerstein, with the Detroit Concert Choir, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTOURE SHELTON: The musical

Impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Ponchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

ED WELLS: The pianist performs

5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit, (313) 963-9800

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS:

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 by appointment. Tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 4520 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:

Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or [www.gpt.org</](http://www.gpt.org)

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

Continued from previous page
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

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Hypnotist Jim Hoke, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at the club, Commerce Twp. (248) 624-1050.

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky, Duckey and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27.50-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Louis Ramey through Saturday, Jan. 26-29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 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.

PAISANO'S: Jeff Wayne, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 27-30, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Miguel Washington Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 27-29; Phil Perrier Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900.

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 SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, 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 at the zoo, 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 the museum, 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: Celebrates Black History during February, at the museum, 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.

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663.

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," a exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March

26, Maxwell-Hearn, head curator of Asian art at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, lectures on "Seeking the Self Amid Mountains and Waters: China's Human Landscape," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in the Museum Apse, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-UMMA or www.umich.edu/~umma.

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues).

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Borders Books and Music, Utica.

(810) 726-8555; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652;

10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-

6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3,

Borders Books and Music, Novi.

(248) 347-0780.

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL:

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watorba and more! 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 495-6661.

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

ANTHRAX: "Attack of the Killer A's Tour," Thursday, Jan. 27, Harpo's, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

ASTRAL PROJECT: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310.

ANTHONY B: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15 advance. (313) 833-9700.

THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m.-Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$20. (248) 645-6666.

BECK: 7:30 Thursday, Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. All ages, \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS.

BLUE FLOYD: With members of Gov't Mule and Black Crowes, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20 advance. (313) 833-9700. (bluesy Pink Floyd music)

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1939.

THE BROTHERS CREEGAN:

Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 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, Detroit.

All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT.

THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES:

Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS: 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues).

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.50.

COLD AS LIFE: With Turmoli, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7 advance. (248) 645-6666.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND:

Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD: 9:30 p.m. Mondays in January, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248)

26, Maxwell-Hearn, head curator of Asian art at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, lectures on "Seeking the Self Amid Mountains and Waters: China's Human Landscape," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in the Museum Apse, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (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.

CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN:

With the 4-turntable tag team,

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War

'Girl Interrupted' a sentimental look at '60s upheaval

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
scasola@oe.homecomm.net

The past is often referred to as being something of "a simpler time." But writer Susanna Kaysen, whose story "Girl Interrupted" can be seen in theaters, begs to differ.

In 1967, a time of social and political upheaval, 17-year-old Kaysen (portrayed by Winona Ryder) can't seem to get a handle on the crazy world surrounding her. Like other teenage girls, she's confused, insecure and depressed.

The difference between Susanna and most other teenagers living in that era is her choice of escape — namely a cocktail of

aspirin and vodka which nearly kills her. Her parents, concerned about what the neighbors will think, subject her to what seems to be the only solution.

Welcome to Claymoore Hospital, where the insane pop pills and fight their way through treatment, and where Susanna must stay until she finds the person she lost along the way. Based on the memoir "Girl Interrupted," by the Cambridge, Massachusetts writer, the story redefines the term "crazy." Director and screenwriter James Mangold ("Heavy") and director of photography Jack Green breathe life into a very personal story with universal themes: Self-realization and belonging.

Claymoore possesses the historic beauty of a college campus, with lush greenery surrounding its solid red brick walls. But inside, the hospital walls are nothing more than confinement to a group of women too young to have lived the lives they claim. Using pastels and muted tones inside the primary setting of the hospital, the film gives an air of a sanitized environment, dulling the senses to the life that exists outside. Barred windows, iron-gated staircases and nurses constantly checking on patients work together as elements that create a sense of entrapment, a place where no one is ever alone.

Susanna learns quickly of this lack of privacy. She requests a

razor to shave her legs and it's accompanied by the watchful eye of Nurse Valerie (Whoopi Goldberg). Just another reminder of the freedom she has left behind.

At Claymoore, Susanna befriends a rag-tag troop of women: Georgina, her roommate who claims to be a pathological liar; Daisy, a prissy "Daddy's girl" with an unusual taste for rotisserie chicken and laxatives; Polly, a badly scarred girl whose never seemed to grow up and Janet, an anorexic. But the most intriguing character to enter the film is surely Lisa, convincingly portrayed by Angelina Jolie.

Lisa enters the hospital, with police escort, as the picture of strength — talking back to the nurses, flirting with an orderly and threatening anyone who gets in her way. She can't be confined.

Susanna begins to draw from that apparent strength — learning how to "tongue" her pills rather than swallow them and finding ways around the watchful eyes of the hospital staff. Her thoughts, fears and frustrations are kept in a journal by her bed.

"Girl Interrupted" whiskers viewers into a place where insanity is normal. Susanna, who is diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder, must learn to believe in herself again. The inevitable transformation is shown with subtle imagery like a budding tree outside her window. It takes a suicide and a powerful confrontation to lead



Seeking strength: (Left to Right) Winona Ryder is Susanna Kaysen, a confused girl sent to a mental institution where she meets psychopathic Lisa (Angelina Jolie).

Daisy who sports restrictive dresses and a perfectly molded flip hairdo. The sounds of Bob Dylan's "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue," permeate the film, representing the shedding of the past life and empowerment for the future.

The story itself is based in internal emotions, manifested by the outside world. While the film achieves the same meaning, it may be better suited to a written format. On-screen "Girl Interrupted" can seem lost, with a predictable ending, no matter how well-acted the scenes may be.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

way viewers thought about modern horror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 28

THINGS YOU CAN JUST TELL BY...

Contemporary drama takes a behind-the-scenes look at aspects of people's lives you can't see by looking at them, and the difficulty people have in making emotional connections. Stars Glenn Close, Calista Flockhart, Holly Hunter and Cameron Diaz.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH

A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25

ROMEO MUST DIE
Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaggy truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrates. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

REINDEER GAMES
A newly-released convict sets out to start a new life when he finds himself against a team of criminals who believe he has information on a job they're planning. Stars Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and Charlize Theron.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 3

TUMBLEWEEDS
Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown.

'Topsy-Turvy' examines dilemmas of Gilbert and Sullivan

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER
fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

Dramatist William Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan had a knack for creating operas for the common man.

Yet Gilbert and Sullivan's talent and creative output is anything but common.

From the 1870s to the early 1890s, they collaborated on "Pirates of Penzance," "Gondoliers," "Sorcerer," "Trial By Jury," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Grand Duke," "The Mikado," and seven other operas.

Many of the popular works infused with wit and contagious melodies inspired composers of 20th-century Broadway musicals.

But when does achieving wide popularity become stagnant and a burden for an artist searching to create original work? Is the conflict even more intense with a collaboration between two artists of dissimilar temperaments, such as Gilbert and Sullivan?

While that's the promising premise for "Topsy-Turvy," a film by Mike Lynch that opens Friday at the Maple Theater, there is only passing homage paid to resolving the dilemma.

Lynch, who also directed "Secrets and Lies," "Life Is Sweet," "Naked," and "Career Girls," takes a much broader course.

After nearly three hours of wandering between a documentary and mere character studies about Gilbert and Sullivan, the title of the film proves to be prophetic. "Topsy-Turvy" is utterly disordered.

As a story, "Topsy-Turvy" lacks the sense of dramatic urgency and expectation that something of great importance is at stake.



Backstage drama: Allan Corduner (left to right), and Jim Broadbent star as Arthur Sullivan and W.S. Gilbert in "Topsy-Turvy."

It is too long, and gets mired in the intricacies and foibles of what goes on at rehearsals for operas.

But disordered doesn't mean unworthy. After all, this is the world where up is down and down is up. (The reference "topsy-turvy" is to Gilbert's style of constructing a plot with logic-defying twists.)

With a stellar cast and fastidious attention to detail, "Topsy-Turvy" is a fascinating examination of the life and times in which Gilbert and Sullivan created their art. Perhaps a reason that the New York Film Critics named "Topsy-Turvy" as best film, and Lynch as best director.

Set in 1884, the story begins when a heat wave causes slow ticket sales at London's Savoy Theatre, where Gilbert and Sullivan's lackluster "Princess Ida" is playing.

Critics, too, are getting turned off by the formulaic, often-times slapstick operas. Gilbert (Jim Broadbent) pushes ahead. But Sullivan (Allan Corduner) is ready to move on and try his hand at more serious opera.

Their collaboration is held

together only by contractual obligation. Sullivan rejects Gilbert's mechanical constructions, and claims that he's at the end of the line.

Then, quite serendipitously, Gilbert is inspired as he tours a Japanese exhibition. The result is Gilbert's most lyrical libretto, "The Mikado."

With Sullivan newly inspired by the story, "Topsy-Turvy" basically follows the rehearsal and production of the opera.

While the various subplots of the performers coming to grips with the demands of the stage dramatized the type of commitment required to break new creative ground, there's little light shed on how "The Mikado" transformed the relationship between Gilbert and Sullivan.

Interestingly, their work on "The Mikado" was only a truce. Three years later, Gilbert and Sullivan's next opera, "Ruddigore," was less than stellar.

In the end, Gilbert grew verbose, and Sullivan simply lost his passion. That, from one of the most creative musical collaborators, is truly topsy-turvy.

Forget 'Domestic Problems' when this band's on stage

Some songs evoke feelings, others draw you in and let you glimpse at a person you've never met, a place you've never seen.

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA
Such is the case with me and a man named James Francis. I don't know what he looks like, but I have a good idea. I've never heard his voice, but I know he can sing.

James Francis

He's the subject of a song of the same name by a Grand Rapids band called Domestic Problems. He also happens to be singer Andy Holtgreive's father. When Andy called me on Tuesday, Jan. 18 — just back from an East Coast tour — he related the story behind that song.

About two years ago the family was preparing to celebrate their father's 60th birthday. Andy's oldest sister suggested that each of the five siblings and their mother take a decade of his life and find some special way to represent it. Andy was asked to write a song about the first decade of his father's life. While he maintains that "you can't force the muses to do what you want," he went to work, talking to relatives and digging up stories.

"The night before his birthday party, in the kitchen of my parent's house with my brother Tom...it came together," said Holtgreive. Those lyrics are not easily forgotten: "Sing, Jimmy, sing, and the world will dance around you/Sing, Jimmy, sing, it makes them glad/Sing, Jimmy, sing, and the world will dance

and played an explosive 24 songs. Choosing the best 10 and tossing in a few new-to-CD tunes — namely "El Matador," "Where Have You Gone" and "Free" — for flavor, "Domestic Problems-Live" was completed only two months later.

New CD

"We were going into the studio last summer to lay down some tracks for a studio album," said Holtgreive. "We weren't ready to go to the studio, but at that point we knew we wanted to get something out to our fans."

The band organized a show at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo, chose to forgo an opening band,

and played an explosive 24 songs. Choosing the best 10 and tossing in a few new-to-CD tunes — namely "El Matador," "Where Have You Gone" and "Free" — for flavor, "Domestic Problems-Live" was completed only two months later.

around you/ Sing, Jimmy, sing; that's my dad."

Apparently Jimmy's youngest boy took after his Dad.

But the vocalist, songwriter and guitarist is only one in a group of multi-talented musicians who create the eclectic sound that is Domestic Problems. Job Grotzky plays saxophone, flute, clarinet, and percussion; Earl Tolliver Jr. plays bass; Bill Kenny can be seen delighting audiences with his mastery of trumpet, flugelhorn and mandolin and R.J. Ness joined the on-stage party with drums and percussion. Jamie Black rounds out the sound on keyboards.

Best of Midwest

That "Midwestern sound," as Holtgreive likes to call it, reflects something everyone can relate to — family, relationships, friends — in a true and uplifting manner. For a band who snagged its name from a line in a "Blues Brothers" movie, Domestic Problems is serious about two things — the music and the fans. That's about as Down-to-Earth and Midwestern as it gets.

Those who haven't seen Domestic Problems in all their live performance glory can get a taste of it with the recently released "Domestic Problems-Live" CD.

CD Reviews

"We were going into the studio last summer to lay down some tracks for a studio album," said Holtgreive. "We weren't ready to go to the studio, but at that point we knew we wanted to get something out to our fans."

The band organized a show at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo, chose to forgo an opening band,



No problem:
Domestic Problems is Billy Kenny, Jamie Black, Reggie (R.J.) Ness, Andy Holtgreive, Earl Tolliver Jr. and Job Grotzky. Catch them in Ann Arbor this month, or Ferndale in February.

and played an explosive 24 songs. Choosing the best 10 and tossing in a few new-to-CD tunes — namely "El Matador," "Where Have You Gone" and "Free" — for flavor, "Domestic Problems-Live" was completed only two months later.

Where credit's due

"A lot of credit goes to Al McAvoy and Jon Frazer, our producer," said Holtgreive of creating a CD that does justice to the performance. "Al put in a lot of time. I think it's really how it translates on the mixing side of

things, that captures a real live feel."

