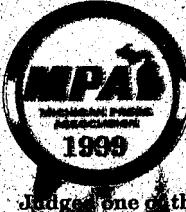


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Effective with today's issue, we've made improvements in the page one nameplate — called "the flag" by newspaper folks — of your Clarkston Eccentric.

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- We've designed a special type face for the nameplate of the Clarkston Eccentric. We hope it's both distinctive and easy to read.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Watch those steps: Jenny Schultz of American Fitness in Waterford leads some health fair participants through a step aerobics workout at North Sashabaw Elementary School.

Fitness fair turnout healthy

'It was one of our best fairs ever'

While temperatures were rising outside Saturday, things were also heating up inside North Sashabaw Elementary School during the Clarkston Community Schools Health and Fitness Fair for elementary school children.

The fair was sponsored by the health and physical education department and parent/teacher groups.

Nancy Lewand, a health education teacher, said about 450 children came to the fair, accompanied by many parents.

"The children had so much fun," she said. "This year was just wonderful, an outstanding event. The fair does such a great job of promoting to kids the importance of being healthy and physically fit. It was one of our best fairs ever."

Healthy puzzle:

Katie Hillon (left to right), Chelsea Collias and Victoria Coon work on a puzzle.

In addition to events for the students to participate in, there were several demonstrations and booths by organizations promoting good health.



Up and down: Anne Marie Hart jumps rope.



Golf for health: Jessica Drew, 7, an Independence Elementary student, plays on a nine-hole indoor putt-putt course.

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New fire dispatch system sought

Independence Fire Department hopes to improve service by contracting with the sheriff's department for dispatch.

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Independence Township Fire Department wants to take several steps to improve protection for residents, including using a more streamlined dispatch system.

Three matters involving the fire department will come before the township board of trustees at its regular meeting Tuesday. In addition to contracting with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for dispatch services, Fire Chief Gar Wilson also hopes the board will approve hiring an assistant fire chief and give the department permission to remodel Fire Station No. 3.

Wilson explained how contracting with the sheriff's department for dispatching would improve service. Today, when a resident calls 911, the person is connected to the sheriff's department, which then calls the fire stations on the telephone. That means the Independence department does its own dispatching.

Under the proposed system, the firefighters would be dispatched directly from the sheriff's department. The service would cost \$28,000 per year, which is less than hiring the estimated four people it would take to have a full-time dispatch staff just for the township. The increased expense is in the 2000 budget.

The problem Independence has now happens when there are multiple incidents going on at once.

"Two runs I can handle, but if one is a house fire, I can't handle it because two units go out on a house fire," Wilson said.

He explained that if two units are already out, the person at the third station is stuck there because someone has to stay by the phone and await any more calls. With the proposed system, if two units were out on a house fire and a medical emergency came in, the third unit could go out on it and everyone would still be able to get incoming calls over radios in the fire trucks.

The assistant fire chief position is a new one, Wilson said. The job used to be called assistant fire chief/fire marshal, but since has just been shortened to the fire marshal position because the assistant fire chief job is not a union position.

"I think we're close," Wilson said, about choosing a person for the job, but

Please see FIRE, A2

Former cafe owners still dishing out jokes

Editor's note: Fourth in a series of occasional stories about people who once held high-profile positions in the Clarkston area.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Remember stopping by Carol's Village Cafe for satisfying food and side dishes of jokes and companionship?

For 12 years, Carol and Don Borngesser served their customers a steady diet of quality coffee shop-style food and lots of good conversation.

The Borngessers sold the cafe on Main Street in downtown Clarkston in 1997 after Carol's multiple sclerosis developed to such an extent that she couldn't work at the restaurant anymore.

Multiple sclerosis, commonly known

as MS, is a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. It causes muscular weakness, loss of coordination and speech and visual impairments.

Don wasn't faring much better. He has diabetes. He undergoes dialysis three times a week. Although he's been on the waiting list for two years, he's optimistic he'll get the new kidney he needs.

But, talking to them, you'd never really know about their health problems unless you delved a little.

They still are quick with the jokes and the repartee with each other, but the love they share is just as evident.

Please see BORNGESSERS, A2



Always sharing: Carol and Don Borngesser share a laugh while seated in Clarkston Village Bakeshop. They used to own Carol's Village Cafe.

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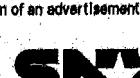
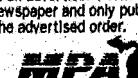
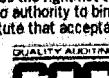
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3 teens honored for good citizenship

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER

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Dependability, service, leadership, patriotism.

These are four characteristics three local high school seniors exemplify.

Andrea Ronk, Andrea Tomczak and Margaret Pruento were recently honored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, at a special luncheon last week.

The high school seniors, along with four other young women not from the Clarkston-Waterford area, were selected by their schools to compete in the DAR's Good Citizen scholarship competition.

"This is an annual event that encourages and rewards the qualities of good citizenship," said Jane Morse, chairman for the Sashabaw Plains Chapter DAR Good Citizens project. "They also needed a letter of recommendation from one person not from their school."

Ronk, 18, is a senior at Clarkston High School. Tomczak, 18, is a senior at Waterford Kettering High School, and Margaret Pruento, 17, of Independence Township is a senior at Our Lady of the Lakes High School in Waterford Township.

Andrea Ronk

Ronk was very surprised she was selected to represent Clarkston High School.

"This really meant a lot to me," she said because she knows other people who have been in the scholarship competition, including her aunt, Kathy Vachon.

Ronk enjoyed the luncheon and meeting the other contestants for the state and national awards.

"I liked seeing how involved



Andrea Ronk, Clarkston High School

other people are in their communities and schools," she added. Her parents are Steve and Anne Ronk.

Ronk's involvement is nothing to sneeze at. A dancer, she's involved in many school groups, including the crisis team, student council and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

She's a volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, was the first runner-up in the Clarkston Junior Miss competition and was honored for her volunteer work by the Optimist Club.

Ronk already has a scholarship to Point Park College in Pittsburgh to study dance. She recently auditioned in dance for University of Michigan.

Andrea Tomczak

Tomczak, who lives in Waterford Township, said she thinks it was her 4.0 grade point average that helped her get nominated for the Good Citizens Award.

She also plays varsity volleyball, runs varsity track and is involved in several school organizations and volunteers every



Margaret Pruento, Our Lady of the Lakes High School

zations, including president of the student council.

The daughter of Robert and Carol Tomczak learned she was chosen to represent her school by her counselor. She said she was very excited by the honor.

"I believe this is something that will mean even more to all of us as we get older, just like someone said at the luncheon," she said.

Tomczak plans on attending University of Michigan after graduation from Waterford Kettering High School in June.

Margaret Pruento

Pruente learned she was selected to represent Our Lady of the Lakes by her counselor, Sister Fran Calcutta.

"She told me I was selected for my community service and for my grades," Pruento said. An honor student, the daughter of Tom and Michele Pruento plays three varsity school sports—basketball, volleyball and softball. She also is active in school organizations and volunteers every



Andrea Tomczak, Waterford Kettering High School

day during the week at Our Lake of the Lakes Middle School.

Pruente hopes to attend Michigan State University and major in either law or secondary education.

In order to be eligible for the statewide competition, the three local teens, along with those selected from other communities, had to write two essays. One of them was about the four qualities of a good citizen. The second one had to be written at school within a specific time frame. The girls had no prior knowledge of the question.

Although they weren't among the 10 high school seniors in the state who advanced to the next level of competition, they all said they're pleased to be chosen for such an honor.

Their DAR Good Citizen pin mentions several of the attributes that each one represents, all within a decorative Wreath of Honor highlighted by the Torch of Understanding.

Fire

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he could not give a name.

The job will pay approximately \$50,000 per year and is budgeted for 2000. The person's duties will entail the overall operation of the department, including scheduling people, overseeing training and making sure the day-to-day work of the firefighters is done right. Wilson will concentrate more on administrative duties

such as budgeting, he said.

The department has 15 firefighters and three captains, which means there are six people on each 24-hour shift. Also employed at the department are two fire prevention officers, the fire marshal, the chief and two secretaries.

Renovations to Fire Station No. 3 at Maybee and Pine Knob

roads are way overdue, Wilson said. Little has been done to the building since it was constructed in 1969 except for an additional truck bay around 1980.

Wilson has been planning the improvements for some time and he thinks all the kinks are finally worked out. He hopes the board will give him permission to proceed with the bidding

process.

The plan is to add living space and a pitched roof. It would replace the current flat roof which has caused many leakage problems, Wilson said. The parking area also might be improved, he said.

The township board meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Independence Township Library.

Borngessers

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■ **'We had no idea how to run a restaurant or cook when we bought it in August 1985.'**

Carol Borngesser
former owner of Carol's Village Grill

restaurant or cook when we bought it in August 1985," Carol said.

"Our only experience we had was sitting at the counter," he piped in as he stirs her coffee for her.

They rented a house on Buffalo Street and walked 235 steps from their home to the back steps of the restaurant.

Owning a restaurant was a life experience, more than just a job.

"We were there seven days a week. We squeezed in a couple weeks off twice a year," Borngesser said.

It also provided them with a social life.

"We miss the people. So many nice people came in. We got to where when we saw certain customers crossing the street, the waitress would put in their food order and have it ready by the time they'd sit down," he added.

People would also stop in just to tell Don a joke or hear one

from him.

"He'd harass all the customers," Carol said jokingly.

While they owned the cafe, Borngesser was active in the Optimist Club and the Clarkston High School Band Boosters. He's continued his role of announcer for the CHS band competitions, something he's done, he said, for about 17 years.

He's also a member of the Clarkston Chordmasters, a barbershop quartet chapter.

The Borngessers are looking forward to their 22nd anniversary on Feb. 24. "The best thing that ever happened to me is that we met," Carol said. "I hope he lives as long as I do so we can spend the rest of our lives together."

"We were warned not to go into a business together," Don added, "but it worked out."

Many people in the Clarkston area are glad they did.

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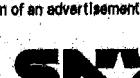
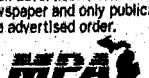
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Stock market club invests in its members

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People join clubs for a variety of reasons—to play bridge, expand their quilting skills, downhill ski, even bowl together.

These clubs fill many needs, including those of socialization and fun.

But have you ever heard of people getting together month after month to study the stock market?

That's what members of the North Oakland Investment Club have been doing the first Wednesday evening of the month since April 15, 1996.

■ 'I would encourage people once they have learned our philosophy and that of NAIC's to consider joining our group. It's not a get-rich quick group but one that educates us.'