What started out as just "a fun thing to do" for Holtgreive and Bill Kenny while attending Grand Rapids' Aquinas College has become a burgeoning musical career. With the recent addition of new members Ness and Tolliver and a wide variety of instruments to draw from, the band has never stopped experimenting with new musical styles.

Holtgreive said it's a virtual "cornucopia of music that offers something to everybody."

While any of the band's three CDs are fabulous company in rush hour traffic, it's the energetic live show that makes Domestic Problems a band to behold. So what makes Mr. Holtgreive get out of bed each morning? It's hearing one fan say "you guys just make me smile."

James Francis must be proud.

"Domestic Problems-Live" is available at Harmony House locations in the Metro area. See the band crowd the stage 9:30

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 996-8555, or 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030. For MP3's and more on the band, check out www.domesticproblems.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, dial (734) 591-7279.

STAY TUNED

It seems Austin Powers and Q95.5 FM have something in common. They've both found their Mojo. The pop music station will add Mojo — a Chicago native — to its morning show team by February. Coming to Detroit from a top-rated morning show in Tucson, Ariz., Mojo's ready to hit the Midwest with his dynamic personality. Welcome to the Motor City, Mr. Mojo.

Listen up. Speaking of radio, 89X and 93.9 The River unveiled the latest in broadcast technology this past week at the 2000 North American International Auto Show. The stations' parent company, Chum Group Ltd., is the first conglomerate to bring digital radio to the U.S. — which translates into a clearer, CD quality sound.

Michigan Radio, public radio stations at the University of Michigan, may not be digital yet, but they're progressing, too. Michigan radio's stations: 91.7 FM in Ann Arbor and Detroit, 104.1 FM in Grand Rapids and 91.1 FM in Flint, is now offering a 24-

hour streaming on-air signal to its listeners. It's available at www.michiganradio.org. That means fans of NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition" can be accessed on the Web, expanding the stations' listener base.

Also at the top of their game, Pine Knob Music Theatre's 1999 season meant record-breaking numbers for attendance, with more than 958,000, and sold-out shows, a total of 29. Fans flocked to the outdoor venue to see performers like the Barenaked Ladies, Alanis Morissette and Tori Amos, and Paul Simon and Bob Dylan last summer.

The Backstreet Boys set a record for the fastest sellout when tickets for three shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills disappeared in just eight minutes. That beat Madonna's "Girly Show" in 1993, which sold out in 10 minutes. Concert-going in Metro Detroit has never been better.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Marcy Playground

Shapeshifter

Capitol Records

Though Marcy Playground's first self-titled release spawned a provocative commercial hit and garnered critical success, the Minneapolis band's second release, "Shapeshifter" proves there's far more to life than "Sex and Candy."

Lead singer and songwriter John Wozniak offers a dozen upbeat tunes laced with ominous overtones. And his intelligent lyrics are masked as deceptively simple. But when he throws in his signature fun-filled yodel, everything in the world is as fine as a cup of warm cocoa.

The opening track, "It's Saturday," with its grunge guitar and dance-beat rhythms, is destined to be a hit. Even the slower ballads including "America" and "Never" leave a lasting impression.

On "Our Generation" Wozniak offers a folk-pop anthem for his "Fred to Be...You and Me" peers. He also reaches back to his favorite Saturday morning superheroines for inspiration on the deliciously sinister "Secret Squirrel."

"All the Lights Went Out," an apocalyptic love song, seems only too fitting a tune given the twilight of the millennium.

If "Shapeshifter" is any indication, Marcy Playground is only going to get better. And in this day and age of studio produced sound, it's a pleasure to hear innovative and finely layered music being made from three guys who know what it means to play drums, bass and guitar.

— BY ALICE RHEIN

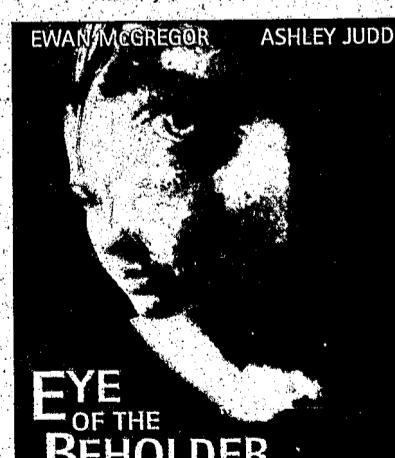
brewedconcepts@msn.com or write to P.O. Box 7103 Dearborn, Mich. 48121. You won't be disappointed.

See the band 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, The Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

ONE OF THE MOST HYPNOTIC AND SATISFYING THRILLERS EVER MADE

Wide Major BOXOFFICE MAGAZINE



STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
BEACON EAST
AMC FORUM 30 DEARBORN
UA COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
STAR GRATIOT
SHOWCASE DEARBORN 1-8
STAR JOHN R
QUO VADIS
STAR SOUTHFIELD
STAR LIVONIA 20
MURRAY CENTER 8
SHOWCASE 1-15
UA WEST RIVER

SORRY, NO PASSES ACCEPTED FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT

ONE OF THE TOP 10 FILMS OF 1999

BEST NEW VINES
ABC-TV
BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION
ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY
HOLLYWOOD REPORTER
THE NEW YORK TIMES
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES TIMES
THE NEW YORK OBSERVER

THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

MIRAMAX R www.talentedmrripley.com

NOW PLAYING

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
BIRMINGHAM 8	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	SHOWCASE MELVILLE
SHOWCASE PORTAGE 12	SHOWCASE HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE
STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR
UNITED COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS 12 OAKS	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER

"ANGELA'S ASHES" IS THE PERFECT REALIZATION OF MY BOOK ON FILM. IT IS EVERYTHING I COULD HAVE HOPED FOR AND IMAGINED. I SING ITS PRAISES."

Frank McCourt — Author, "Angela's Ashes"

ONE OF THE TOP TEN FILMS OF 1999

NBC-TV, Jeffrey Lyons • THE NEW YORK OBSERVER, Rex Reed
TRIBUNE MEDIA, Marilyn Beck & Stacy Jewel Smith • CBS-TV, Dennis Cunningham
USA TODAY, Mike Clark • THE STAR-LEDGER, Stephen Whitty

"ANGELA'S ASHES" IS A HEART-EMBRACING MOVIE, AND AN IMMEDIATE ACADEMY AWARD® CONTENDER. It's rare for a splendid book to glow intact on screen. So rejoice: from "Angela's Ashes" has risen a triumphant film."

— THE TODAY SHOW, Gene Shalit

"DO YOURSELF A HEARTFELT FAVOR AND GO TO SEE 'ANGELA'S ASHES.'

This is beautifully produced and superbly acted. All are outstanding here, but Emily Watson puts in a bid for Oscar with her luminous performance as Angela."

— NEW YORK POST, Liz Smith

EMILY WATSON ROBERT CARLYLE
AN ALAN PARKER FILM

ANGELA'S ASHES

PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND UNIVERSAL PICTURES INTERNATIONAL PRESENT
A DAVID BROWN/SCOTT RUDIN/DIRTY HANDS PRODUCTION AN ALAN PARKER FILM
EMILY WATSON ROBERT CARLYLE "ANGELA'S ASHES" © JOHN WILLIAMS
ADAM SCHROEDER ERIC STEEL DAVID WIMBURY FRANK MCCOURT
LAURA JONES AND ALAN PARKER © SCOTT RUDIN DAVID BROWN ALAN PARKER
KAO THE FUGITIVE BOOK ADAPTED FROM ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN'S NOVEL
SOUNDTRACK INCLUDED ON SOUNDTRACK ALBUM
www.angelasashes.com

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LIVONIA 20
BIRMINGHAM 8	MJR SOUTHGATE 20
SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE
STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR SOUTHFIELD

Especial Engagement — No Passes or Discount Tickets Accepted

Now serving!

Southfield movie house adds dining to venue

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

On Jan. 7, the Star Southfield's 20-screen megaplex, with its stadium seating in rocking chairs and SDDS digital sound, also became a "let's eat out" destination.

New York-based Ark Restaurant Corp., aware of the hot metro-Detroit market, saw the opening of its Volcano Grill and Z-Dim eateries as a distinct addition to its New York City, Las Vegas, Washington D.C. and Boston locations. Founded in 1975, Ark has morphed from operating moderately sized neighborhood restaurants to high-volume, multi-concept eateries. The Southfield project typifies this 21st Century concept.

Director of Operations Donna Palamaro, a transplanted New Yorker who "grew up" with Ark Restaurants, sums it up. "Volcano Grill's menu is similar to our Tex-Mex restaurants in Washington, D.C. and lower Manhattan. We gave this location a different name because it has its own unique space, architecture and colors. Z-Dim is CEO Michael Weinstein's brainchild. The small tastes (tapas) concept is a hot food movement."

Corporate Executive Chef Michael Kiernan adds: "For our Mexican-style dishes, we use only thinly-sliced beef skirt steak, not ground beef. We roast all our chilies on premise and make our mole and salsa from scratch. The small tastes at Z-

Dim are very versatile. Eating can be quick or slow. It allows a large group of friends to linger and offers a family with kids a broad range of choices, so everyone gets what they want."

Originally from Puebla, Mexico and now a Southfield resident with his wife and three children,

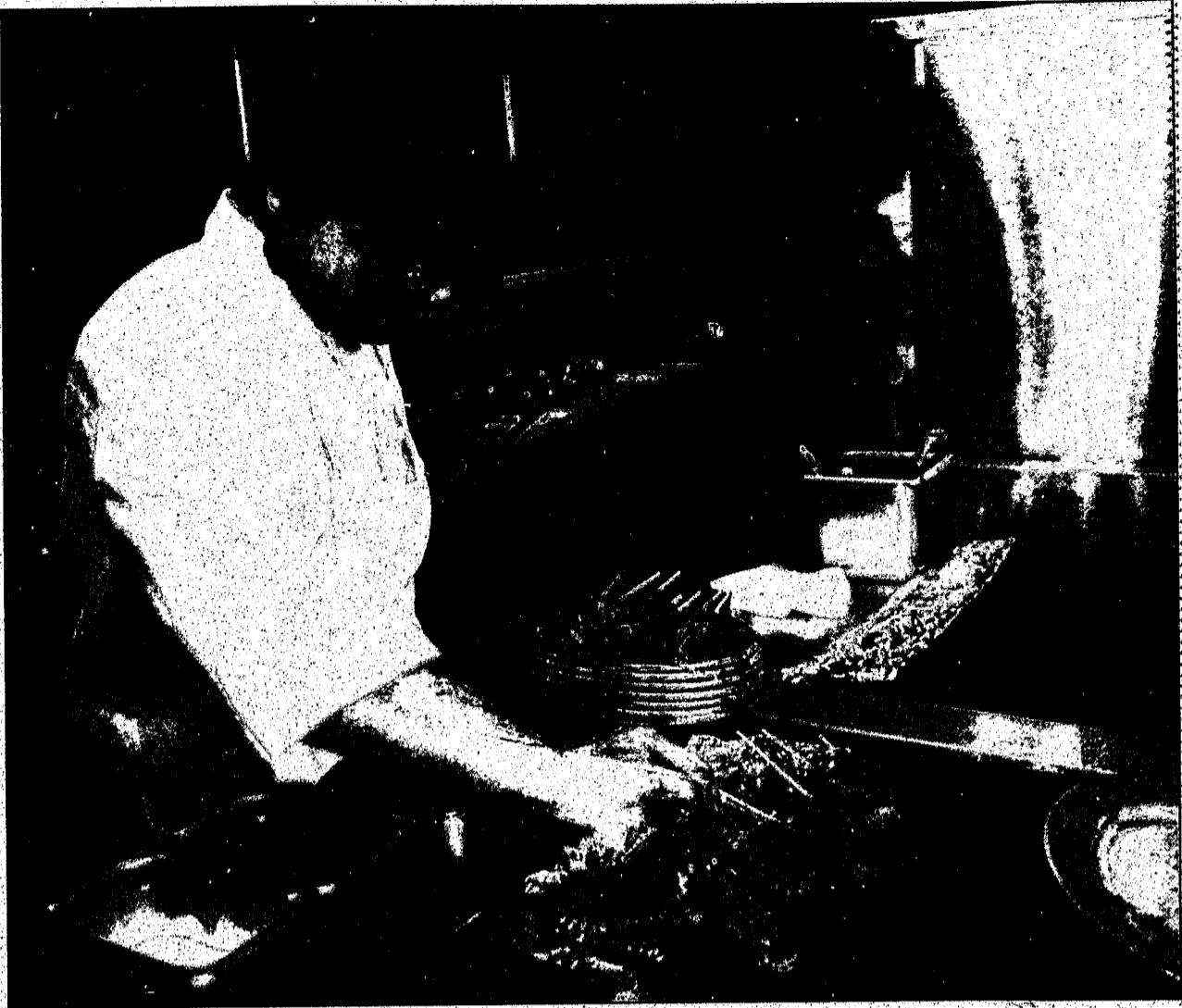
Executive Chef Carlos Garcia Rios oversees the kitchen for both eateries. To take the position, he re-located from New York City along with the kitchen crew.