Terry Combs
North Oakland Investment Club member

They spend a maximum of two hours usually at a member's home to evaluate research and study specific stocks at each meeting. They pool together \$40 each per meeting to buy stocks that every member must agree on. They own shares in those stocks as members of the club, not as individuals.

Sounds like a lot of fun....

It is to members such as Karen McMurray, Terry Combs and Kathy Warell and the newest member, Judy Livingston. It's certainly something they look forward to every month.

NOIC is associated with National Association of Investment Clubs, founded in 1951. The overall purpose of NOIC and its parent company, NAIC, is for its members to become more educated in the stock market.

Members accomplish this by bringing information to the meetings from

research they've done about a certain type of stock, its management, its history and other necessary bits of information.

With the aide of computers at the meeting, they can go online with NAIC and use many of their research tools about a certain company.

Then they make a decision to buy or not to buy based on the investment philosophies of NAIC. These are:

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NAIC has 730,000 individual and investment club members and more than 37,000 clubs. Its members average a 13 percent return on their investments.

If a member decides to leave the club, the club buys out that member's shares of the investment portfolio.

Combs is one of the founding members of this NAIC club. A Waterford resident, he works for EDS.

"I decided to join basically because of my lack of understanding about the stock market in general," he said. "I like the information we share, the education I get, that we avoid speculative stocks and I like the philosophy behind NAIC—to invest for the long run."

He said he's learned how to rate a stock, meaning what aspects to consider, how to analyze it and how to discuss it.

"I would encourage people once they have learned our philosophy and that of NAIC's to consider joining our group. It's not a get-rich quick group but one that educates us. It's been really helpful," he said, "especially to me who came from zero-based knowledge about stocks."

McMurray and her father, Jim, are hooked on the club. They both own the McMurray Agency, which specializes in Allstate Insurance. Their office is in Independence Township.

"Our club is very pleased with our progress," said Karen McMurray. "We've bought stock I wouldn't have



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Financial partners: Judy Livingston (left) and Karen McMurray are members of the North Oakland Investment Club.

bought on my own. It's opened my eyes to new things that I wouldn't have considered, and I've used what I've learned with the club to develop my own personal portfolio," she explained.

McMurray said there are many positive aspects to belonging to an NAIC-associated club. The national club offers excellent educational and support tools and seminars and publishes an informative magazine for members.

"The information I get from the NAIC computer discs alone is information I've never gotten from my stockbroker," she

added. "Now before I buy a stock on my own, I know what its management does, what its track record is. I feel more confident about the club's purchases and my personal purchases," she added.

Kathy Warell of Waterford Township has been the NOIC treasurer since its first meeting. She's also usually the hostess for the monthly meetings at her house.

"I like the way we all work together as a team," she said. "When we first started out, none of us knew anything about stocks. We've learned quite a bit."

She keeps interested in the club because of her philosophy that Social Security may not be around when she retires. She sells medical supplies.

"If I had followed my own portfolio with the club's portfolio, I would be a wealthier woman today," she quipped.

Everyone agreed more members would be welcome in the club.

McMurray said people interested in joining should call her at work at 625-5880. "They can attend a meeting before making a commitment to join."

Speedway investigating cause of Friday's gas pump problems

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A spokesman for Speedway SuperAmerica said the company is investigating what caused problems in at least a dozen customers' vehicles Friday after they pumped gas at the Speedway station on Dixie Highway south of Maybee Road in Independence Township.

Chuck Rice from the corporate office said the customer service line has received about a dozen complaints from customers.

He advised anyone who has a legitimate claim from using that gas station Friday to call the Speedway SuperAmerica customer service telephone number at 1-800-643-1948.

"What we want people to do is call this number, and we will investigate every claim," he said. He added the company will work directly with mechanics so a customer doesn't have to have an outlay of cash and will reimburse people if they've already paid for legitimate repairs or had unusual costs, such as car rental, due to the incident.

The bottom line is that all legitimate claims will be settled," he added.

Rice said the company didn't know as of Tuesday what caused

■ 'What we think occurred is 'phase separation.' This is caused when gasoline is added to a tank and has to mix with existing gasoline already in the tank. Phase separation causes the different components of the fuel to separate instead of mixing.'

Chuck Rice
Speedway SuperAmerica spokesman

the problems in the vehicles.

"What we think occurred is 'phase separation.' This is caused when gasoline is added to a tank and has to mix with existing gasoline already in the tank. Phase separation causes the different components of the fuel to separate instead of mixing. There are lots of different reasons why that can happen," he said.

Rick Schwab of Clarkston was one of the customers who experienced a problem after filling his vehicle's tank at that gas station Friday.

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Police

Possession of marijuana

On Feb. 5, a Clarkston woman stopped for a traffic violation on Clarkston Road at Sashabaw Road received a ticket for possession of marijuana. After getting permission to search the woman's vehicle, the police officer found a baggie with marijuana seeds in the center console, according to the police report.

Traffic accident

On Feb. 4, a 54-year-old

Bloomfield Hills man driving on northbound M-15 near Deer Ridge Road fell asleep while driving, according to the police report. The man's vehicle crossed the center line, went off the roadway and struck a light pole, which caused the traffic signal to fall. The signal fell on a car driven by a 39-year-old Clarkston woman. The man received a citation for failure to drive with care and caution.

Springfield Township

Malicious destruction of property

On Feb. 7, an unknown vehicle struck a mailbox post, causing damage to the post in the 8500 block of Clarridge Road.

Clarkston Police

No reports given.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 14 calls between Feb. 3-6. These included six medical calls, three personal-injury calls, two public service calls, two calls marked other and one carbon monoxide investigation call.

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COPPERSMITH

Connie M. Coopersmith of Highland, formerly of Clarkston, died Feb. 6, 2000, due to complications from cancer at age 41.

Mrs. Coopersmith is survived by her husband, Robert Jr., and two children, Robert Thomas Coopersmith III and Crystal Leigh Coopersmith.

Mrs. Coopersmith is also survived by her parents, Don and Sharon Hopson of Clarkston; mother-in-law, June Rose (Arthur) Holmes of Florida; two sisters, Brenda Hopson of Holly and Annette (Michael) Metrick of Clarkston, and her best friend, Kathy Gionson of White Lake.

Mrs. Coopersmith was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Robert Coopersmith.

A service of remembrance is planned for 12:30 p.m. today in the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Director of Support, Donald Kevern officiating.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

CATHERINE ILENE
GRAHAM

Catherine Ilene Graham of Clarkston died Feb. 7, 2000, at

age 71.

Mrs. Graham had retired from T&C Credit Union.

Mrs. Graham was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

She is survived by two sons, Scott of Clarkston and Mike of Florida; two daughters, Cindy Haggitt of Waterford and Sandy (Rod) Cole of Clarkston; a granddaughter, Heather; a sister, Thelma, and a brother, Frank.

A funeral service was planned for today in the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating.

Interment is expected at Lakewood Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

ALBERT CHIPPI

Albert Chippi of Davisburg, formerly of Dearborn, died Feb. 6, 2000, at age 76.

Mr. Chippi enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Mr. Chippi is survived by his wife, Wanda, and three sons, John (Karen) of Waterford, Gary (Rose Ann) of Harbor Springs and Ronald (Toni) of Fenton. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, Matthew, Erica, Kristen, Lisa,

Elizabeth, Emily and James. Mr. Chippi is also survived by a sister, Margaret Chippi of Dearborn, and a brother, Ed Chippi of Dearborn.

Funeral Mass was held Feb. 9 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, with Rite of Committal at All Saints Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

BARBARA D. OLNEY

Barbara D. Olney of Clarkston died Feb. 2, 2000, at age 66.

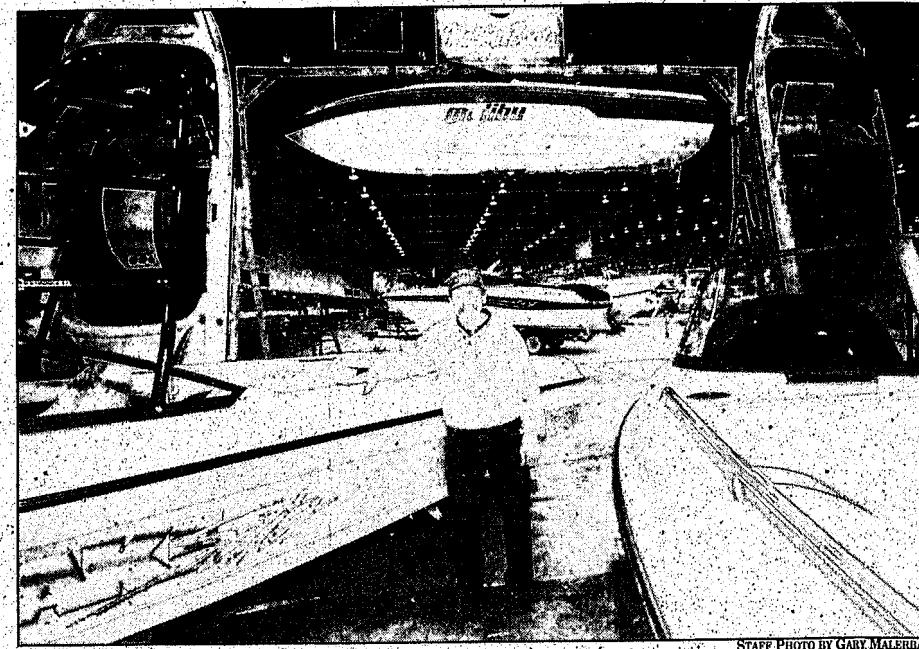
Mrs. Olney was employed at the Midwestern Antique Emporium, where she had many good friends. She loved to collect antiques.

Mrs. Olney is survived by her husband, Roger. She is also survived by six daughters, Patricia (Michael), Linda (Michael), Lori, Mary (Grant), Carol (Randy), Becky (Edward) and one son, Michael. Mrs. Olney is also survived by 12 grandchildren; a sister, Ruth, and a brother, Michael.

A memorial service was held Feb. 5 at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Genesys Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALEKIA

Ready for the show: Skiers Pier owner Joe Wolf stands by part of his showcase of boats.

Area boat dealers ready for show at Cobo Center

BY PAUL R. PAGE
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The work of setting up displays for boats just doesn't seem to end this time of year for Waterford boat dealers.

Joe Wolf, co-owner of Skiers Pier on Dixie Highway in Waterford, said his crew was just finished tearing down its display at the 2000 Boat, Sport and Fishing Show at the Pontiac Silverdome — which finished over the weekend — only to get busy moving the equipment to the Cobo Center in Detroit for the 42nd annual Detroit Boat Show, which opens Saturday.