Theatergoers passing through the colossal entry to Volcano Grill get not only their fill of Mexican food, but \$3.5 million worth of eye candy and dramatic screaming colors. You can order Margaritas by the Yard with chips and guacamole, quesadillas, tacos, burritos and

other cantina fare.

Interesting entrees such as Chicken, Beef or Shrimp Alambre, brochettes marinated with garlic and chilies, Cornmeal Crusted Shrimp with pineapple salsa or Yucatan Style Ribs with tamarind barbecue sauce come without the all-too-often obligatory rice and refried beans. But take this tip from Rios: "The enchiladas and Shrimp Alambre are my best efforts." A grab-and-go taco bar suits those with time constraints.

Z-Dim puts a new-age spin on Hong Kong style dim sum, with cart offerings served in a futuristic atmosphere. For the traditional cart service, 10 dim sum



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Spicy snack: Executive Chef Carlos Rios prepares beef satay. Rios oversees the kitchens of both new restaurants, the Volcano Grill and Z-Dim, at the Star Southfield theater complex.

selections from a master list of 500 change daily. But they are not all Chinese. Carts are more like circulating tapas bars offering tastes from around the globe.

Z-Dim attempts to appeal to a variety of ethnic preferences. So, while you find Peking Duck on the menu, as might be expected from the eatery's Asian name, there's distinctly Italian Angel Hair Pasta with rock shrimp and chocolate crème brûlée as top choices.

To some, sensory overload may also be the name of the game at Z-Dim. A series of specially curated video installations beam continually and the larger-than-life exhibition kitchen answers so you want to be a chef?

Flan, fried ice cream and banana piñata are Volcano's specialty desserts. Z-Dim carts have a stellar key lime pie and chocolate crème brûlée as top choices.

Neither Volcano Grill nor Z-Dim is the place to choose for romantic dining pre or post a romantic film.

But if you want to keep the action going or get your senses piqued before a high-tech special effects spy thriller, they could be your fix. True even if you skip the film!

Spring 2000 will bring two more Ark Restaurant Corporation eateries to the Southfield

Entertainment Center. Fat Anthony's will feature two large brick ovens for pizza. Starlight Brewery will offer pub food and six to eight microbrews.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

PASTIES

MICHIGAN'S #1 PASTIE - OVER 1 MILLION SOLD
MADE FRESH DAILY FROM OUR 75 YEAR OLD FAMILY RECIPE
HOME OF THE ONE POUNDER - offer expires 2/28/00

Buy one, get one 1/2 price with ad. (Limit 1)

ORIGINAL BEEF	CHICKEN
BEEF	CHEESE
POTATOES	POTATOES, CARROTS
CARROTS, ONIONS	ONIONS, PEAS,
RUTABEGA	CELERY

\$3.21 +TAX Stuffed Cabbage; Salads; Cookies; Carrot Cake \$3.40 +TAX

6 MILE
MERRIMAN
MIDDLEBELT
TERRANCE
INKSTER

HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 10 to 7

16310 Middlebelt
Livonia, MI 48154
Next to Olan Mills
In the Terrance Corners
Shopping Plaza
(734) 427-3717

PRIME RIB DINNER *14.95

Includes Salad, Potato, Vegetable and Mashed Potato

NOW EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY

DAVE The DJ

Formerly at Vickie's Steakhouse

OPEN DAILY MON-SAT AT 11:00 AM COCKTAIL HOUR MON-FRI 4-7 PM DAILY DINNERS from 4 p.m.

28500 Schoolcraft In the Super 8 Motel Complex LIVONIA (734) 425-5520 BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHES from \$5.95 AMPLE LIGHTED PARKING DINNERS from \$6.95

BANQUET FACILITIES AVAILABLE

BARB'S COPPER COUNTRY KITCHEN

Let's Celebrate!
We're Your Party Place.
Call us About:
Party Reservations • All-U-Can-Eat
Party Packages • Carry Out Party
Trays • Holiday Gift Certificates
Voted #1 Pizza In Metro Detroit!
Bring in this ad for...
\$3 OFF
LIVONIA 248-261-3550
33605 Plymouth Road
(Just W. of Farmington Road)
Buddy's RESTAURANT PIZZERIA
Or Visit One of Our Other Buddy's Locations:
Farmington Hills • Bloomfield
• Royal Oak • Auburn Hills
• Dearborn
• Detroit • Warren • Pointe Plaza
ORDER 1/2 BAKED PIZZA FOR HALF TIME!
VISIT OUR TAKE OUT!

Family Therapy.



Get away to a place brimming with

memorable wintertime experiences.

Slopes beckon. Trails entice. The kids

flock to Totem Park and other nationally

recognized children's programs. Horse-drawn sleigh rides,

snowshoeing, skating, fitness center and a

year-round pool extract life's tensions

and replace them with contentment.

Funny...how a little cold

can leave you so warm.

Now this is quality time!

Crystal Mountain

Resort, 35 miles NW of

Cadillac on M-115 near

Thompsonville, MI.

1-800-968-7686.

www.crystalmtn.com

(now with online reservations)

TinderBox Productions
Presents...
Annie Jr.
All Seats From \$5.00
General Admission
Tickets available at door or to order send \$5 per ticket to:
TinderBox Productions
36704 Commerce Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Please include performance date and your return address.
Coming to the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre
Jan. 15-22-29 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 16-23-30 at 2 p.m.
for more information call... (248) 471-6785

WIN A WEEKEND IN FRANKENMUTH AND A \$300 SHOPPING SPREE!
Enter Bavarian Inn Lodge's RECIPE CONTEST!
Let your cooking and baking skills pay off in this exciting competition sponsored by Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge. Contest categories are:
• Appetizers/Vegetables • Desserts
You could be chosen as a finalist to participate in the Bavarian Inn Lodge Cook Off to be held on Monday, May 1, 2000 and compete for these fabulous prizes:
GRAND PRIZE — First prize winner in each category will compete for a \$300 Frankenmuth Shopping Spree Grand Prize.
FIRST PRIZE — Winners in each category will receive a deluxe whirlpool suite, Weekend For Two at Bavarian Inn Lodge including two nights lodging.
FINALISTS — Category Finalists for the May 1 Cook Off, will receive a Bavarian Inn Lodge
RULES — An official entry blank must accompany each entry. Recipes must be typewritten or printed on an 8 1/2 X 11" sheet of paper. Be specific and complete. Include preparation & cooking time. Do not abbreviate. Enter as many times in as many categories as you like, but a separate entry form must accompany EACH recipe. Professional cooks, commercial cooks and employees of Bavarian Inn, Inc. and its properties are not eligible to compete. Recipes are judged on the basis of originality, flavor, texture and appearance. The decision of the judges is final. All recipes become the property of Bavarian Inn, Inc. and will not be returned. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 11, 2000.

Contest Entry Form

Name _____ City _____
Address _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Category: Appetizers/Vegetables Desserts Spring Newspapers
Name of Recipe _____
Total Preparation Time? (max 3 hrs.) _____ Serves? _____
I understand that all entries are the property of Bavarian Inn, Inc. I hereby grant permission to use my recipe(s) for publicity or other purposes.

(Signature)
All entries must be typed or printed & postmarked no later than Saturday, March 11, 2000.
An entry form must be attached to EACH recipe. This form may be reproduced. Send to:
FRANKENMUTH® BAVARIAN INN LODGE RECIPE CONTEST
One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734
Phone: 888-775-6343 Enter contest on the internet at: www.bavarianinn.com/cook-off.shtml

Real Estate

Barry Jensen, editor (734) 953-2125 bjensen@oe.homecomm.net

on the web: http://www.observer-eccentric.com

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

NO Page 1, Section F

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Hire a pro
to change
by-laws

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



Our condominium is 30 years old, and some of the by-laws should be changed. How does the homeowners association go about doing this?

Hopefully, your condominium's board of directors will hire a lawyer familiar with home-owners association law to critique your documents.

If your condominium's documents are 30 years old, chances are they need to be totally revised and restated.

The association board of directors should then retain counsel to prepare a proposed set of documents for the board's review. Once the proposed documents are completed, the counsel will submit them to your board for their consideration.

Once the board has approved the proposed set of documents, the documents probably will have to be submitted to the co-owners for a vote to change them, and perhaps the mortgagees, depending upon the condominium documents and appropriate state statute.

If the co-owners and mortgagees approve the documents, then they become effective when recorded with the county's Register of Deeds and must be then served upon the co-owners.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is rmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK-LIST

SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(REQUIRED BY LAW)

LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(REQUIRED BY LAW)

HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET

(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)

SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING

NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)

AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)

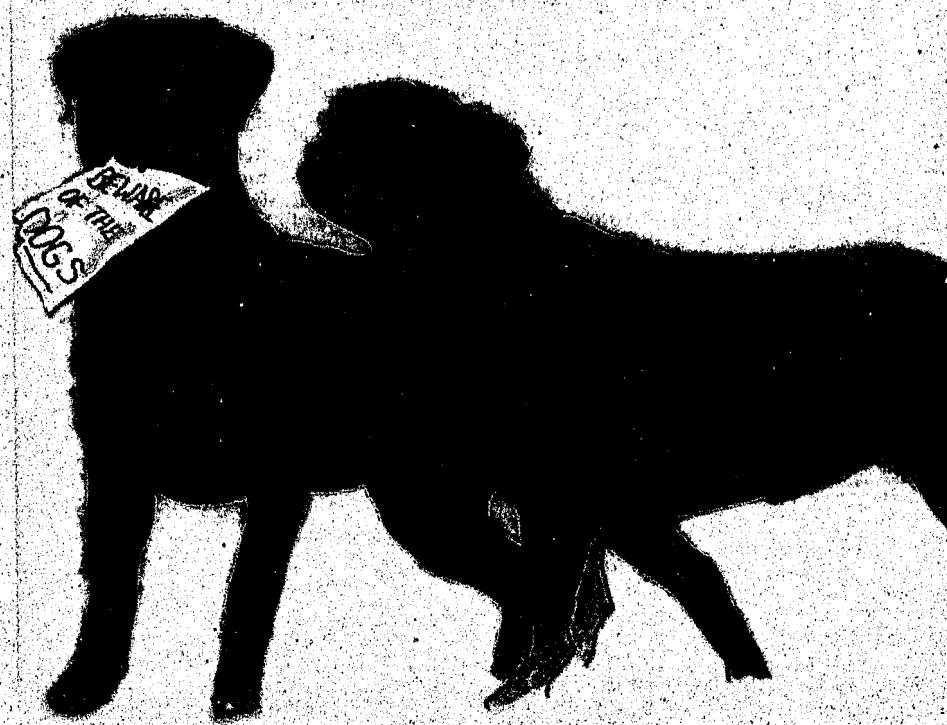
APPLIANCES INCLUDED?

PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)

CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

Uh Oh



Always whistle before you walk in

Time for another installment of the unusual, dangerous and funny world of real estate.

Trouble can sometimes be stranger than fiction. And sometimes the wacky can serve as a learning experience.

Work long enough helping people sell and buy houses, and you, too, probably will be touched by the bizarre.

So here goes — another chapter of life in the real estate trenches beyond the ordinary.

Helen Payne, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Lathrup Village, said she was once "clipped" by a would-be client who really had other things on her mind.

"A girl called the office and said she wanted to list her house, but it had to be a woman (Realtor)," Payne said. "I rushed right over. When I got there, she was very friendly, very hospitable. She had a little baby. It got passed around, we all made a fuss."

"After that, she took me into another room. We seemed to spend a lot of time there," Payne added.

Trouble was, in hindsight, that Payne had left her purse behind. "She must have had an accomplice," Payne said. "I didn't discover it until two days later, but a check and one credit card were missing."

Other agents reported being victimized in similar fashion, Payne said, and the police eventually shut down the scam.

"I learned don't take your purse in, don't put your purse down, and I'm very suspicious when people say they only want a woman Realtor," Payne said. "I don't do it."

Craig Lescoe, associate broker with RE/MAX Hometeam in Westland, once had a dangerous encounter of the animal kind.

"I knocked on the door, rang the bell. No one answered, so I used the lock box to get in. I went into the kitchen, walked around the corner and two rotweilers were there."

Lescoe said he had absolutely no inkling the dogs were inside until they first made eye contact. The animals were that quiet — but not for long.

"They pinned me. They went nuts," he said. "One was barking, one growling, snapping. I had to kind of slowly back up to the front door and let myself out. It was real close. I was sweating bullets."

Lescoe said he used to just call out "Hello" when entering what seemed to be an empty house. Now, he also whistles and pauses for a few seconds at the door before forging ahead.