But all the hard work is worth it, Wolf said from the floor of the Cobo Center.

"We try to make a nice display. We try to make it more special," said Wolf. "The Detroit show is one of the best — it rivals any in the nation. The detail (the promoters) put in it is amazing."

Skiers Pier has been exhibiting at the show for 14 years and will have 29 boats on display — some that will spin on a platform and even one jacked in the air.

And though boating season is months away, Fox said attendees at the show are definitely in

the mood for summer. "The show is an opportunity to see the customer," said Fox, who co-owns the business with Ron Koenig. "People's spirits are looking forward to the new season. People are planning for summer."

He said the show is a way for people to get familiar with new products, adding that he sees many north Oakland County residents visiting the show.

Wolf noted that today's boat enthusiasts are more knowledgeable than ever.

"They do their homework before they come down," he said. "With the Internet, they can do their research."

The boat show hosts more than 300 exhibitors and many Waterford dealers will be touting their products. The local dealers include: Anderson Boat sales on Highland Road; Sun and Ski Marina on Cass Elizabeth; and Watersports Marine on Highland Road.

What it's all about

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat Show and fourth annual charity launch is hosted by the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

The show runs February 12-20. The charity launch is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. The show is open everyday from noon-9 p.m. The exception is Sundays: noon-6 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$9; children under 12 years enter free with an adult.

Seniors over 62 years have free admission on Monday.

Call (800) 224-3008. The web site is www.mbia.org.

The show features:

- More than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses for the 2000 model year.

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- The special attractions include three 007 James Bond boats.

- Boating kids clinic.

- Antique and classic boat exhibit.

- Futuristic boat drawing contest for kids — win a boat, motor and trailer and more.



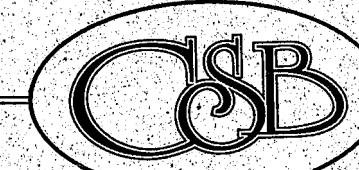
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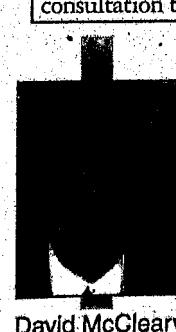
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OCC budget calls for slight tuition increase

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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 recently 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.

3-year plan ending

Brantley said he anticipates the tuition hike because the college is at the end of a three-year tuition-guaranteed 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.

House supports locker searches

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School officials will have the authority to conduct random searches of lockers under a bill approved last week by the House of Representatives and now awaiting approval by the Senate.

The measure was supported unanimously by Oakland County representatives.

House Bill 5233, sponsored by Rep. Lauren Hager (R-Port Huron) puts into law what is already practiced in many school districts. While clarifying the legal authority to conduct such searches, the bill also requires school districts that have lockers in their buildings to draft a policy regarding searches and distribute it to students and their parents.

ACLU objection

The American Civil Liberties Union objects to the bill, arguing that all searches should be based on a reasonable suspicion that some crime has been committed.

"Lockers are school property, not private property," Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nov), explaining that there cannot be

expectation of privacy in a school locker.

The reason behind the bill, she said, is to insure the safety of students. Previously, locker searches were not addressed in the law.

Prior to passage, lawmakers amended the bill to provide privacy protections for students for materials found in lockers during search which neither break the law nor violate school policy. Privacy will be protected for what students legally have in their lockers.

Representatives voted 90-13 in

favor of the bill. Here's how Eccentric-area lawmakers voted:

Yes — Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Ruth Johnson (R-

Holly), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) and David Woodward (D-Madison Heights). Rep. Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield) did not vote.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis
—R-Nov

COUNTY NEWS

Oakland Community College opens its winter/spring Distinguished Speaker Series Tuesday, Feb. 22, with a discussion on workplace violence. Speakers are Martin Stacey, head of worldwide security for Ford Motor Co., and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Smith Theatre on OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27005 Orchard Lake Road.

Upcoming speakers and dates for the series are:

■ State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), majority leader of the Michigan House of Representatives, will speak at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

■ Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller, will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

For additional information, call OCC Professor Harvey Bronstein at (248) 471-7744.

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VISIT THE VILLAGE

Springfield to discuss condos, gas station and liquor license

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Residents who want to comment on a proposed new subdivision in Springfield Township can do so tonight.

A public hearing regarding Ingomar Farms is scheduled during the regular Springfield Township Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the township hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg.

Clarkston developer Tim Birtas is seeking a special-use permit for his proposed cluster development near the northeast intersection of I-75 and Old Pond Road. Proposed are 43 single-family condominiums on 63 acres. Twenty-seven acres would be preserved as open space.

The current zoning is single-family residential with a minimum one-acre lot size. Birtas has proposed lots sized from one-

half an acre to one and one-quarter acres.

After the public hearing, the township board will consider approval of the rezoning and also

the conceptual site plan. Also, at tonight's meeting, board members will be asked to approve a Class C liquor license for Shepard's Hollow Golf Club.

The new course is under construction on the grounds of Colombiere Center, a retirement facility for Jesuit priests and brothers. Colombiere also has a conference center and a drug and alcohol treatment facility.

The golf course is not related to the normal functions of Colombiere, and Shepard's Hollow developers are leasing the land from the Jesuits. Colombiere administrator Joe Manuszak said in an earlier interview.

Shepard's Hollow will include an 18-hole championship course. Plans are to open it and the club house in July. An additional nine holes are to be completed in September.

The liquor license Shepard's Hollow is applying for is one of three available in Springfield Township. The township board does not grant the license. It gives its recommendation to the state Liquor Control Commission, which makes a final decision.

Springfield trustees also will further discuss rezoning for the corner of Dixie and Davisburg roads. Springfield Investors wants to build a car wash and gas station at the intersection. However, part of the property is zoned residential and part is zoned office service. The applicants wants it rezoned to commercial.

ACHIEVERS

LYNDA G. GRONLUND

Albion College student Lynda G. Gronlund, a Clarkston High School graduate, is gaining experience in jazz performance by playing with the college's Jazz Ensemble.

The Jazz Ensemble presents several individual concerts throughout the year. Titled "Old, New, Borrowed and Blues," their first concert was on Oct. 28. The performance received outstanding reviews. Their next performance was Dec. 3. The ensemble is directed by Andrew Bishop.

Miss Gronlund is a sophomore majoring in music. She is the daughter of Roderick D. and Cindy K. Gronlund of Clarkston.

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OU receives state grant to fund anti-alcohol program

The Michigan Department of Community Health awarded Oakland University with a \$26,000 grant to fund a comprehensive social mentoring program for freshman students that will provide positive alternatives to alcohol use.

"This is the second year we have received funding and we are excited that we will be able to continue with the mentoring program this year," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs. "We had wonderful success with the program last year and it's a great way to help freshman make the transition from high school to

college by providing activities that do not include alcohol and other drugs."

Oakland University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, led by Nancy Schmitz, director, University Health and Counseling Center, meets on a regular basis to discuss new programs and events to raise awareness of the dangers of using alcohol and drugs.

"The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council is a group of students and staff who are concerned for the well-being of others," said Nancy Schmitz. "We are devoted to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our student body."

Bar Foundation plans event

The Oakland County Bar Foundation will host its inaugural Past Presidents Ball Saturday, March 11, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., and a dinner will follow. Tickets are \$150 per person and are sold individually or in tables of 10.

The Oakland County legal community is celebrating and honoring the past presidents of both the Oakland County Bar Association and the Oakland Bar/Adams-Pratt Foundation. The Oakland County Bar Foundation, formally known as the Oakland Bar Adams/Pratt Foundation, has essentially become the 501(c) 3 arm of the Oakland

County Bar Association, and raises money to support law-related projects.

OCBA Past President Lawrence Ternan and OCBF Past President Mari Anne Guidobono are serving as co-chairs of the event.

For more information and to RSVP, call Dennise Gac or Mary Painter at (248) 334-3400.

Oakland residents picked for state posts

STATE APPOINTMENTS

■ John Jonna of Keego Harbor was reappointed to the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council. The panel is responsible for promoting the state's grape and wine industry.

Jonna is the owner of Merchant's Fine Wines. He will represent Michigan wine retailers for a term expiring Oct. 9, 2001.

■ James Snody Jr. of Charlotte was reappointed to the Michigan State Police Retirement Board, which oversees the retirement system for enlisted police officers.

Snody is retired. He previously served as deputy director of support services for the Michigan State Police. He will represent retirees for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2001.

■ Wendy Anderson of Commerce Township was appointed to the state Board of Ethics. The board reviews complaints of alleged unethical conduct by a public officer or employee and makes recommendations to the supervisor of the person whose activities have been investigated.

Anderson is retired. Previously, she was an administrator for State Senators Dan DeGraw and Dick Posthumus for 16 years. She was appointed as a Republican to a term expiring Feb. 7, 2000.

■ Denise Chambers of Rochester Hills, Mark W. Jasonowicz of Lansing, Nancy M. Taylor of Williamston, and Carol Morey Viventi of Okemos were re-appointed to the Child Support Coordinating Council, which was created in 1997 to improve Michigan's child support system. The council establishes statewide program goals for the child support program, reviews program policy and recommends state positions on proposed changes in court rules and legislation.

Chambers is director of the Genesee County Family Independence Agency. She was reappointed to represent the Family Independence Agency for a term expiring Nov. 10, 2000.

Jasonowicz is deputy director of the Family Independence Agency. He was reappointed to represent the Agency for a term ending Nov. 20, 2001.

Taylor is deputy treasurer for tax administration and oversight in the Department of Treasury. She is re-appointed to represent the Department for a term expiring Nov. 10, 2001.

Viventi is Secretary of the Senate. She was reappointed to represent the general public for a term ending Nov. 10, 2000.

OAKLAND BRIEFS

Oakland's exec readies State of County address

■ Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is putting the finishing touches on his first State of the County Address of the new millennium which he will deliver Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Michigan State University Management Conference Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy.

The approximately 45-minute speech will be carried by WJR Radio (760 AM) on a tape delay basis.

This year's State of the County Address will focus on new technology programs implemented over the past year that are designed to improve law enforcement's ability to fight crime, provide local communities with a way to transmit more data faster and easier and enable citizens to electronically access a treasure trove of information from the convenience of their home or office.

Patterson is also expected to talk about past achievements and discuss future projects including a new program that will provide a boost to local development and redevelopment efforts.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

■ The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 years and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service agencies and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference.

For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, contact Beth DeBano at (248) 559-1147.

■ Lighthouse Hospice seeks volunteers to assist patients, families and staff. Free training and supervision is available. Opportunities include direct care, respite, companionship, light housekeeping, office assistance and bereavement care. For information, call Lighthouse Hospice at (800) 311-5365 or (248) 799-6130.

PETS FOR YOUR VALENTINE

■ The Oakland County Animal Care Center will celebrate Valentine Day in a special way again this year by finding loving homes for pets.

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■ Two seats on Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education. Terms are for four years.

We encourage residents with a heart to serve, talents in administration and the ability to work with others for the common good to get involved.

While deadlines for filing an intent to run for office are still months away for the majority of the offices open, now is the time to plan. Our concern is that all residents have the opportunity to step up and make a difference.

The opportunity to get involved is there; now is the time to take advantage and make a difference instead of just commenting on the issues.

Anyone 18 years or older, a resident and a registered voter is eligible to run.

The four-year terms of all seven members of the township boards, including the full-time positions of supervisor, clerk and treasurer, are due to expire at the end of 2000. In addition the following elected positions are also due to expire:

■ State representative for the 46 District, which includes Independence and Springfield townships and the city of the Village of Clarkston; two-year term.

■ Oakland County Commissioners — The

A message worth repeating

It isn't possible to make sense out of tragedies, like the sledding accident that killed 7-year-old Joseph Michael Mouaike of Livonia Jan. 22.

Trying to make something good come from their son's death, the parents are trying to email their message around the world. It's a simple message, marked with their tears of experience, and one that bears repeating: If you go sledding, put bicycle helmets on your children and yourself.

Back when many of us were kids, we didn't seem to worry as much about safety. For years, few Americans wore safety belts. Decades of death, injury and heartache taught people that they were safer with seat belts on, and laws followed aiming to ensure safety and reduce the public health costs. Later, bicycle helmets moved into the forefront of the public, again through statistics and stories of injuries and deaths. Those are still optional, but strongly recommended for safe bicycling.

When it comes to bicycling or sledding, people will say, "We didn't wear helmets when we were kids and we survived." Others will say, "We cannot put our kids in a bubble and protect them from everything." Both points are true. But we can learn from experience and we can still enjoy the fun of something like sledding with a minor precaution that can, perhaps, save a life.

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when the sled veered off course and went straight into a tree. He flew off the sled and his poor little head slammed into the tree. In a little over an hour our little boy lay lifeless on a table in a nearby emergency room.

Now then, why are we sending this e-mail?

We're trying to spark a reaction, a reaction that will spread fast and wide so that no other family, for that matter no other community (his church, his school, the YMCA and the many fathers and sons at that camp that were there that day, his friends, our friends, etc. . . this tragedy has touched so many here) will never face and feel what we are feeling now. The feelings at the loss of a child cannot be described unless you have lost one yourself. We hope you never do. So here is the reaction we're looking for:

Joseph's death could have been prevented if he had only been wearing a bicycle helmet or some kind of protective helmet on his head. We realize the news media has just started talking about accidents that happen while sledding and how many children and people are hurt every year, but unfortunately sometimes it takes a tragedy to get the point across.

So we're asking everyone . . . forward this e-mail to everyone you know, we want the message to spread across the world. Please make sure that your children are wearing their protective helmets when they're riding their bikes, Rollerblading, skate boarding and please, please when they are sledding too! And parents, your children love you and they need you, wear your protective helmets too.

It's a message worth thinking about.

On January 25, 2000, we buried our 7-year-old son; our baby, our angel, our heart. He wasn't sick, he didn't have some horrible disease or tumor. He was, as most 7-year-olds are, a happy child full of life and love for everything and everyone.

So how did he die? It was a horrible accident doing something that most kids love to do. He was sledding down a snow-covered hill

and hit a tree. He died.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you favor adding a Clintonville Road exit to I-75 to ease congestion?

This question was asked at Pete's Coney Island and Kmart, both on Dixie Highway.



"Yes. It would eliminate traffic, be safer and really help traffic on Sashabaw."

Richard Ayers
Independence Township



"No. I don't think we need the added expense. It's (I-75) easy enough to access now."

Mary Tippen
Independence Township



"Well, with the way Great Lakes Crossing is right now, I'd say yes."

Chris Hackett
Waterford



"Never thought about it (but it) sounds good."

Iris Babb
Waterford

LETTERS

Probate code article had correct interpretation of law

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to John H. Martin's letter published in the Clarkston Eccentric Feb. 3.

Mr. Martin is correct in his assertion that the state is not an heir to an estate if a person leaves no will. However, it is not uncommon to draft an alternate distribution provision in a will or trust that would leave an ultimate distribution to "heirs" of a decedent and/or "heirs" of the spouse of a decedent. EPIC now defines "heirs" to include the state of Michigan. This could result in the state of Michigan taking one half of a person's estate as an "heir" if there is a will or trust. I believe that this is a significant change in the law and my intention during the interview (with reporter Sally Slaughter published Jan. 30 in the Clarkston Eccentric) was to explain this change and how it might affect a person's will or trust.

Mr. Martin's statement that the allocation rules are unchanged as to pre-existing wills is correct. This is the only exception to the rule that EPIC applies to all documents when the testator dies on or after April 1, 2000. My reading of the article doesn't indicate otherwise. My point, during the interview, was that this provision could make a significant difference to someone who is affected by the new allocation provision. It is important to note that the new allocation provision will apply to a preexisting document that is amended after April 1.

Mr. Martin's last point is misleading in indicating that there has been no change in the anti-lapse provision since 1979 in requiring an heir to survive by 120 hours (not days, as I inadvertently stated during the interview). Although this provision has applied to wills since 1979, EPIC now applies this provision to all governing documents, including trusts. The anti-lapse provision is a rule of construction that will apply unless a contrary intention is indicated in the governing document (will or trust). This, in my opinion, is a significant change in the law, and it was my intention during the interview to point out this change, which will occur on April 1.

Thank you for allowing me to clarify the intent of my interview and educate your readers on the changes in the law taking place on April 1. (And this is no April Fools!)

David M. McCleary
Attorney at Law

Independence Township since Dec. 1.

To avoid the late fee you must purchase dog tags by Feb. 29. This is a change from previous years when the county deadline was May 31.

The cost if paid by Feb. 29 is \$7.50 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$15 for a dog not fixed. Seniors (65 or older) pay a reduced rate of \$6.75 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$13.50 for a dog not neutered.

Starting March 1 all dog tags will cost \$30 regardless of the sex of the dog or age of the owner. The only exception will be for a newly acquired dog or one four months or younger.

Verification of rabies vaccination and sterilization papers are required to purchase a dog license.

If you have questions, contact the Independence Township Treasurer's Office at 625-5111 ext. 211, 212 or 248.

It would be a dog-gone shame to miss the deadline.

Jim Wenger

Independence Township Treasurer

Spry's articles 'touching'

Just a note to say I appreciate seeing and reading Shawn Spry's articles in the Clarkston Life section. I am touched by the articles she writes, and I know she speaks to other Clarkston women as well.

Debbie Rupright
Independence Township

Deputies a big help

Having been one of the customers who pumped more than gas into my gas tank on Friday, Feb. 4, at the Clarkston Speedway gas station, I would like to thank Oakland County Deputies Presnell and Vanderver for their professional assistance and understanding at the Speedway station.

Had it not been for these two deputies, a lot of frustrated customers and autos that wouldn't run long enough to leave the station could still be there.

Rick Schwarz

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New deadline for purchasing dog tags is Feb. 29

This year Oakland County Animal Control has moved up deadlines to purchase dog tags. Year 2000 tags have been on sale at

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POINTS OF VIEW

Clarkston blessed to have leaders who work as a team, put kids 1st

There have been numerous stories lately in both print and broadcast media about the difficulty of hiring strong leaders for our nation's schools. While many of these have focused on the position of the school superintendent, they might well have extended into the realm of the principal. The truth is this job has changed dramatically over the past decade.

While building administrators still need to be good managers, principals in today's world must also be great leaders. Yes, they continue to complete the routine work necessary to keep their buildings functioning smoothly; but now, more than ever before, their prime focus is raising student achievement.

This is a striking change that requires a different skill set than those once needed to do a good job. Making curriculum decisions that improve instruction; creating an environment that encourages the use of new, exciting and effective teaching strategies; motivating the teaching staff and students to be life-long learners; and keeping the focus on student achievement are but a few of the challenges faced by the modern principal.

Personally, I have had the privilege of working with some exceptionally gifted administrators. Since my sampling ranges across the boundaries of three states, it is particularly gratifying to tell you that our Clarkston principals can be favorably compared to any I have known. We are truly fortunate to have top-quality people who are both individually talented and team-oriented. This is clearly a group that is able to work together to further the educational goals of the school system. You might like to know why I feel this way. Allow me to share a few personal illustrations:

■ Our team of elementary administrators was honored last fall at the Michigan Elementary Principal's Conference. They were recognized for being an exemplary team-based group. They were able to make a presentation at the state conference, and their reputation as one of Michigan's best administrative teams is growing.

■ As a result of their teamwork, the implementation of a district-wide literacy project has been made possible, and collaboration has replaced "school to school."

This elementary school team of William Pötvin, Martin Chaffee, Charles Rowland, Chris Turner, Debra Latozas, KC Leh and Sharon Devereaux has made a difference. It has long been said "two heads are better than one." While businesses have been focusing on the use of collaborative teams for years, schools have remained largely isolated. What a waste of time, effort and talent! The mutual endeavors of our leadership team are changing the way we do business for the better.

At our two middle schools, the principals have taken on unbelievable challenges this year. Their achievements include:

■ Modifying the middle school curriculum based on what research says about educating adolescents.

■ Implementing a consistent vision for all of



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our middle school children.

They have analyzed and examined every single issue related to middle school education and have embraced the Clarkston commitment to "put kids first." Besides this enormous task, Clarkston Middle School Principal Linda Armstrong, her assistant, Ginny Farmer and staff have managed a building on the move, working with almost 1,000 students and staff who are settling into a new site.

At Sashabaw Middle School, the staff and students have been displaced for a year. They occupy the old Clarkston Middle School while Sashabaw's building undergoes extensive remodeling. So, in addition to dealing with the issues of displacement, Principal Tom Bialk, his assistant, Steve Marsden and the SMS staff will face more upheaval when they pack up and move back in August.

At the high school level, John Diliegghio has shown extraordinary energy and dedication to his new post. John and his assistant principals, Jan Meagher, Mike Krystyniak, Vince Licata and Ken Santavica, are:

■ Taking a huge new building and creating a culture that is safe, friendly and result-oriented.