Bill Haviland, associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, once had a good batch of lemonade result from what could have been a sour experience.

"People were looking at property in Lapeer. They specifically requested that they drive. They were a really pleasant couple, so I was happy to do that."

"The first house on their list we pulled into the driveway and walked to the door. The lady said she wasn't expecting us but come on in anyway. I had made the appointments."

"The house was much nicer than anticipated. I started getting a funny feeling when looking at the finished basement, another surprise."

"When I asked how much they were asking, it was \$50,000 more than the people I was working with were looking for. We were in the wrong house. The house I made the appointment for was four or five down the road. The punch line is, they bought it anyway."

Bob Massaron, a Realtor with Century 21 Associates in Plymouth, recalled an strange encounter with a visitor while working a new model home.

"People generally just walk in the front door. The doorknob rings and I'm wondering, 'Why don't they just walk in?' There's all kinds of signs."

"I opened the door, and there's a guy with a lamp-type thing that fits over a gas-type light," Massaron said. "He had one in his hand with broken, jagged glass. He said, 'Those guys are trying to get me.'

"He had the glass two inches from my face. I looked around and couldn't see anybody. I was looking for a car accident or something."

"I think he was mentally deranged. All I could do was try to calm him down. He said, 'I'm going to get back at them.'

"Finally, I convinced him to put the glass down, get into his car and go away. I locked the model and called the police. They followed him down Nine Mile, but I don't know what happened then."

Kathy Lyons, a Realtor with Hennett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills, describes one of her most compelling experiences that just goes to show it ain't over 'til it's over.

"I had a young lady who had to be out of her apartment the day we were closing on her new condo. Relatives came in from Brazil who were going to be living with her, and they had to enroll a son in school. They had no place to go."

"When we went to the closing, the title company didn't have the papers ready. They said there was no way to close. It would be at least four more days."

"We made some calls, got hold of the Hennett, Wilson, Whitehouse title company we use and, by six at night, we closed. It was dicey."

"The best thing I can say is anything is possible in real estate," Lyons concluded. "We try to make everybody happy."

Suzanne Clarkston, a Realtor with Century 21 Associates in Rochester, related an experience that's happened to more than a few agents over the years but is still disconcerting and, increasingly, scary.

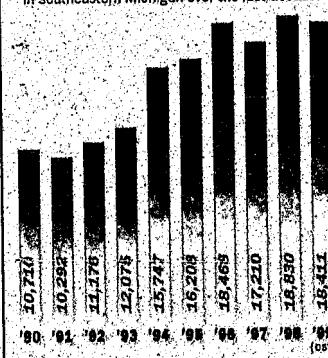
"One time, I went to go show a house in the Lake Orion/Oxford area on a lake," Clarkston said. "We rang the bell, no one came, so we went into the house."

"A gentleman was lying in bed pretending to be asleep looking pretty naked," Clarkston said. "I was uncomfortable and was with another woman, so I said, 'We're out of here.'

"It could have been a really beautiful house," Clarkston said. "We didn't get very far."

Steady progression

Number of single-family building permits issued in a 7-county area, including Wayne and Oakland, in southeastern Michigan over the last decade.



How to get
loan after
bankruptcy

Part 1 of 3



Just because you've had to declare personal bankruptcy is no reason to give up on your dream of home ownership. If you can rebuild and maintain good credit and prove that the reason for your bankruptcy won't happen again, you can probably qualify for an FHA mortgage at the going interest rate in as little as couple years after declaring bankruptcy.

There are, however, some things you must do to be able to get a mortgage loan at the prevailing rate. You must have re-established credit and have no other late payments or collections on your credit report. You also will have to give a detailed explanation about why you went bankrupt, and show that you have made some serious changes in the way you handle your finances.

Due to changes in the law, however, you will have to wait four years to get a conventional loan. "One of the things that lenders look at," said a sales manager for a West Coast mortgage company, "is the reason for the bankruptcy. Suppose the person were self-employed, and there was a business slowdown. We would expect him or her not to be self-employed anymore and to have a salaried job with a steady paycheck."

People who go bankrupt usually find themselves in a deep financial hole that they just can't dig out of. For most people, bankruptcy is related to an incident or situation, such as medical problems, a business slowdown, an anticipated promotion, raise or new job that didn't materialize, getting laid off, or an unexpected pregnancy.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Detroit, provides mortgage rate updates and useful information daily for consumers who are shopping for home financing in Michigan. For daily lender updates, go to www.MortgageDetroit.com. Mully is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association and the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mortgagedetroit.com.

For the Best
Home Buys
in your
Hometown
Check the
Sunday and
Thursday Real
Estate Section.

HOME Of The WEEK

WEST BLOOMFIELD

BUILDER'S MODEL FOR SALE!

Fabulous 4 bedroom, 4½ bath home boasts a walk-out lower level and deck backing to a charming pond on a fully landscaped lot.

Lots of amenities: \$599,900 ORD-968122

RALPH MANUEL ASSOCIATES - WEST

Call 248-851-6900



LB4556



New teammate: Dan Elsea (left), Richard Elsea and Stuart Elsea welcome Conrad Jakubowski of ERA Rymal-Symes to the Real Estate One family.

Merger

Real estate firm Rymal-Symes now working with Real Estate One

Real Estate One, a family-owned company headquartered in Farmington Hills, merged with Rymal-Symes, a real estate firm with offices in Novi and South Lyon.

Last year, the combined sales of ERA Rymal-Symes were \$110 million with 48 sales associates and employees. Both the Novi and South Lyon offices will operate under the Real Estate One name.

"It's no secret that one of the fastest-growing residential real estate markets is in the Novi and South Lyon areas of Oakland County," said Dan Elsea, president of Real

Real Estate One has 39 company-owned branch offices in metro Detroit and the Grand Traverse area.

Estate One.

"This strengthens the position of Real Estate One in this region and further enhances our status as the largest real estate firm in Oakland County," he added.

"Residential real estate is essentially a service business, and the pub-

lic has many options," said Conrad Jakubowski, president of ERA Rymal-Symes.

"This merger allows our sales associates to offer customers a greater range of benefits and services, which, in turn, will mean better service for our customers and greater success for our offices," he said.

Real Estate One has 39 company-owned branch offices in metro Detroit and the Grand Traverse area, as well as 35 franchise locations throughout the state.

Real Estate One had more than \$2.55 billion in sales last year.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 20 - 24, 1999, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	Clarkston	2099 Callie Dr \$212,000	610 Pleasant Rdg \$116,000	3876 Silver Valley Dr \$154,000	860 Castlebar Dr \$210,000	919 Willard Ave \$194,000	599 Whitfield Dr \$275,000	1129 Lakeview St \$78,000	4290 Cedar Ave \$135,000
		9120 Campbell Crk Dr \$193,000	3466 Richards Way \$226,000	349 Waldon Rd \$82,000	1637 Colony Dr \$172,000	852 Willow Rd \$162,000	3844 Lakewood Dr \$184,000	2783 Winter Dr \$162,000	3595 Chelis St. \$270,000
		627 Carroll Lake Dr \$139,000	821 River Valley Dr \$260,000	346 Wimpole Dr \$115,000	1370 Crescent Ln \$115,000	346 Wimpole Dr \$144,000	6667 Cottonwood Knoll \$258,000		
		9170 Chaumont St \$137,000	922 River Valley Dr \$240,000	563 Bay Pointe Dr \$60,000	3427 Crooks Rd \$390,000	2951 Woodlawn Dr \$204,000	4371 Leatari St \$219,000	1046 Lalonde St \$129,000	4415 Crestdale Ave \$259,000
		9203 Commerce Rd \$135,000	2917 Rockford Ct. \$85,000	428 Cherry Hills Ct \$210,000	154 Dalton Ln \$167,000	3077 York Rd \$95,000	1543 Highmeadow Dr \$123,000	1016 Leatari St \$101,000	4735 Danbrook Dr \$259,000
		9203 Commerce Rd \$135,000	2694 Shadow Lake Dr \$218,000	690 Doral Dr \$46,000	3801 Dearborn Ave \$42,000	3077 York Rd \$123,000	252 Lake Village Dr \$83,000	401 Loberia Ln \$139,000	6628 Ember Ct. \$178,000
		4910 Cooley Lake \$260,000	3096 Telon Cr \$157,000	47 Indian Knolls St \$170,000	1522 Deerhurst Ln \$224,000	1936 Lakeland Ave \$160,000	228 Grey St. \$134,000	599 Lotus Dr. \$180,000	6313 Golden Ln. \$148,000
		2855 Fisher Ave \$40,000	1932 Valley Ln \$185,000	343 Inverness Dr \$46,000	46281 Dequindre Rd \$149,000	2050 Pontiac Dr \$139,000	2143 Park Place Dr \$102,000	4006 Lotus Dr. \$174,000	6616 Grassland Ave \$155,000
		8270 Golifield Dr. \$27,000	3047 Vorhees Lake Ct \$550,000	875 Kelst St. \$113,000	1777 Dressler Ln \$176,000	1789 Warwick St. \$135,000	7076 Mather St. \$193,000	4315 Hillcrest Cir \$156,000	
		2813 Greenlawn Ave. \$25,000	3087 Vorhees Lake Ct \$550,000	89 Lafayette St \$165,000	3173 Eastern Ave \$156,000	1842 Weir Rd \$118,000	1058 Meadowcrest Dr \$181,000	6557 Hillcrest Cir E \$216,000	
		4739 Halberd St. \$128,000	21 Waterview Dr \$227,000	1371 Queens Dr \$165,000	1705 Foresthill Dr. \$315,000	355 Ardmore Dr \$203,000	2952 Mulwod Ct. \$175,000	5590 Inkster Rd. \$140,000	
		2557 Kingstone Dr \$100,000	28739 Blackstone Dr. \$194,000	2433 Somerville \$60,000	2700 Fox Woods Ln. \$287,000	2729 Berkshirle Dr \$171,000	2820 N Lake Angel Rd. \$128,000	5468 Kingsway Ct. \$303,000	
		27270 Latypow Dr. \$104,000	27270 Latypow Dr. \$104,000	1083 Woodbar Dr \$223,000	1234 Valley Ln \$148,000	2224 S Commerce Rd \$135,000	2476 N Williams Lake Rd. \$90,000	5429 Macqueen Dr. \$270,000	
		1039 King Rd. \$173,000	18749 Sunnybrook Ave \$146,000	1941 Worcester Ct. \$148,000	2845 Ardmore Dr \$203,000	2882 Baybrook Dr \$155,000	2947 Nottingham Dr. \$174,000	4289 Macqueen Dr. \$270,000	
		4910 Oakley Park \$87,000	41711 Aspen St. \$150,000	42112 Cherry Hill Rd \$210,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	142 Boyd Dr. \$124,000	413 Ocean St. \$163,000	4552 Oldsmobile Ave \$135,000	
		8924 Beachwood St. \$185,000	4962 Walton Woods Dr \$278,000	5779 Beechview Dr. \$240,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	4825 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	441 Beaver Island Dr. \$119,000	4552 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		10221 Cedar Cove Ln \$192,000	360 Winslow Cir. \$208,000	1841 Boulder Ct. \$225,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4553 Oldsmobile Ave \$119,000	4553 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		9429 Eagle Hill Dr. \$110,000	230 Woodcock Ct. \$151,000	495 Duncan Dr. \$150,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4554 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4554 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		4657 Edystone Cr. \$240,000	45681 Bristol Ct #42 \$235,000	495 Duncan Dr. \$150,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4555 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4555 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		5155 Glenview Crk \$283,000	41828 Cherry Hill Rd. \$215,000	3922 Birchbank Ln \$245,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4556 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4556 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		5382 Heath Ave \$157,000	10422 Bigelow Rd. \$146,000	42112 Cherry Hill Rd. \$210,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4557 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4557 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		6312 Heron Ct. \$292,000	11270 Bigelow Rd. \$70,000	1652 Chase Dr. \$165,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4558 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4558 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		8791 Hunters Creek Dr. \$115,000	10249 Boulder Pass. \$530,000	1808 Chase Dr. \$249,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4559 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4559 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		4892 Lakeview Blvd. \$129,000	818 Broadway \$135,000	4612 Chafford Ct. \$237,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4560 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4560 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		3000 Ram Rd. \$160,000	10078 Creekwood Tr. \$145,000	12248 Fairways Dr. \$228,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4561 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4561 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		5095 Mohawk Ave \$236,000	1716 Olene Dr. \$140,000	495 Duncan Dr. \$150,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4562 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4562 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		3120 Oakhill P. \$319,000	10438 King Rd. \$173,000	4988 Highlands Dr. \$184,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4563 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4563 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		6851 Balmoral Ter. \$185,000	6193 Ridge Hollow Ln. \$40,000	4988 Highlands Dr. \$184,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4564 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4564 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		5935 Oakhurst Ridge Rd \$547,000	3075 Prichard St. \$105,000	341 Griggs St. \$171,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4565 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4565 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		4324 Oakville Ave. \$123,000	40515 Palsey Cr. \$146,000	537 Hill St. \$155,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4566 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4566 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		6551 Park Valley Dr. \$393,000	22165 Picadilly Cr. \$157,000	3547 Inverness Dr. \$284,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4567 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4567 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		4973 Parview Dr. \$390,000	30345 La Brea Ct. \$127,000	1227 E. Lake Dr. Unit 119 \$100,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4568 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4568 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		4315 Pelton Rd. \$130,000	2521 River Dr. \$130,000	10400 Greenling Dr. \$128,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4569 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4569 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		6545 Ridge Top Tr. \$226,000	1843 Cass Lake #D \$105,000	1265 S. Helen Ave \$166,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4570 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4570 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		7080 S Bluewater Dr. \$147,000	1843 Cass Lake #D \$105,000	1181 Miners Run \$90,000	2455 Hessel Ave \$124,000	5038 Buckingham Pl Dr \$142,000	4571 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	4571 Northridge Ct. \$122,000	
		7300 S Scenic Ridge Dr. \$160,000	3075 Prichard St. \$109,000	2					

Hometown Classifieds

works for YOU!