■ Placing educational excellence first and foremost on the agenda, with new curriculum offerings being planned and implemented.

Leadership that is willing to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of our youngsters is one of the keys to our success, now and in the future. Placing kids above everyone else isn't always the norm, but it is the expectation here in Clarkston. We are committed to our youngsters, and to finding creative ways to help them be the best they can be. We are blessed to have administrators who work through issues in positive ways — even when there is disagreement — and who work tirelessly to provide our pupils with a quality education.

Finding leaders with this character and commitment is getting harder and harder and, if you don't believe me, I can show you pages of job postings and multitudes of unhappy superintendents. We are fortunate in Clarkston that our building leaders work as a team, listen and learn from each other and share a commitment to the children we serve. These qualities of good leadership are helping Clarkston move to the top.

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



Marijuana increases in potency; age of first use drops to 13.5 years

Marijuana is the illegal drug used most often in this country. Pro-drug messages in the pop culture, perception that marijuana use is not harmful, and lack of parental awareness led to increases in marijuana use by young people in the mid-90's. Recent TV and radio PSAs developed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy are countering this pro-drug attitude. Clearly, marijuana use is not harmless.

Because many of today's parents experimented with marijuana when they were in college, they often find it difficult to talk about marijuana use with their children, and to set strict ground rules against drug use. But marijuana use today starts at a younger age — the average age of first use is 13.5 years — and more potent forms of the drug are available to these young children.

There are more than 40 chemicals in the cannabis (marijuana) plant. THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol) is the mind-altering psychoactive ingredient. Just a few years ago, most marijuana sold in the United States had a THC content of about 2 percent. Today, it's common to get pot with 7, 8 or 10 percent THC.

Most users roll loose, dried marijuana into a cigarette (called a joint or nail). The drug can also be smoked in a regular pipe, or with a water pipe called a bong. Another popular method is to slice open a cigar and replace the tobacco with marijuana, making what's called a blunt. When the blunt is smoked with a 40 oz. bottle of malt liquor, it is called a "B-40." Soaking blunts in formaldehyde is a new and toxic chemical blend.

A parent may find stashes of the drug itself, or drug paraphernalia, including pipes and rolling papers. Common household objects — pop cans, Matchbox cars, etc. — can also become improvised pipes. Observe for odor on clothes and in the bedroom, use of incense, candles and other deodorizers, eye drops and clothing, posters, jewelry, etc. promoting drug use. If someone is high on marijuana he/she might

seem dizzy; have trouble walking; act silly and giggly for no reason; have red, blood-shot eyes; or have a hard time remembering things that just happened.

Since THC is stored in the fatty tissues of the body, traces of the drug can be detected by standard urine testing several days after the last use. In heavy users, traces can be detected for weeks. Occasionally, marijuana can trigger an acute anxiety reaction and even paranoid thoughts. In rare cases, a very high dose of the drug can cause severe psychotic symptoms requiring emergency medical care. Marijuana may be mixed with other street drugs such as PCP or cocaine, unknown to the user.

Marijuana affects brain function and impairs learning and school performance in several ways — short-term memory, perception, reading comprehension and the ability to do two or more steps in a process are impaired. Young athletes could find their motor skills — both timing and coordination — are off. Impaired judgment may cause young people to take other risks.

One study found that marijuana delivers three times the tar and five times the carbon monoxide of a tobacco cigarette and may play a role in later development of lung, head and neck cancer, as well as other respiratory problems, while also compromising the immune system. Heavy marijuana use in young adolescents can alter growth patterns and sexual development, adversely affecting both sperm production and ovulation. Marijuana users can develop tolerance and psychological dependence, requiring professional intervention and treatment.

"Parental reaction" is still named by young people themselves as the most likely reason to say no to drugs.

To learn more about the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, check out our website at www.clarkstonyouth.org or call us at 394-0252.

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Ford Motor Company's 'Better Idea' helps work force to meet tomorrow

We are in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th Century. Information technology and its various applications such as the Internet will produce an enormous range of innovations that will bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

We saw a great example in Michigan last week.

It was the decision by Ford Motor Company to provide home computers, software and Internet access to all 350,000 employees for a cost of \$5 per week.

What a sensible and far-reaching step! At one stroke, Ford not only brought its entire work force up to date with tomorrow but also gave each worker an incentive to engage in the technology that will change profoundly everything in our society, including automobiles.

To achieve by traditional means such engagement and potential productivity gain would have taken years of complicated, head-butting negotiations with the UAW. Now Ford is ahead of the pack, with Daimler-Chrysler and General Motors scrambling to catch up. Many other employers sure to follow. Already, Delta Airlines has announced a similar plan.

Moreover, the sheer numbers of people who will enter into IT through employer-subsidized plans will propagate the technology throughout all reaches of society in a way never believed possible. And for a big state like Michigan, where class divisions have often stalled profound social change, the impact will be unimaginably great.

A couple of years ago, I served on the Information Technology Commission, a think group put together by the Kellogg Foundation. A group of Michigan leaders from business, labor, education and government all struggled to make sense of the coming IT revolution and worked to figure out how Michigan could gain competitive advantage from it.

One of the big worries that surfaced was the uneven distribution of computers and Internet access through the society. In relatively wealthy counties like Oakland, as many as 50 percent of all households have home computers and modems. But in poor and working class areas, the penetration of IT drops to near nothing.

Speaker after speaker argued that not to equalize distribution of computers throughout our society would inevitably lead to the kinds of



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conflict that followed the Industrial Revolution. But the Commission was unsuccessful in figuring out ways to do it, partly because the cost was high and partly because nobody believed a government body would be efficient enough to do it.

Now the distribution of IT throughout the society is going to come about through the simple device of employer self-interest in a competitive global economy.

What was particularly striking about the Ford move is how it resonates with the Ford family history.

Remember, it was Ford chairman William Clay Ford Jr.'s great-grandfather, Henry Ford, who carried the consequences of the Industrial Revolution to Michigan in the early days of this century when he perfected the assembly line in manufacturing.

The exponential increase in labor productivity brought about by the assembly line made it possible for Ford to pay his workers at the previously unheard-of rate of \$5 per day.

Now, nearly a century later, the Fords have produced an equally revolutionary and far-reaching idea based on similar insights about productivity.

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Flipping out for the March of Dimes

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You don't have to be a professional to flip flapjacks and fry sausage at a charity pancake brunch.

But some experience helps. Just ask Dee Stalmack, who will be behind the grill Friday, Feb. 18, for the second-annual pancake brunch sponsored by Oakland County employees on behalf of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

"When your flipping 500 pancakes in half an hour," Stalmack said, "you have to know what you're doing. And you have to have a sense of timing."

Stalmack, one of the few non-county employees involved in the brunch, decided to get involved after realizing the county workers — while skilled in many areas — may need some help behind the grill.

Having been a waitress/cook for 25 years, Stalmack figured she had critical skills. So like last year, she plans to take time from her job at the Village Place Restaurant in Waterford and cook flapjacks and sausage for the March of Dimes.

"It could just as well be the Cancer Foundation or the Heart Association," said Stalmack, a

widow with two sons. The youngest, William Houck, is a senior at Milford High School. "As long as somebody benefits," she said.

Last year, the pancake brunch served 136 people and raised more than \$2,000, according to Dawn Smith, who works in the county's personnel department. "But it seemed like a lot more," said Pam Hill, who stepped away from her job in the medical examiner's office to be a server.

This year, expectations are much higher, said Smith. "For one thing, we're better organized."

All the sausage, flour mix, syrup, coffee, milk and other materials have been donated by local businesses, like last year, Smith said. And patrons can again buy sweat shirts or a \$1 ticket to ride "the Fridge," the toboggan ride at the Waterford Oaks park.

"We're even going to have karaoke," Smith said. "You might not think karaoke would work at a pancake brunch," she said. "But it does, believe me."

The brunch goes from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford.

Additional information is available at (248) 858-5473.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Wielding a mean spatula: Dee Stalmack, waitress/cook at the Village Place Restaurant in Waterford, shows off a tool of her trade. She'll be behind the grill Feb. 18 to help the March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

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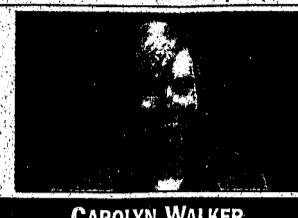
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CAROLYN WALKER

A home is more than just walls

My grandmother still resides in an old house in Pontiac, where she has lived for nearly 50 years. She is 95 now, and determined to spend her days there. She is determined that she will mow its lawn, tend its berries, change its screens and descend its basement stairs when necessary.

Over the years, her left hand has worn smooth the railing that graces those basements stairs and protects her from taking a plunge into the keepsakes that she stores alongside them.

My grandmother has made only two concessions to old age that I know of: She has given up driving. And she has given up wanting.

I have watched my grandmother grow old right along with her house. It with the peeling garage paint that is just beyond her reach. She with the patina of age, like that of a fine piece of antique sculpture. My grandmother has smooth and soft edges; pale skin covered with fine, downy hairs; and the dowager's hunch of a woman's life spent leaning into time.

Along with the passage of that time, my grandmother has grown accustomed to revolving, come-and-go neighbors. She has also grown accus-

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■ Life management classes show students what they'll need to know at home and work.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Knowing how to sew and cook are skills anyone can put to good use, but they have long since been reassigned in high school curriculums.

What was home economics 10 or more years ago is now called life management education, Clarkston High School teacher Jessica Justus said.

Justus, who is in her first year of teaching, instructs personal living, family living and health classes. The classes cover an array of subjects with an emphasis on class discussion and guest speakers.

Some school districts do offer updated versions of sewing and cooking. For example, sewing is now fashion design. In it students use computer aided design to create clothes. Then they print out their patterns to make the garments. Cooking is now culinary arts.

"A lot of the classes are designed to prepare students for work," Justus said.

Culinary arts types of classes are offered at the vocational educational center, added Linda Olechowski, who teaches the child development class.

Home economics has always been life skills-based, Justus said.

"But life skills have changed," she said, adding, "We don't wear aprons and sew napkins anymore."

Now the classes deal with topics that are relevant in the complex world that teenagers are going to be thrown



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALEK

Life skills: Life management teacher Jessica Justus shares a laugh with Clarkston High School seniors Ryan Marino (from left), Travis Jewell, Tia Gallegly and Steph Greene. Justus says the old home economics classes have evolved to better reflect what students need to know about the world.

into after they leave high school.