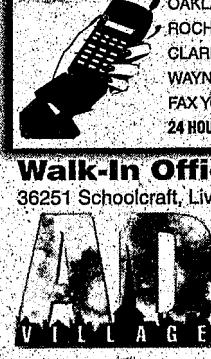
"Snowblower sold on the first ad! You just can't beat an Observer & Eccentric ad. They work!"

W.C.
Orchard Lake**HOMETOWN****CLASSIFIEDS**Observer & Eccentric *It's all about you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS 600 AUTOMOTIVE/REC. VEHICLES 800 EMPLOYMENT/SERVICES 500 MERCHANTISE 700 REAL ESTATE 300 SERVICE GUIDE 001-245

Reach your
neighbors
across the
street or
across the
state...

ONE CALL
can put you in touch with
41 NEWSPAPERS
that together reach over
496,922 HOMES!

IT'S EASY TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD:

OAKLAND COUNTY 248-644-1070
ROCHESTER/ROCHESTER HILLS 248-852-3222
CLARKSTON, LAKE ORION 248-475-4596
WAYNE COUNTY 734-591-0900
FAX YOUR AD 734-953-2232
24 HOUR VOICE MAIL 734-591-0900

DEADLINES:
For Placing, Cancelling or Correcting of Liner Ads.
Publication Day **Deadline**
SUNDAY REAL ESTATE 5:00 P.M. THURSDAY
SUNDAY ISSUE 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY
THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY

Walk-In Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5 pm

36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan 48150 • 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Your HomeTown Classified ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...

www.oeonline.com**Hometown Classifieds Network**Let our AdVisors help
you build a customized
package based on one
or a combination of
these fine community
newspapers*It's all
about you!*

</

CENTURY 21 American CENTURY



TROY, Bloomfield Hills schools. Cul-de-sac setting for this 4 bedroom, 3 full bath Colonial ideal for in-law suite. Full basement, 3 car side entry garage. All appliances and home warranty included. \$429,900 (82HUN) 248-524-1600



GREAT STARTER HOME! Cute & cozy describes this 2 bedroom ranch. Just 1 block from all sports lake. Many updates. Includes washer and dryer. Has a fenced yard and 2 sheds. Motivated sellers. \$93,000 (30MOS) 248-626-8800



STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION. Rochester schools, turnkey condition, whirlpool tub, 18' ceilings, french doors, wood floors, walk-out LL, appliances, oak cabinets, 4 bedrooms. Immediate occupancy. \$399,900 (95ELK) 248-652-8000



TROY. Emerald Lake lakefront ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Walk-out finished basement. Dining room, first floor laundry. Great view of Sandshores Lake. Updates! \$299,900 (35LIT) 248-524-1600



THIS 3 BEDROOM, 1½ bath ranch shows pride of ownership! Updates include newer roof, windows, A/C, furnace, dishwasher, driveway & patio. Mirrored wall in living room. Fenced in backyard. \$155,000 (21CHU) 248-626-8800



COUNTRY LIVING minutes from Rochester. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, living room, dining room, fireplace with California ledge rock. Ceramic floors, walk in closets, 2 car garage, extra 2 car garage. Walkout basement. Built in pool. \$388,900 (16BUE) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath 2-story contemporary built in 1996. Great Room with cathedral ceiling, formal dining room. Master bedroom with jacuzzi. Island kitchen. \$323,000 (03STA) 248-524-1600



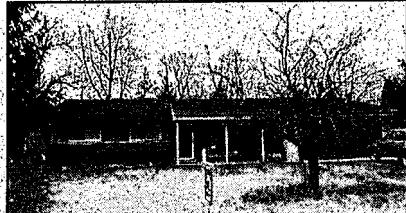
GREATER STARTER HOME near all sports Sylvan lake. Updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch including roof, freshly painted, newer carpet and more. Excellent location! \$124,999 (33OTT) 248-626-8800



OAKLAND. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath beautiful country home, high elevation, wrap around front porch, treed lot, hardwood floors, custom fireplace, large living and dining room. 6 person Jacuzzi, Florida room. \$349,900 (10DUT) 248-652-8000



TROY. Spacious West Troy 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on beautiful 1.5 acre wooded lot. Bloomfield schools. Huge Great Room, formal dining room, country kitchen. Fieldstone fireplace. \$309,900 (15AFL) 248-624-1600



WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath ranch Farmington Hills. Great location! Generous fenced in backyard. 2 car attached garage, central air and much more. \$169,900 (37CAR) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS RETREAT. Great room Colonial with premium appointments. Finished basement. Over a half acre lot with 4' lap pool, 24'x44' (approx). Beautiful decking plus basketball court, backs to treed commons. \$319,850 (51ROC) 248-652-8000



HUNTINGTON WOODS. Charming 3 bedroom Colonial on great street. Living room with fireplace, dining room, family room. Oversized 2½ car detached garage has unfinished rooms for office, etc. \$229,900 (94TAL) 248-524-1600



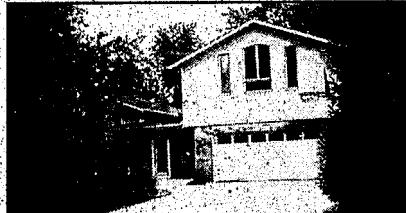
LOVELY 3 BEDROOM, 2½ bath tri-level home with many updates. Family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors in kitchen. Costly landscaping. Plus Pine Lake privileges. Must see! \$275,900 (41NOR) 248-626-8800



BEVERLY HILLS. Large 4 bedroom, 2½ bath beautiful Colonial in popular Nottingham with living room, dining room, family room, and library. Towering trees, Birmingham Schools. A must see! \$424,850 (61FRI) 248-642-8100



TROY. Stately 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial with newer oak floor. Finished basement, first floor laundry, side entry garage. Professionally decorated former builders model. Home warranty. \$299,500 (23DEN) 248-524-1600



VORHEIS LAKE FRONTRAGE. Magnificent 4 bedroom tri w/approximately 92' lake frontage. Premium updates & upgrades. Great lake views from most rooms including master suite balcony, multi-level deck w/hot tub. \$520,000 (25WAR) 248-652-8000



LAKE ORION. Gorgeous lakefront home on Dollar Bay - Lake Orions finest. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths with boat dock. All sports lake, Jacuzzi and all appliances stay. Must see! \$369,000 (65PIN) 248-642-8100



3 BEDROOM bungalow in Northern Oak Park. Finished basement, hardwood floors. Florida room off dining room. Large eat-in kitchen. Great location. Berkley schools. \$139,900 (13LIN) 248-626-8800



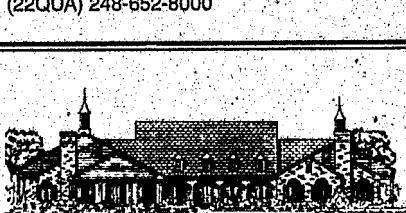
ON THE CLINTON RIVER! 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, library w/Judges paneling, 2nd master in-law suite, custom kitchen w/Merillat cabinets & island. 3 car garage, cathedral ceilings, walkout & wooded lot. \$514,900 (22QUA) 248-652-8000



BEVERLY HILLS. Country living with city convenience! 3-4 bedroom, 2½ bath brick ranch on 1.5 acres. Family room with fireplace, living room, formal dining room, sun room and more. Birmingham Schools. \$339,900 (60HAM) 248-642-8100



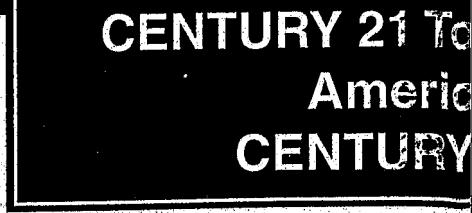
294 E. Brown, Birmingham
(248) 642-8100



4820 Rochester Road, Troy
(248) 524-1600



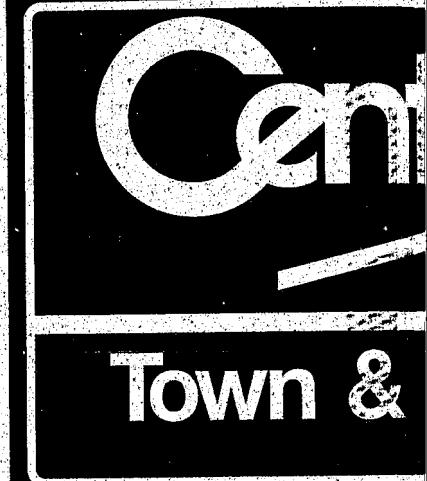
4310 14 Mile Rd., Sterling Hts.
(810) 939-2800



ADDISON TWP. executive retreat. Meadowbrook designed estate. Hand carved great hall beams, leaded glass windows, slate floor and roof, cedar pool house, separate guest quarters. Completely restored. Pool and gardens. \$2,350,000 (00ARM) 248-652-8000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Excellent opportunity area of multi-million dollar re-development. Home has updated marble bath, newer kitchen & full basement on mature lot. Tear down or add on, highly desirable sub, land can't be split. \$549,000 (25LON) 248-642-8100



DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Prepare to fall in love with this exciting custom contemporary lakefront w/gorgeous sunset views of approx. 465 acre Union Lake. Over 2,400 sq. ft. and a walk-out basement, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths & Walled Lake Schools. \$539,900 (60BAR) 363-1200



LAKEFRONT BRAND NEW DETACHED CONDO in premier Harbour Point On The Lake. Views second to none with lifestyle of the rich and famous! \$479,900 (57HAR) 363-1200.



SPACIOUS TUDOR ON WOODED LOT with beach privileges on all sports Middle Straits. Gourmet kitchen, 2 story great room, finished walk-out basement and much more. \$385,000 (35OAK) 363-1200



722 W. University, Rochester
(248) 652-8000

• Complete Home Marketing Plan

• Home Warranty Program

• Local and Regional Multiple Listing Services

• Full-Service

E-MAIL: c21tcrelo@aol.com Website:

own & Country a's #1 21 Firm!