"I've kind of made it what to expect after high school," Justus said of the personal living class.

Traditional topics like food and nutrition are touched on but so are date rape, stress management and interviewing skills. Guest speakers help bring the subjects alive for students. Justus said the students do yoga

for a day when they talk about stress management. A sheriff's deputy brings in a breathalyzer and talks about what happens to underage drinkers. A Mothers Against Drunk Driving representative comes in to drill home the message that irresponsible behavior can be destructive.

"I try to act as a facilitator," Justus said. "I don't stand up there and say

'don't drink, don't drink' because that's not going to work."

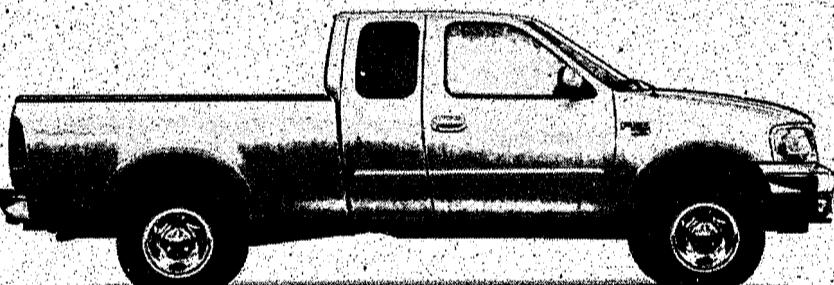
She said giving students information helps them think about how they could wisely handle all types of life situations. The class talks about juggling multiple commitments such as home life and work and even sexual harassment.

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Although I'm not in marketing, I want to offer my opinion on Valentine's Day. (After all, over the past four years I've offered my opinion on just about every other subject — why not Valentine's Day?) Here goes: If your special someone loves you, it doesn't matter what you get her or him for Valentine's Day. On the flipside, if you love your special someone, don't let the world tell you

what he or she should be getting for you on Feb. 14.

My husband and I have spent 23 Valentine's Days together and the only one that specifically stands out in my mind was the one that became a total disaster, thanks to me. It was a few years ago. My husband was on a week-long business trip that caused him to be in Hagerstown, Md., on Feb. 14. At that point in our relationship we had already spent nearly 20 happy years together and at least 90 percent of them involved little if any February gift exchanges. We may have decided together to go out to dinner on Valentine's, or to buy something small for the house, but we never bought into the "what will he/she get me to prove his/her love?"

That year, however, was the first time that we had been apart on Valentine's Day. Women around my office were getting flowers delivered to their desks by their husbands and boyfriends. One woman got an engagement ring. Everyone seemed to be aglow with the happiness of love in the air. I told myself that my husband was not the type to send me flowers at work. He wouldn't think



ROCHELLE SMITH

of it and, if he did, he would assume that I wouldn't want him to spend money on something that would just die in a few days. Although his assumption would be right, I let the excitement of the women around me sweep me into the moment. To cheer me up they encouraged, "Maybe this year he will send flowers since he's out of town." Whenever the next florist delivery would arrive at the receptionist's desk, I'd get my hopes up. Of course, he did not send flowers.

By the time he called that evening, I was already in a foul mood. He started

with a cheery "Happy Valentine's Day" and my response was something on the order of "same to ya." It didn't take long for him to realize something was wrong. He then proceeded with a question that he has asked nearly every time I've gotten upset with him — "Who have you been talking to?" This question is extremely annoying to me. I'm not sure which makes me madder, the implication that I do not have the ability to identify on my own when I should be upset with him or the fact that he is always right that someone else has influenced my thinking. I explained how I had spent my day waiting for flowers and he stated the obvious, "You don't like flowers."

He said that he was planning to surprise me when he got home with the gold necklace he had bought for me a few days earlier that had the words "I love you" repeated around it. "Yeah, right, you bought me a gold necklace. You've never bought me anything for Valentine's Day before and now you expect me to believe that you bought me a gold necklace with 'I love you' engraved on it?" Ironically, he pointed

out that he's never been out of town on Valentine's Day before, which is exactly why I was expecting flowers. Since I still refused to believe that he had already purchased the necklace, he felt the need to show me the receipt when he returned to prove it had been purchased on Feb. 11.

Not only did I feel like a total heel for being such a witch about Valentine's Day, but I had managed to ruin what should have been one of my most romantic Valentine's memories. Although I love my gold necklace, every time I wear it I remember how poorly I behaved.

The moral of the story: If you are fortunate enough to have someone wonderful as a Valentine, don't worry about the gift. You already have the most romantic gift there is — his or her love. And, don't ask me whom I've been talking to; I thought that one up all by myself.

Rochelle R. Smith is a free-lance writer who lives in Independence Township.

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@oe.homecom.net. The deadline is noon Friday for the following Thursday.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER
6-8 p.m., North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Fund-raiser for Mackinac Island trip. Cost: \$6 at door; ages 4 and under free. Basket raffles at 7:30 p.m.

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 Hwy., Suite 111, Clarkston (248) 625-5599. Anonymous screenings for eating disorders. Opportunity to take self-test for anorexia, bulimia and binge eating, receive educa-

tional information, and talk with a mental health professional. Referral to treatment centers provided. Cost is free.

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inar costs \$190 plus \$25 for two textbooks to the instructor. Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, Feb. 24, to Clarkston Community Education (248) 674-0993 Monday through Friday.

THURSDAY, MAR. 2

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

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7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For men and women recently widowed; feel free to bring a guest. All ages. Walk-in, no registration required. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Topic: "Expressing Feelings." For questions or to be on the mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-5231.

WEDNESDAYS, MAR. 22-MAY 3

DISCOVER YOURSELF

7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston High School. This six-week LifeKeys workshop is designed to help adults find meaning and purpose through discovering their life gifts, spiritual gifts, personality type, values and passions. Cost is \$89/adult. For more information and to register call (248) 674-0993.

SUNDAY, APR. 30

THIRD ANNUAL "SPRING FLING" AUCTION

1 p.m., Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Building, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisonburg. The 4-H Fair Board is joining the Davisonburg Rotary Club to host this auction. Auction events will include a live and silent auction. Silent auction tables will be open at noon.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m., Independence Township Library, Clarkston. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLD 1-888-784-LYME.

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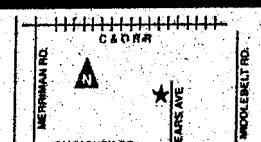
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EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN

Walker

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tomed, I think, to the fact that her body is failing her. She tweaks her aches and pains with aspirin and home remedies and prayers.

She is fine, she tells us when we ask. Always fine.

My grandmother chooses to remain in her house because it is filled with the presence of my long-dead grandfather. (She talks to him sometimes in the night, she confides.)

In addition to his presence, the house is resplendent with my grandmother's memories. She would not give them up for the world.

They are stored in what might seem to be virtually imperceptible places to strangers. They are stored in items that appeal to the senses: Along the walls in the occasional smudged fingerprints of now-grown grandchildren. In the cooking odors — and specifically the perfectly pickled pickles — that linger in her kitchen air. In the knick-knacks of somebody else's vacation. In the quiet of the bedrooms where we grandchildren used to nap when we were little. In the taste

of her stale perfumes.

My grandmother's old house has one bathroom, located directly in the center of her home. That bathroom has one door with one black knob and one key hole, suitable for a skeleton key. The whereabouts of the key remain a mystery.

Did ever a child go into the bathroom that he or she did not bend down and, pressing a nose against the door, look out that hole, worried that some all-seeing eye might be looking back in? I can wonder, now, who — during any family gathering — might have taken the time to stop at the key hole and, in front of everyone, look in. (A derriere

would, presumably, fill my grandmother's hallway.)

Sounds like a lot of risk taking, if you ask me now, but a child can have such silly notions.

Years after I had grown I noticed that someone had filled the key hole with a tiny wad of paper. I can remember putting a forefinger to it and pushing with curiosity.

Had a cousin with an imagination like my own forced that paper in?

Perhaps my grandfather placed it there, hoping just once to hide some dying secret from my grandmother's ever-watchful eye.

Or perhaps the act was performed by my grandmother, herself. Perhaps, one day, she entered that room and deliberately blocked the view, be it ever so small.

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Life skills

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ment. Justus said students often shove each other in school hallways and call out what in the work place would be considered inappropriate. She said while the students don't take these things the wrong way, it's important to point out how they could be offensive and would result in trouble at a work place.

Justus also teaches health, which is a traditional type of class. Her other class, family living, delves into relationships with others. That class helps students learn how to have healthy relationships with peers, parents and even teachers. Justus said even healthy and

unhealthy romantic relationships are talked about in that class.

"It's something that's meaningful to them because it's real life," Justus said.

Olechowski teaches child development by running a preschool and day care from her classroom. She is a certified preschool teacher and taught little ones before coming to Clarkston High School seven years ago. Having vocational certification allows her now to teach both the big kids and little kids. The high school students are assistants and she said they do wonderfully with the children.

The class is not just for students who want to get into teaching. She said it gives students insights into parenting and even sometimes some of their own behaviors. They also can earn up to six credits from Oakland Community College by taking the class, she said.

Life management skills classes are not required courses, although Olechowski thinks they should be. She said having an idea of what to expect ahead and some insight into human relations is essential in being a well-educated, well-rounded adult.

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Animal care center is holding Valentine's Day adoption event

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

What better way to get that warm and fuzzy Valentine's Day feeling than, well, by giving your honey something warm and fuzzy?

That's the question posed by the Oakland County Animal Center, 1700 Brown Road, in Orion Township, which is having a special adoption day for all those warm-hearted lovers out there who want to give that special someone a pet. On Feb. 12 the center will open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — it's normally closed on Saturdays — to pair pets with people.

Organizers of the event are hoping for a little help from Cupid.

"It's a special event because this is the time of year when people want to give each other something very special," said

Sandy Gay, animal care center division manager.

For around \$100, which covers the costs of shots, spay/neutering and worming the animal, anyone can take home a cuddly kitten or scrappy puppy the same day.

The only catch — the animal care center staff asks that pets are only adopted as gifts for people who live in the same household. In the past, the center has encountered problems with animals not staying where they were placed because they were unwanted surprises.

"We don't want any surprises," said Gay, who has seen her share of unsavory adoption situations. She's been with the animal care center since 1974.

Gay describes herself as a serious animal lover. She has two dogs at home, and keeps a rabbit, two parakeets and two cockatiels in her office.

"I was always a big animal lover. We're all big animal people here; we're just trying to keep them safe," she said.

The animal care center's next special event isn't until the weekend of May 6 when it will participate in the Michigan Humane Society's "Find your new best friend at the zoo" adoption drive.

That weekend, the center and the Humane Society will bring hundreds of homeless critters to the Detroit Zoo in the hope of sending them home with new caring owners.

Special events such as these are a major booster for the animal organizations, which adopt out five to 10 times as many animals during the special events than on average business days.

"Some days we may only adopt out one," Gay said.

Looking for a good home: A brown and black bull mastiff has had all its shots and would like to be adopted. His identification number is 168992.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

KRISTY A. KADE

Kristy A. Kade, a junior at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, has made the Dean's List for the fall semester. Kristy was a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School and is the daughter of Gary and Denise Kade of Davisburg.

DAVID D. DIXON

David D. Dixon, son of Dennis and Cindy Dixon of Independence Township, has made the Fall Dean's List at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale. David is a sophomore, majoring in business and was a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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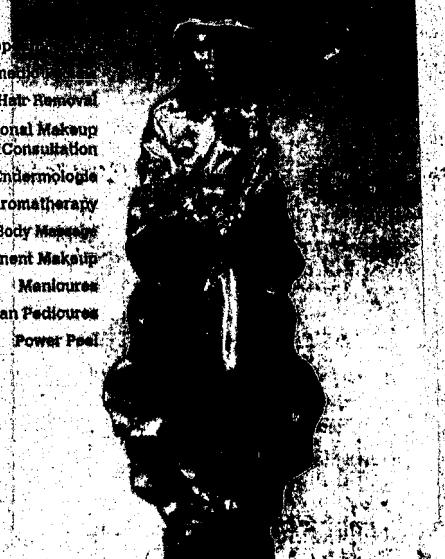
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Wild creatures bask in all of winter's glory

In this feverish, madly whirling human world, the non-changing ways of nature bring comfort.

Margaret Morse Nice

Coming from a television-addicted, Pokémon-loving, orange-capped Tiger Scout, I guess I should have accepted his words as a compliment.

"This is not as boring as I thought it would be," he whined as I led the restless den of boys over a downed, snow-coated oak and out onto a frozen marsh full of wildlife tracks. Gee, thanks guy; maybe I should hire you as my PR front man.

February is a month like no other when it comes to discovering wildlife secrets.

Days are lengthening. Wildlife is on the move. And you have to try very hard to wander through February's winter without running smack into nature's way and a bevy of her best kept secrets. It makes little difference where you live. Creatures are on the crawl and on the wing from the back alleys of Bloomfield to the frozen ponds of Oxford. There is plenty to share in the world of nature, even with know-it-all Cub Scouts who are most comfortable when flat on their junk food-stuffed bellies operating anything electronic and very noisy.

Now before you think I am picking on Cub Scouts, or the pre-Cub Scout known as the Tiger Scout (they are the ones with the orange caps), I am not. I was once a hyper little blue and gold-outfitted monster as well. The all-American Cub Scout. And February is a grand month of nature adventure to share with friends, family, and loved ones. Or Cub Scouts. Or lawyers.

February groundhogs skunked us and were no-shows on Groundhog Day, but skunks are out and about. Skunks actually never really went away, but like bears, they snoozed, not hibernated, for extended periods of time. As some of you who let dogs run loose at night will soon discover, skunk weaponry fires well, even on the coldest nights. Shortly after darkness descends, skunks waddle so low to the ground that they leave a sort of drag mark through the snow as if a six-inch-wide snake was slithering about. About the time Valentine Day rolls around, the roaming males have found their mates and ensured a new generation of little stinkers will appear in spring.

New skunks on way

Night romance is not without risk. Death comes quickly for some amorous skunks on the coldest of February nights. Death from the sky. Great horned owls, our largest resident owls, are patrolling fields and yards. And they perch on outstretched oak limbs and wait. And wait. And

OAKLAND... NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

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When a skunk waddles beneath, this well-equipped night hunting raptor — that can hear a leaf blow across a snowy field from a hundred yards away — takes flight.

Swift and silent, the great horned owl drops from the frosty cold sky. Long, curved lethal talons sink into the unsuspecting skunk. And it is the great horned owl and the great horned owl alone that favors skunks over most other prey. Lest you wonder how it could relish such a foul smelling entree, the owl has no sense of smell.

I have a great horned owl — actually a pair of them — that I have come to know. I did not share their nesting location with the Tiger Cubs. Call it journalistic protection.

For if I was a Tiger or Cub Scout, I would want to sneak back for a close look. And then a closer look. And then a look so close that the owl might feel betrayed by the bevy of little boy eyes staring upwards and perhaps abandon its nest site. The site remains secret.

Let's just say that when a certain flock of great blue herons wing back to their legally protected lofty suburban rookery and start the annual pre-spring ritual of nest repair, they will once again find that one lofty nest is already occupied. Nature's way.

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Study group proposes student aid plans

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Low- and middle-income families would get additional help putting their youngsters through college if the recommendations of the Michigan Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education are adopted.

The Commission's final report, released last week, outlined four recommendations for consideration by the Legislature.

■ Create a Postsecondary Access Student Scholarship, PASS would cover all tuition and fees for students from low-income families needed to get an associate's degree.

■ Create an education savings plan. Although Michigan already has the Michigan Education Trust, the commission found it is mainly used by those in higher income levels. Combining a savings plan with tax deductions would help those in the middle income brackets.

■ Providing incentives to institutions that keep their tuition below the rate of inflation.

■ Create a one-stop shopping Internet site to provide students with easy access to information about colleges and careers. The site would include college applications and information on financial assistance.

The commission was charged with reviewing financing of higher education by Gov. John Engler last September. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus served as the chair.

The five-member panel included Keith Pretty, President of Accountancy and Business Administration at Walsh College; Deloitte and Touche Vice Chairman Richard Gabrys; Lansing Community College President Dr. James Anderton; and Grand Valley State University Financial Aid Director Kenneth Fridsma.

The commission concluded that while there is an increased

need for higher education in today's more technologically-oriented workplace, significant obstacles still stand in the way of students from lower income families trying to get a degree.

"For now, the Commission hopes to make postsecondary education as affordable as possible and ensure that students within all income categories have access to these financial opportunities. The commission understands this step, in and of itself, will not address all barriers facing low-income students," the report said.

Michigan has a program in place to help low-income students, but many are not aware of the program.

Under the PASS program, scholarships would cover tuition while students pursue associate degrees. Students would have to take and pass the Michigan Education Assessment Program test to qualify. The program would be

targeted to families making less than \$40,000 per year.

The commission found that middle income families (making over \$40,000) are ineligible for grants and rely on student loans. The result — many students leave college having accumulated enormous debts.

For middle income families, the commission proposed combining an education savings plan with tax deductions and matching grants. Families making less than \$80,000 could sock money away tax deferred until the students begin college. When withdrawn, it would be taxed at student income tax rates.

The report also notes that tuition rates have increased on average 5.2 percent at colleges throughout the state in the last 10 years. The commission recommended base appropriations to universities with bonuses added on for those that keep tuitions under inflation.

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North Oakland Spotlight



DANIEL STICKRADT

Injuries and suspensions still coming in large droves

And the hits keep on coming. Two weeks ago, I noted that injuries have plagued many prep teams in the communities of Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford. And that list has grown in length.

As of late, two other area athletes, both starters for their respective programs, have been lost for the season. At Clarkston Springfield Christian, 6-foot-2 senior center Adam Armstrong, who was averaging around 10 points and 10 rebounds a game, suffered a broken kneecap in a recent automobile accident and won't be suiting up into an Eagles uniform again until the middle of the baseball season.

Armstrong's replacement, 6-4 sophomore Knoa Knapper, injured his neck in a skiing accident Saturday and will be sidelined indefinitely.

Over at Oxford Christian, 6-0 junior forward Troy Husk, one of the area's most improved players, broke his wrist in a recent game and will miss the remainder of the season.

His team, however, is the most improved team in all of Oakland County. The Warriors posted a combined 3-34 record the past two years.

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Clarkston edges Troy 4-2 to claim second straight OAA I hockey title

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The first battle has been won, but the war awaits.

The Clarkston hockey team achieved one of its preseason goals Saturday night, clinching the Oakland Activities Association Division I title with a 4-2 win over Troy at the Troy Ice Arena. It's the Wolves' second-straight OAA I championship.

The win didn't come easy. The Colts, one of the area's most improved teams, came back from a 2-0 third-period deficit to tie the game 2-2. But a goal by Clarkston junior forward Jon Bemis with four minutes left in the game won the game and the league for Clarkston (16-4-0, 8-2).

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier, who has guided the Wolves to both of their league championships, was happy that the team overcame a tough league start to come out on top.

"That's one thing I like to be consistent in, and that's winning the league title year in and year out," he said. "This is our second-straight league title, and it shows how hard the guys have worked to get it."

The Wolves lost two of their first three league games, digging themselves an early hole. But since the 5-3 loss to Birmingham Unified in December, Clarkston has stepped up its play a notch, tightening up defensively while getting excellent production from its top two forward lines.

Those lines did most of the damage

against the Colts. Although Clarkston was without senior center Bill Kalush, his linemates Bemis and Anthony Facione both figured into the scoring. Each notched a goal and an assist. Facione's tally coming at the end of the game on an empty netter.

Senior forward Jason Stoecker scored Clarkston's second-period goal, keeping up his hot goal-scoring streak in tact. He has scored goals in six straight games for the Wolves, a streak made more impressive considering the competition Clarkston has faced recently.

Freshman Alan Marchio scored Clarkston's first goal of the game in the first period, getting the Wolves in front. Although Clarkston held the lead throughout the game, Krygier said he was not happy with the team's defensive intensity.

"We were a little lax in our defensive zone coverage," he said. "Bill being out hurt us, because he motivates the guys on and off the ice. We are still adjusting to that."

With the league title in hand, Clarkston's focus now turns to tuning up for the state tournament. The team will Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (second in the state Division III), Trenton (third in Division I), Birmingham Brother Rice (state semifinalist last season) and Livonia Churchill (10th in Division I). The Wolves played at Cranbrook Wednesday night.

"We're trying to get the guys to look ahead a little," Krygier said. "This will be a good test for us to see where we are before the playoffs begin."



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKE

Out of my way: Clarkston freshman Alan Marchio maneuvers around a Troy opponent during Saturday's OAA Division I clash. Marchio scored a first-period goal for the Wolves, which captured the league title with a 4-2 triumph.