ROCHESTER HILLS. Executive caliber Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths. Formal living/dining room, butler's pantry, large Island kitchen, Great Room, library, soaring 9' ceilings. 3 car side entry garage, \$499,900 (63GRE) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS. A quiet blending of colors accented with rich hardwood floors lend to a feeling of total reflection. 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, fireplace, den, great room, C/A, great yard and deck. Spacious kitchen. \$284,900 (01FAI) 248-652-8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo with neutral decor. Newer carpet and paint, library, breakfast room with doorwall to private deck, kitchen with built-ins and 2 car garage. \$247,500 (22PEB) 248-642-8100



GORGEOUS COLONIAL with walk-out basement. Absolutely stunning home with 5 bedrooms and 4½ baths. 2 master suites; marble bath and Jacuzzi. Includes a finished walk-out with a 2nd kitchen. \$829,900 (55WAR) 248-626-8800



TROY. New construction on the court. Hardwood foyer, circular staircase. Family room with panoramic window, fireplace. Centralized kitchen with pantry. Master bedroom with oversized WIC, sep. tub and shower. \$329,900 (40MAN) 248-524-1600



TROY. New construction on gorgeous walk-out lot with creek. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths. Large kitchen with island cooktop. Master suite with Jacuzzi. Gas fireplace. Unique floor plan in new Troy sub. \$519,900 (26PIN) 248-524-1600



DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM custom ranch condo. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, professionally decorated. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths. Custom lighting, window treatments and much, much more. \$247,000 (44CHE) 248-626-8800



GREAT HILLY WOODED LOT. 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths with a finished walkout, natural fireplace in family room with doorwall leading to deck. \$194,900 (15RAM) 363-1200



ENTERTAINER DELIGHT. Enjoy your friends in this Morgan lakefront home. 3 full baths, 3 bedrooms in great shape. Walkout family room to the water. Multi-tier decks makes relaxing so easy. Immediate occupancy. \$267,900 (16ANG) 363-1200



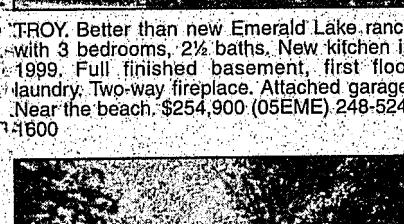
RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large fenced in yard, 3 car garage, fireplace in family room, island kitchen. \$183,900 (44APP) 363-1200



WALKOUT RANCH LOCATION overlooks southern exposure of Cass lake. Steps to beach and private boat docking. Plus 2 car detached garage and basement storage. \$249,900 (59POR) 363-1200



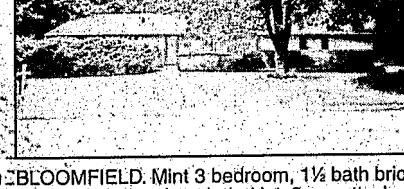
UPDATED RANCH FOR YOU! 3 well decorated bedrooms and 2 full baths compliment this well built and maintained home! Newer Wallside windows, gas fireplace in living room. Finished basement, 1st floor laundry. Hurry to see! \$167,900 (26CAP) 363-1200



CLARKSTON LAKEFRONT. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with w/o lower level, newer deck, septic, furnace, carpet, decor and more. Terraced lot with loads of perennials. All sports private lake, close to I-75. \$224,500 (18KIN) 363-1200



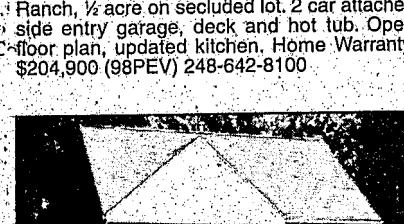
BIRMINGHAM. Don't miss this 5 bedroom, 3 full baths, brick Colonial. Master suite with WIC, hardwood floors, finished basement, deck and much more! \$289,900 (60SHE) 248-642-8100



ORION TWP. Scenic new Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths situated on scenic wooded property backing to Paint Creek Trail. 2nd floor laundry, 2 story foyer, walk-out basement, 3 car garage, formal dining room. \$299,900 (33RID) 248-652-8000



COMMERCE RANCH HOME. with newer furnace, C/A, well and softener! Home shows very well with Berber carpet plus brand new carpet in family room, finished lower level with 4th bedroom, 2 car attached garage. All exceptionally maintained! \$157,900 (33CAN) 363-1200



BLOOMFIELD. Mint 3 bedroom, 1½ bath brick Ranch, ½ acre on secluded lot. 2 car attached side entry garage, deck and hot tub. Open floor plan, updated kitchen, Home Warranty. \$204,900 (98PEV) 248-642-8100



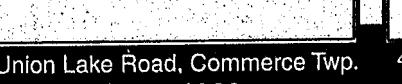
ROCHESTER HILLS. Dinner at Six condition. Freshly painted and ready for your family. Large master bedroom with WIC and bath, 4 bedrooms, custom finished basement; special moldings. \$236,600 (84WHI) 248-652-8000



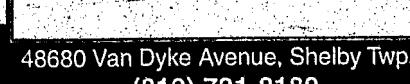
SOUTHFIELD. 4 bedroom, 3 bath Ranch on beautiful ravine lot with river running through rear of property. Living room and family room with fireplace and heated Florida room with 2 car garage. \$249,900 (15ROU) 248-642-8100



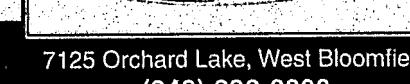
BIRMINGHAM. Great price in Birmingham! 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen and bath, neutral decor and all appliances included. Cute and clean! \$114,900 (03FOU) 248-642-8100



2600 Union Lake Road, Commerce Twp.
(248) 363-1200



48680 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Twp.
(810) 731-8180



7125 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield
(248) 626-8800



CENTURY 21
INTERNATIONAL
AWARD WINNING
OFFICES

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS*about you!*

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

Apartments

400's
Real Estate
For Rent

400 Apartments/Unfurnished
401 Apartments/Furnished
402 Condos/Townhouses
403 Duplexes
404 Flats
405 Homes
406 Lakefront/Waterfront
Homes Rental
407 Mobil Homes Rentals
408 Mobil Home Sites
409 Southern Rentals
410 Time Share Rentals
411 Vacation Resort/Rental
412 Living Quarters To Share
414 Rooms

Real
Estate
for
Rent

#400-498

400 Apartments/
Unfurnished

BIRMINGHAM

1836 E. Maple Road-Between Adams & Eton. Walk to downtown from fully updated building. Cozy 1 bed apartment has beautifully remodeled kitchen and bath, basement storage, only \$725. Ready for immediate move-in.

12 Month Lease. EHO

Call for appointment.

THE BENECKE GROUP

(248) 642-6886

BRIGHTON, CIRE Creek Apts.
Spacious 2 bedroom w/ new appliances, dishwasher, blinds, central air & gas heat. No application fee, \$565/mo. Immediate occupancy. (810)229-5167 EHO

CLAWSON - A-1 location 14 & Rochester Rd. 1 bedroom apt., carpet, appliances, walk in closet, window treatments. \$550. Heat water included. 810-575-6309

ENTER TO WIN
FREE RENT

\$100 Security Deposit and \$400 off Move-In costs on select apartments. Hurry in for Best Selection! (Limited Time Offer)

- Private Entrance
- Huge Floorplans (835 - 1230 sq.)
- Tennis Courts
- Fitness Center
- Open 24 - 7
- Ceiling Fans
- Pool & Jacuzzi
- Nature Trail and more!

COUNTRY RIDGE
APARTMENTS

30545 Crest Forest Farmington Hills, MI 48331 Located just off Haggerty between I-94 & 14 Mile

FARMINGTON HILLS
Luxury one and two bedroom Apartments Available. Call: 248-477-7774FARMINGTON
ORCHARD CREEK APTS

248-855-1250
Ask About
Our Winter Specials!

Farmington Hills Finest



Limited Time Only

\$799 Moves You In

on selected units

Foxpointe Townhouses

1500 sq. ft., 2 & 3 bedrooms. Eat in kitchen, 4 season closets, washer & dryer, blinds, carpet, pool & tennis courts. Open 7 days. ... Halsted and 11 Mile

(248) 473-1127

www.rent.net/direct/foxpointetownhouses

CANTON

"Spacious & Elegant
Apartment Living"

- 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments
- Attached garages
- Private entrances
- Full size washer & dryer
- Furnished units available

From \$1,045 a month

SUMMIT
RENTAL PROPERTY

Located on Canton Center Rd., N. of Mich. Ave. (734) 398-5300

www.singhapt.com

SINGH

A tradition of excellence

400 Apartments/
Unfurnished

LIVONIA'S FINEST
APARTMENTS AT
COMPETITIVE PRICES
7 MILE ROAD
Full washer & dryer in each
apartment. No Renting
immediate occupancy.
1 & 2 Bedroom Units
From \$665

CANTERBURY PARK
APARTMENTS

1940 Mayfield
Between Farmington &
Menomie (behind Joe's Produce).

Including community room,
patio or balcony, deluxe applicances,
optional carport.

248-473-3983 810-775-8206

Novi

Extremely large 1 and 2 bedroom
apartments feature spacious
rooms and closets, oversized
patios/balconies; deluxe kitchen, vertical blinds;
luxury carpeted vinyl for
select units. The area's best
value from only \$650. EHO

TREE TOP MEADOWS

10 Miles & Meadowbrook
(248) 348-9590

TIMBERIDGE

DELUXE
2 Bedroom Units
From \$620.
Includes appliances, vertical blinds, carpeting, pool, close in Farmington Hills location.

Model open Mon-Fri, 9-5
(248) 478-1487

GRAND RIVER-MIDDLEBELT

GREAT LOCATION
Clarencroft School District
CEDARIDGE

2 Bedroom Units
From \$640.

Vertical blinds, carpeting, hot-point
appliances, security system, storage
in apartment.

Enter on Tulane, 1 block W. of
Middlebelt on the S. side of Grand River.

ROCHESTER

524 Lutlow
First floor, 2 or 3 bedrooms, 1/2
bath, 6 rooms & basement.
Appliances/Washer/dryer/heat.

\$1000/mo. (248) 655-3465

ROYAL OAK

Spacious 1 bedroom Apts.
Walk-in Closet • Blinds
Quiet area • Walk to shopping/entertainment

RENT FROM \$630

LAFAYETTE COURT
APARTMENTS

248-547-2053

www.rent.net/direct/lafayettecourt

SOUTHFIELD

Extra large, 1 bedroom
with den, 2 bedrooms, 2
baths, large kitchen
w/ eating area and private
laundry room. In
lovely, quiet residential
area. Covered parking,
swimming pool and
24-hour intrusion alarm
system. Rent from \$745.

12 MILE & LAHESER

COLONY PARK

(248) 355-2047

www.rent.net/direct/colonypark

SOUTHLAND

2100 SQ. FT.
OPEN 7 DAYS

Luxury 2 & 3 bed, 2.5 baths

Formal dining room

Fireplace

Washer & Dryer in apt.

Fully carpeted

Intrusion alarm

2 car attached garage

WEATHERSTONE

TOWNHOUSES

(248) 350-1299

Franklin Rd. S. of 13 Mile

www.rent.net/direct/weatherstone

SPECIALS ON SELECT

APARTMENTS! 810-268-5580

TROY

STERLING HEIGHTS

Great Location! Just minutes from

shopping and entertainment.

Ryan between 14 & 15 Mile.

1 & 2 bedroom with washer & dryer

2 each unit lighted Cathedral

ceilings & fireplaces in select

units. Modern Kitchen. From

\$724.

CALL TODAY FOR OUR MOVE-

IN SPECIALS ON SELECT

APARTMENTS! 810-978-3710

TROY AREA

Perfectly situated for your lifestyle.

Located near the Troy Corridor,

Dequindre south of Big Beaver.

1 & 2 bedroom: 1 bed, 2 bed-

room: apts., washer/dryer

in each unit. Lighted

cathedral ceilings in select

apts. Modern Kitchens. From

\$724.

WALLS

Hawk Lake Apts.

1-2 Bed-room, lake

privileges, fishing, balconies,

central air, free storage, cable

ready. Ask about our monthly

specials.

248-824-5999

WATERFORD

KITCHENETTE

clean, large, \$125 weekly,

248-542-0076, 248-336-9577

Country Corner Apts.

Spacious 1, 2 & 3 bedroom

apartments & townhomes

From \$750

Heat included. Formal dining

room, "carpet", balcony,

health club, pool, close to Birming-

ham. Let us fax you our brochure.

248-647-6100

1-800-369-6668

3030 Southfield Rd.

Between 12 & 13 Mi

TROY

Season Specials: 1 bed-

room apartments, \$99 moves

you in! New residents only. Call

for your apt.: 248-362-1940

Colonial Court

BIRMINGHAM

Ask about our

Winter Special!

Two Bedrooms from \$830

2 & 3 bedroom town homes from \$895

(248) 646-1188

36643 Woodward Avenue

Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Canton

Experience the

Quiet,

Convenience

and

Affordability of

Concord Towers

Apartments

Come Home to Concord Towers for

Location, Quality and Affordability.

6 Month Leases Available

One bedroom from \$530

Two bedrooms from \$590

Features:

Storage in each apartment

Fully equipped kitchen with

dishwasher & disposal

Fully carpeted

Cable TV available

Laundry on each floor

DIRECTIONS: We are located at 14 Mile and I-75, next to the

Abbey Theater and directly across from Oakland Mall.

Concord Towers Apartments

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 10-5 • Sat 10-1

(248) 589-3355

Observer & Eccentric *It's all about you!*
THE
NEWSPAPERS

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

Apartments

NOVI

- 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Townhouses
 - 2 1/2 Baths
 - Central Air Conditioning
 - Basements with washers & dryers
 - Balcony or Private Patio
 - Finished walk-out lower levels*
 - Close ACES to major freeways
 - Private entry
- *select units
From \$1275/mo

"Ask About Our Special"



TOWNHOMES
OF NOVI
at the corner of Decker & 13 Mile Rd.
(248) 669-1050
www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of Excellence

400 Apartments Unfurnished

Westland

STOP!
OUT OUR
SPECIALS
Starting At
\$495*

Free Heat
Free Carpet
Free Hardwood
Great Location
Great Service
Great Place to Live
Call or Stop In Today
(734) 459-6600
On Joy Rd. Btw.
Hix & Newburgh

• WINTER SPECIAL
WESTLAND CAPRI
California Style Apts.
• 1 bedroom from \$525
• Heat & water included
• Cathedral ceilings
• Balconies • Carpeted
• Fully carpeted
• Vinyl
• Great location to malls
• Livonia school system
(734) 261-5410

401 Apartments Furnished

Birmingham

Royal Oak • Troy
Furnished Apts.
• Monthly Leases
• Immediate Occupancy
• Lowest Rates
• Newly Decorated

SUITE LIFE
248 549-5500

BLOOMFIELD LAKES
Furnished 1 & 2 bedroom
apts. in small, quiet complex.
Includes dishes, linens, etc.
Cleaning services available.
Beach privileges. No pets
please. Rents from \$650.
Heat & water included. Short
term leases. 248-681-8309

ORCHARD LAKE - spacious 2
bedroom 2nd floor, utilities
included, no smoking, no pets
\$750.

WAYNE - Efficiency apartments
for rent. Close to transportation &
shopping. Safe neighborhood. If
interested, call: (734) 728-0739

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Newly
decorated, new appliances,
lovely setting. 2 bedrooms, first
floor end unit. Laundry facilities,
carport. Includes: heat and
water. \$1000/mo. Cranbrook
Assoc. Inc. 248-647-0100.

ROYAL OAK - Newer condo. 2
bedrooms. All amenities. \$1200/
mo. Contact 248-542-8944

401 Apartments Furnished

Farmington

HILLS
Furnished Apartment Homes
MULWOODDAW

Immediate Occupancy
Completely furnished.
Superior accommodations.
Month to month or
long term. Deluxe
housewares. Utilities
Included. Resort
style health facility.
Centrally located -
in Farmington Hills.

MULWOODDAW
(248) 478-5533

402 Condos/Townhouses

FARMINGTON HILLS

Condo/Townhouse

ROCHESTER HILLS beautiful 3
bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo. Decks
front & rear. Finished basement,
attached garage. Located in
Hidden Hills. 248-613-1087

SHELBY TWP - 1100 sq ft, 2
bedrooms, newly remodeled, full
kitchen, dryer, full bath, \$565/
Washington, \$600, 248-337-1213

MULWOODDAW
(248) 478-5533

402 Condos/Townhouses

WALLED LAKE

Condo/Townhouse

WALLED LAKE - 1 bedroom
unit on the lake, 1 car garage, all
appliances, fenced for pets. \$775.

RENTAL PROS (248) 973-RENT

BERKLEY: GREAT 3 bedroom,
basement, garage, appliances
no smokers, no pets \$975/mo.
(248) 349-5400

WALLED LAKE - Charming 2
bedroom, central air, appliances,
laundry, lots of storage, 1 car
garage. Available now. \$795/mo.
248-348-8189, #732

RICHTER & ASSOC.

W. BLOOMFIELD

Contemporary ranch condo, 2
bedroom, 2 bath, full basement,
garage, fireplace & appliances.
\$1450/mo. Call after 6pm:
248-661-9318

ROYAL OAK - Newer condo. 2
bedrooms. All amenities. \$1200/
mo. Contact 248-542-8944

WALLED LAKE - 1 bedroom
unit on the lake, 1 car garage, all
appliances, fenced for pets. \$775.

RENTAL PROS (248) 973-RENT

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 2 to 3 bedroom
ranch, ceiling fans, den, 2 car
garage, fenced for pets. \$775.

RENTAL PROS (248) 973-RENT

GORGEOUS 3 bedroom, 2 bath
Bloomfield, lower, cathedral
ceiling, whitewashed hardwood
floors, enormous carpeted
upstairs master suite, central
A/C, fireplace, deck, garage, all
amenities of luxury living, walk
to downtown, 1700 sq. ft. Avail
Feb. 15. \$2100/mo. Show by
appt., (248) 642-1755.

BIRMINGHAM - 2 bedroom with
garage, \$900/mo. + utilities, no pets,
avail 2-1, 248-649-3333, after
5pm 248-540-3768

DEARBORN HGTS - 3 bedroom
ranch. New carpet. Garage.
Walk to elementary school.
\$850/mo. 313-561-7387

RICHTER & ASSOC.

GARDEN CITY - 3 bedroom
ranch, basement, central air,
appliances. Will check credit, references.
\$900/mo. 248-476-3081

GARDEN CITY - 3 bedroom
detached garage, 2 car
detached garage, absolutely no
pets. Call (734) 455-794.

GARDEN CITY - why rent. Own
your own home. 0 to 5% down.
Short term employment OK.
Credit problems OK. bankruptcy
OK. Call Dean Castelli for
details. 21-CASTELLI

LAKE ORION - 2 bedroom brick
ranch, appliances, water paid,
lake view. \$650. RENTAL PROS (248) 973-RENT

LIVONIA - All Updated! 3 bed
room, 1 1/2 bath, all appliances.
Super clean! No smokers, no pets.
\$1225/mo. 248-755-3128

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom brick
ranch, full basement, 2 car
garage, fenced yard. No pets,
no smokers. \$950/mo + security
\$249. 248-559-0159

RICHTER & ASSOC.

HOMES FROM \$199/MO
REPOS! 4% down, OK credit.
For listings & payment details
call 800-719-3001, ext. H695

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom, brick
ranch, 1 1/2 bath, all appliances.
Super clean! No smokers, no pets.
\$1225/mo. 248-755-3128

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom brick
ranch, open floor plan, wood
floor, fenced yard, garage.
Available 3-1. \$1,195.
248-348-8189, #719

RICHTER & ASSOC.

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted
www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

Sophisticated
Living!

ARBORS
OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

LUXURY 2 BEDROOM /
2 1/2 BATH APARTMENT

ATTACHED GARAGES WITH OPENER

CATHEDRAL CEILINGS

FIREPLACES

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

From \$1335/mo

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

SINGH®
A Tradition of
Excellence

248-661-5870

W. BLOOMFIELD

Call About Our Special

On 14 Mile just west of Halsted

www.singhapt.com

Observer & Eccentric
THE
NEWSPAPERS

*of all
about now!*

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

Employment

405 Homes

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom bungalow, shed, utility room, fenced yard. \$500. RENTAL PROS (734) 513-RENT

LIVONIA - 2 bedroom, large living room, fireplace, large yard. \$900/mo. Feb. 20th occupancy. Call: Brett. 248-400-2420

LIVONIA, MI: Sharp but tiny 2 bedroom, appliances, deck: No basement/garage. Kitty ok. \$450/floor. (248) 357-1271

NOVI MAILING, S. Novi schools, 2000+ sq. ft. ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, basement, 3 car garage w/office. Immediate occupancy. \$5755 10 Mile Rd. \$150/mo. Meadow Management. 248-348-5400

NOVI, STOP RENTING! Rent woption to buy. 3 bedroom \$1,100 per mo. of \$149,000. C-21 Assoc. (248) 349-6800 ext. 237

PLEASANT RIDGE - 3 bedroom brick, finished basement, fenced, garage, \$900. RENTAL PROS (248) 356-RENT

PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom ranch, appliances, partially finished basement, \$700. RENTAL PROS (734) 513-RENT

PLYMOUTH - Perfect hideaway for a working couple, or singles 2 bedroom home, fireplace, and air, including 1 acre, 5 miles from downtown, totally remodeled, new carpet & ceramic floors, blinds all appliances plus washer & dryer, storage shed, no smokers only, \$1500 plus security deposit. Including lawn maintenance. 734-455-3033

REDFORD - 3 bedroom ranch, dining room, pets negotiable, \$625. RENTAL PROS (248) 356-RENT

REDFORD - N. - 3 bedroom, carpet, garage, NO PETS. Good credit & working. \$730. + security. 248-356-3355

ROCHESTER 3 bedroom ranch, double lot, fenced yard, finished basement, 3 car garage, mint. \$1995. mo. 248-651-4008

ROCHESTER HILLS - 2 bedroom farmhouse on 5 acres, appliances, 2 car garage tool \$800. RENTAL PROS (248) 373-RENT

ROYAL OAK - 2 bedroom, appliances, carpet, close to downtown. \$750. RENTAL PROS (248) 356-RENT

SALEM TWP. - Must see furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath upper carriage house - out in the country. Available now. \$1,200. 248-348-8189, #720 RICHTER & ASSOC.

Southfield: Beautiful, 3 bedroom brick ranch, full basement, 2 car garage, \$900. + security. Broker: Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm. 248-557-4970

SOUTHFIELD - 2 bedroom brick, basement, appliances, garage, \$750. RENTAL PROS (248) 356-RENT

STOP RENTING! OWN FOR LESS! \$50 DOWN! No credit needed! Guaranteed Approval! 1-800-360-4820 ext. 8203 (SCA Network)

SYLVAN LAKE - clean & bright home, immediate occupancy, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances, attached 2 car garage, central air, fenced yard. Pets ok. \$200/mo. (248) 363-5417

SYLVAN LAKE - Privileges, 3 bedroom ranch. Attached garage. Air. Fireplace. \$1300/mo. (248) 681-3250.

TROY - 4 bedroom colonial, 2 full baths. \$1700/mo with option to buy. Call: (248) 872-5802

TROY - 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, laundry, kitchen & garage. \$775/month. Call after 6pm. 248-879-7451

WATERFORD - 3 bedroom, 2 story, all appliances, 2 bath, dining room, beach privileges, \$900. RENTAL PROS (248) 373-RENT

W. BLOOMFIELD - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, pets ok, big yard, all appliances. Available Feb. \$1200 mo. 248-682-7619

W. BLOOMFIELD - Brick 4 bedroom colonial. New carpet, new paint, deck, finished 3rd level, wbar, 2 car garage, deck, trees, siding, formal dining room, family room, large kitchen & appliances. Master Suite. Asking \$2395/mo. Immediate occupancy. One Way Realty 1-248-473-5500

W. BLOOMFIELD: Newly renovated, spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 car garage, fenced yard. \$1600. 248-337-1213

W. BLOOMFIELD/WATERFORD AREA - Brand new home. Brick front ranch, 2 car attached garage, walkout basement, 2 full baths, 1st floor laundry, pond view, fireplace in Great Room. \$1995/mo. One Way Realty 1-248-473-5500

WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard, no pets. Close to Westland Mall. Available now. \$850/mo. (734) 421-2305

WESTLAND - 2 bedroom ranch, garage, fenced yard, water paid. \$600. RENTAL PROS (734) 513-RENT

WESTLAND - 3 bedroom, newly remodeled, basement, garage, appliances, \$825. RENTAL PROS (734) 513-RENT

WESTLAND - 4 bedroom, blt-over, 1,600 sq. ft., garage, freshly painted, fenced yard. Available now. \$995. 248-348-8189, #734

RICHTER & ASSOC.

WESTLAND - clean 4 bedroom, basement, 3 car garage, no pets, baths, all new carpet, no pets. (734) 459-9268

WESTLAND - why rent? Own your own home. 0 to 3% down. Short term employment OK. Credit problems OK, bankruptcy OK. Call Dean Castell, AP POSITION P.O. Box 511075 Livonia, MI 48151

C-21 CASTELL

405 Homes

WHITMORE LAKE - Terrific 2 level home on Whitmore Lake. Lakeside great room, 3 bedrooms, 1 car garage, great beach. Available now. \$1,495. 248-348-9726 RICHTER & ASSOC.

406 Lake/Waterfront Home Rentals

NOVI LAKEFRONT on Walled Lake - 1 bedroom, Upper flat included heat. \$700/mo. (248) 685-2869 WATERFORD - Lakefront Penthouse, boat slip, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, appliances. \$200/mo. (248) 674-7455

409 Southern Rentals

DAYTONA - Ocean front efficiency. Sleeps 4. \$250. 7 days beginning Feb. 26. 734-684-1793

411 Vacation Resort Rentals

BOYNE COUNTRY - 3 bedroom, 2½ bath home on Walloon Lake. Sleeps 10. Days. 810-988-5396; Eves. 248-373-5851

HARBOR SPRINGS - Harbor Cove Condo, 2 Bedroom, near Nubs Nob & Boyne Highlands. 231-798-8386

412 Living Quarters to Share

FOUR BEDROOM ranch in Westland. Lease payment. \$400 + utilities. (734) 266-9304

414 Rooms

LIVONIA PRIVATE ENTRANCE clean: bath, furnished, sleeping. Via-98, I-275, 5.5 Mile/Newburgh. \$95/mo. CABLE 734-464-1690

NORTHLAKE OR PLYMOUTH - Downtown, Furnished sleeping rooms. Newly decorated, weekly. Security deposit. 734-455-2010

NORTHLAKE - room for non-smoking, gentlemen only please. Share a bath. \$70/wk. (248) 349-9495

457 Property Management

ABSENTEE OWNER We personalize our service to meet your leasing & management needs.

• Broker - Bonded

• Specializing in corporate transfers.