Clarkston rolls past Pontiac Central

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Clarkston's boys basketball team could have donated Tuesday's game against Pontiac Central to charity.

That's because the Wolves scored their last 20 points of the game from the charity (free throw) stripe en route to a 60-48 Oakland Activities Association Division I win over the visiting Chiefs.

The game was marked by an astounding 35 free-throw attempts by both teams in the fourth quarter. The Wolves shot 18-for-22 from the line in the stanza, including 14 straight makes in the middle of the quarter. Clarkston improves to 10-5 overall and 6-3 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I. The Chiefs fell to 4-10 and 2-7.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife said the game, while far from a thing of beauty, was a much-needed one for his banged-up team.

"That was our first ugly win of the year, and we needed a win like this," he said. "We have a lot of injuries right now, and we're asking kids to play out of position. But I'm just happy we won."

The first meeting between the teams was an easy win by Clarkston, but this meeting saw the Wolves struggle from the field in the first half, and went into halftime with a scant 24-23 lead. Leading scorer Ryan Marino was held to five points in the half.

The second half saw the lead change hands five times in the first four minutes, until junior Bryan Endreszki banked in an offensive rebound shot to give Clarkston a 29-27 lead with 4:13 left in the quarter. Marino followed that up with back-to-back threes that put the Wolves ahead 36-33 to end the third.

Then, the fourth quarter began, as did the world's longest free throw shooting contest. Clarkston missed the front end of two one-and-one shots to start the quarter, but junior Ryan Kaul and senior Andy North each made four over the next five minutes to help Clarkston pull away.

The Wolves won the game without the services of senior center Adam Schapman, who is still nursing an injured toe. Fife said Schapman had a Wednesday appointment to assess the injury. Senior 7-foot-2 center Pete Ritzema also missed most of the second half with an injured shoulder. He was productive when he was in the game however, scoring four points and grabbing five rebounds in seven minutes of action.

Marino led Clarkston with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Senior guard Kevin Stalker scored eight and had four rebounds, while senior forward Rocky Lund had four points and seven boards.

"We're grasping right now," Fife said. "We have to have better practices, and get the guys to learn all the positions while our other guys are hurt."

Clarkston travels to Rochester Adams Friday night for an OAA I showdown at 7:30 p.m.



Going for height: Clarkston junior Paul O'Connor flies off the diving board on Saturday at Royal Oak Dondero during the Oakland County Boys Swimming & Diving Championships, won by Rochester Adams. O'Connor and his Clarkston teammates were making their first-ever appearance at the prestigious meet. For complete results, please see C3.

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Clarkston, Orion split on slopes West Bloomfield leaves Clarkston all soaking wet

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The Clarkston and Lake Orion ski teams had one last test before heading into Thursday's Southeastern Michigan Ski League meet. And that test came in the form of each other.

Lake Orion's boys justified their Class A No. 5 state ranking with a 13-23 win over the Wolves Monday afternoon at Pine Knob. The Clarkston girls returned the favor, showing why they are ranked fifth in the state with a 10-31 win over the Dragons.

The Lake Orion boys took four of the top five places in the dual meet, showing why their balance makes them a tough team to beat. Senior Craig Marchand took first overall with a time of 39.93, edging Clarkston freshman sensation Brandon Rosengren (40.40).

Following Rosengren were Lake Orion's Brian Popelier (41.42), Ryan Thulin (41.57) and Justin McKee (41.73). Clarkston's Matt Evans took sixth overall with a time of 42.42. Lake Orion improves to 10-1 in dual meets, while the Wolves fall to 7-2.

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said his team skied as well as it has all season, but lost to a better team.

"It was the cleanest race we've had," he said. "But Lake Orion is

good and they showed why they are."

Both teams look ahead to Thursday's SEMSL meet at Mt. Holly. The all-day event will determine the best team in southeast Michigan, and is one teams use as a tune-up for regionals.

Evans said Clarkston's success will be based on how well it competes as a unit.

"If we pull together as a team, we will do well," he said. "We've been doing that a lot more lately, and I think that will help us out."

"SEMSL should be a fun race," Rosengren said. "It doesn't really count for anything, so we just keep it loose and go out and try to have our best race. It's good practice for regionals."

Clarkston's girls team swept the top four individual places en route to completing their fifth-straight undefeated dual meet season. Rosengren estimated the streak could extend longer than that, but knew it had been at least five years since Clarkston lost a dual meet.

The Wolves were led by senior Megan Whipp's winning time of 43.67. Following her were senior Katie Kennedy (45.54), senior Nicole Villiere (45.62) and junior Kelli Morton (46.83). Lake Orion senior Tiffany McKee led the Dragons with a time of 47.73.

Morton said a key to Clarkston's success has been the support the

girls give each other when they are racing.

"Every girl on the team is going to completely support each other no matter if we win or lose," she said. "We're just going out there and having fun."

Villiere said that team unity has made a difference for the Wolves this season.

"We stick together as much as possible," she said. "We don't worry about our times against each other, just against the other team."

Rosengren credited the depth of the girls program for its dominance in dual meets in recent years.

"We always have people to fill in the gaps for us," he said. "Megan has been real consistent for us, and Katie Kennedy has come on strong. Our girls have quite a bit of experience racing up north and in CUSSA (Central United States Ski Association) races."

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With West Bloomfield chasing Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the Oakland Activities Association Division II volleyball race, Lakers coach Jason Gold knows that there is no room for error or his team will finish somewhere other than at the top of the pecking order.

So, with that in mind, West Bloomfield made sure that struggling Clarkston didn't have a say in the Lakers' fate as they posted a 15-4, 15-10 OAA Division II triumph over the host Wolves Monday.

The win kept West Bloomfield (22-9-1, 7-3) in a second-place tie with Ortonville-Brampton, one game behind league-leading Lahser. Clarkston (20-13-2, 4-5) remained in fourth place with the loss.

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Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson, whose

squad won the OAA II title last season with an 11-1 mark, is bewildered by the Wolves' sudden demise.

"We played pretty well at the beginning of the season, but as soon as we got that first league loss, we've been struggling," he said. "We are consistent in terms of the same problems are occurring. Right now, we don't exhibit any confidence in ourselves and we lack that fighting experience."

"I take credit for this," he continued. "It's apparent that I'm not getting the message across, and that really bothers me to no end."

Part of the Wolves' problem Monday was the play of Robbins and her ability to find the holes in Clarkston's defense.

"She is a very solid all-around player," admitted Richardson. "When she was in the front row, we couldn't stop her. When she was in the back row, and when we could play her serve that has a lot of topspin on it, we did all right and we fought back. But we gave them the ball back too quickly on a few occasions and when she got back into the front, they finished off the game."

Robbins led West Bloomfield by going 13-for-13 serving with three aces and 12-13 attacking with six kills and four digs.

Junior Lisa Copeland was 6-7 attacking with four kills, five digs and six assists, junior Samantha Politzer was 8-8 serving and 4-4 attacking with four kills and eight assists, and senior Lauren Sneiderker was 8-8 serving with two kills and two digs for the Lakers.

Gold realizes that they'll have to ride Robbins' shoulders down the stretch.

"She's a good athlete and a very good player when she's on," he said. "If we are going to stay in the (league race) and if we are to compete in our district, which is probably the toughest in this area, we'll need for her to continue playing this way."

Brewer was 10-11 serving with two aces and Gower was 15-16 attacking with four kills for Clarkston, which totaled only nine kills against 10 attacking errors. Junior Angela Humphreys was 8-8 serving with an ace for the Wolves and junior Kristen Falck was 5-5 serving with an aces.

Springfield Christian netters on a roll

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Melissa Hughes knew it would only be a matter of time before Clarkston Springfield Christian's volleyball team would find a consistent level of play. And that time is now.

Hughes, the fourth-year volleyball coach at Springfield, has witnessed

her netters post a three-game winning streak as of late, which continued Tuesday in the first round of the 11-school Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

The Eagles (12-5), seeded third, topped visiting sixth-seeded Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist Tuesday 15-7, 15-6 in Clarkston to advance to Friday's semifinal round at p.m. at Warren Antioch Baptist against top-

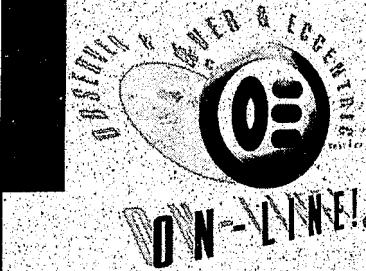
seeded Wixom Christian, which defeated Clinton Township Faith Christian Tuesday in another first-round contest.

"We're peaking at the right time," said Hughes, whose squad upset state-ranked Davison Fair Baptist last Friday. "Our seniors are starting to be consistent and they are becoming leaders of the team. We're playing much better lately."

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Springfield rolls in FBAC opener

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As the top seed in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference post-season tournament, Clarkston Springfield Christian was the heavy favorite Tuesday in the first round. And the host Eagles proved why.

Despite missing 6-2 senior center Adam Armstrong and 6-4 sophomore post player Knoa Knappe, who sat out after being injured skiing over the weekend, Springfield cruised to

a 76-22 triumph over eighth-seeded Garden City United Christian.

The win moves Springfield into Friday's FBAC semifinals at 6:30 p.m. at Springfield against Rochester Hills Christian, a 58-56 winner over Wixom Christian. United plays at 3:30 Friday at the same site against Wixom Christian.

Springfield (18-3) rolled out to a 20-9 lead after the first quarter and blew the game wide open with a 33-9 scoring surge in the second quarter.

With the running clock in the

second half, Springfield outscored United 23-4.

Senior forward Jon Vanaman scored a game-high 21 points with 10 rebounds to lead the Eagles. Senior guard Greg Irish added 15 points and eight rebounds, senior guard Matt Lonteen scored a career-high 10 points with five assists, sophomore forward Ben Munce had eight points, six rebounds, five steals, three assists for Springfield.

Sophomore forward Ben Williams scored six for United Christian (5-7).

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Senior Sarah Robinson was 16-for-17 serving with five service points to lead Springfield. Junior Rachel Conner slammed seven kills, senior Suzanne Rydman had three kills and senior Liz Hamlin dished out six assists setting.

"We sometimes start slow, and we play with the beginning jitters," added Hughes. "But we've been settling down and regaining

our composure. And regaining our composure and keeping our composure is a lot different than it was earlier in the season or throughout most of last season."

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 7-15-15, Davison Faith Baptist 15-11-9.** — The host Eagles rallied from a 6-0 deficit in game three for their first win over arch-rival Faith

Baptist in over five years. Rachel Conner was 7-9 serving with three