Before making a decision call 28592 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills, MI

AIR DUCT CLEANERS \$10/hr. to start. \$11 after 30 days. + overtime. Will train. Full medical, dental & life insurance. Paid vacations, holidays & uniforms. Great opportunity for advancement. Nov. VENTCORP - 248-347-9300

AIR FORCE - Great career opportunities available for high school grads ages 17-27. Plus \$12,000 signing bonus if you qualify! For an information packet call 1-800-423-USAF or visit www.airforce.com

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTING SUPPORT CURRENT OPENINGS Manufacturing - Corporate team advancement

Automotive Billings - temp to hire. Many hours available.

Financial staff - both temp to hire and flexible hours available.

Transportation - fast growing specialty area. Openings in Taylor

Call Dale today or Email: dalm@astaf.com

BIRMINGHAM - 248-646-7663

FARMINGTON - 248-473-2933 Taylor

Advantage Staffing

ACC HARDWARE IS ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS FOR A FULL TIME DAY CASHIER 9-5 Monday-Friday.

ALSO A FULL TIME DEPARTMENT MANAGER, WORK 2 NIGHTS A WEEK AND ONE OTHER WEEK-END.

APPLY IN PERSON AT 4180 W. 10 MILE RD. AT MEADOWBROOK, NOV. 1-2000

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Fast growing high tech materials company needs 1 or 2 part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative.

Excellent reward. Great compensation and benefits. Flex

line, friendly work environment.

Experience required. Call for an appointment. 248-473-6040 or fax resume to: (248) 478-7690

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Fast growing high tech materials company needs 1 or 2 part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative.

Excellent reward. Great compensation and benefits. Flex

line, friendly work environment.

Experience required. Call for an appointment. 248-473-6040 or fax resume to: (248) 478-7690

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Fast growing high tech materials company needs 1 or 2 part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative.

Excellent reward. Great compensation and benefits. Flex

line, friendly work environment.

Experience required. Call for an appointment. 248-473-6040 or fax resume to: (248) 478-7690

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Fast growing high tech materials company needs 1 or 2 part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative.

Excellent reward. Great compensation and benefits. Flex

line, friendly work environment.

Experience required. Call for an appointment. 248-473-6040 or fax resume to: (248) 478-7690

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS:

• General office: Full/part time

• Auto parts: Call Michele at: (248) 569-8880 or fax your resume to: (248) 569-1508

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR Budget car and truck rental

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Fast growing high tech materials company needs 1 or 2 part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative.

Excellent reward. Great compensation and benefits. Flex

line, friendly work environment.

Experience required. Call for an appointment. 248-473-6040 or fax resume to: (248) 478-7690

ATTENTION: DUE TO RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE OPENINGS IN SE

Birmingham/Bloomfield • (248) 647-6400
 Clarkston • (248) 625-5700
 Farmington Hills • (248) 324-3800
 Rochester Hills • (248) 651-8850
 Royal Oak • (248) 547-2000
 Sterling Heights • (810) 739-1300



Prudential

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT: www.prudential-michigan.com

Chamberlain-Stiehl REALTORS

Troy • (248) 641-1660
 Walled Lake • (248) 624-3015
 West Bloomfield • (248) 851-4400
 Relocation • 1(800) 521-4264x280
 Web Site: www.prudential-michigan.com
 Four additional offices in Genesee County

ROCK SOLD RESULTS IN REAL ESTATE



HILLS OF LONE PINE LUXURY HOME

- Overlooking Norminster Pond with lower level walkout
- Hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, large rooms
- Extensive use of glass. Pond & waterfall!
- Immaculate and move-in ready. (K1458)

\$1,290,000 • Gwen Williamson • 248 646-6089



CLARKSTON - ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

- Over 4,200 sq. ft. of elegant living space with grand foyer
- Formal living/dining rooms, 2 custom fireplace mantels
- Four large bedrooms, four full baths, three half baths
- Kitchen w/ custom details, pantry & 3-season room. (VA820)

\$679,900 • 248 647-6400



DEEDED BOAT SLIP ON ALL-SPORTS LAKE!!

- Over 2,000 sq. ft. of quality and elegance!
- Mahogany woodwork throughout w/ cherry wood kitchen
- 1st floor master w/ 2-way fireplace into marble bath w/ Jacuzzi!
- See video tour of home @ realtor.com/20002043. (FO118)

\$499,900 • 248 851-4400



WALLED LAKE - LAKE FRONT

- Two story Cape Cod on east side of lake
- Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room.
- Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)

\$350,000 • 248 624-3015



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Beautiful brick ranch on secluded 1+ acre lot
- Combination great room/dining room with fireplace
- Hardwood floors, four bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Finished walkout, 2 car garage, patio & pool. (CH177)

\$255,000 • 248 651-8850



TROY - LONG LAKE VILLAGE - MINT!!

- Spotless Colonial located deep within subdivision.
- 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious family room with marble surround fireplace, elegant living/dining room combo.
- Sun room w/ Jacuzzi, 2.5 car garage. Many updates! (WE169)

\$249,900 • 248 641-1660



EXQUISITE GOLF COURSE & WATER VIEWS

- Four bedroom, almost new, 1.5 story contemporary
- Frosted Maple kitchen, ceramic tile, dining room, great room, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry
- Central air, appliances, full basement, alarm. (OA131)

\$219,999 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



BEVERLY HILLS - OPEN SAT. & SUN. 1-4

- Extra charming 3 bedroom and 2 bath ranch
- Beautiful fireplace in living room, lots of hardwood floors
- Open & large kitchen w/ dining area & doorwall to patio
- Master w/ dual closets. Many additional updates. (HU160)

\$199,900 • 248 647-6400



COUNTRY LIVING - ROCHESTER

- Minutes from downtown & walking distance to schools
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, country kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Updated roof, furnace, central air, hot water heater, & bath
- Lovely large lot, newer gutters, electrical & deck. (RE335)

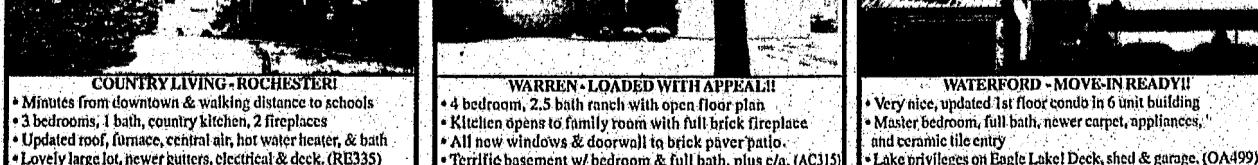
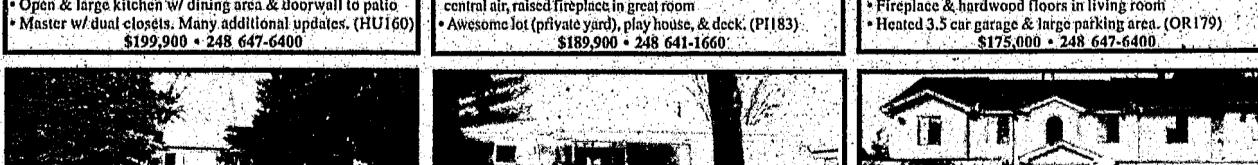
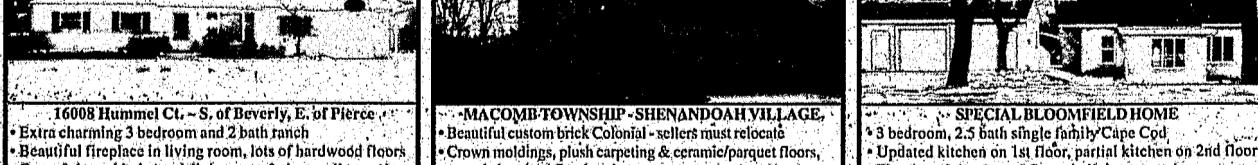
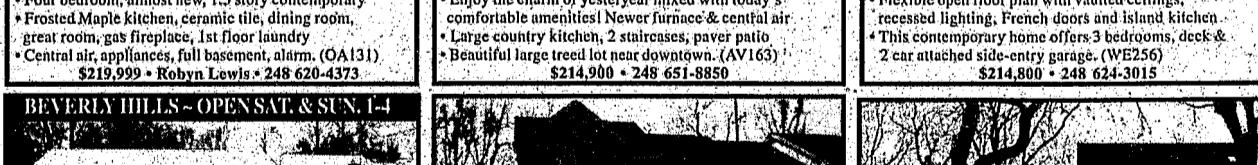
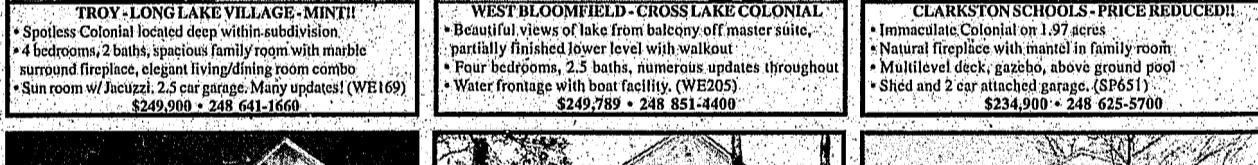
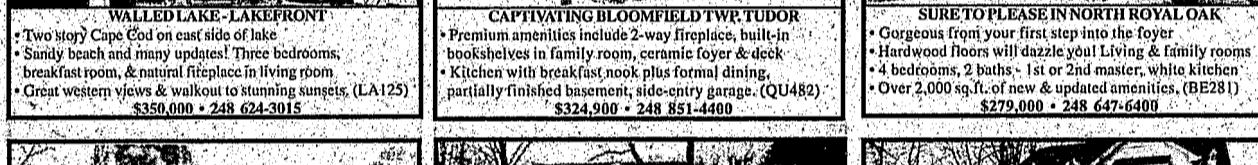
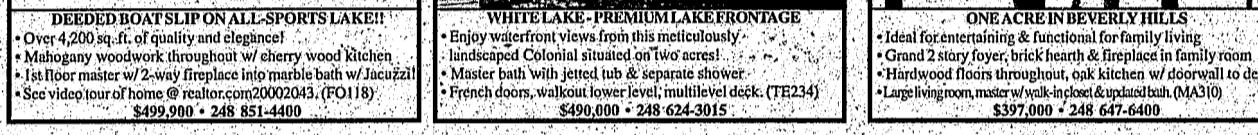
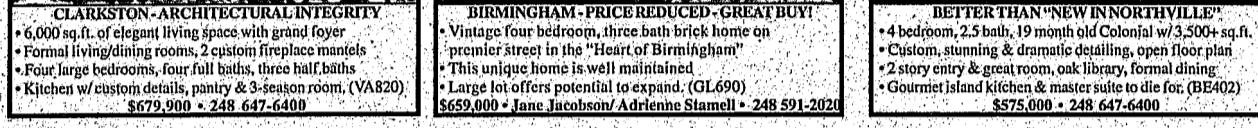
\$158,950 • 248 647-6400



WE'RE GROWING! STERLING HEIGHTS LOCATION!

3777 Eighteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights

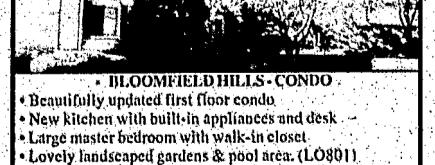
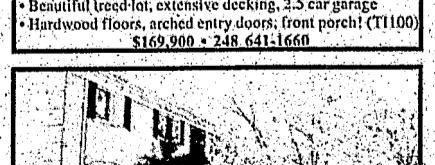
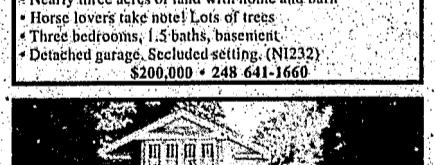
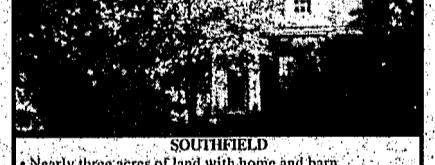
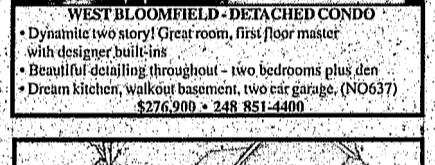
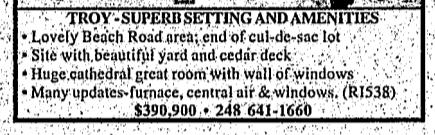
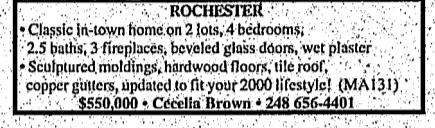
(810) 739-1300



ORCHARD LAKE - CASS LAKE VIEWS

- Rare opportunity - beautiful shoreline
- Freshly painted Colonial with old world charm
- Spacious rooms, two Florida rooms, four bedrooms
- Fabulous sunset views! (WA367)

\$680,000 • 248 624-3015



An Independently Owned and Operated Member of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates

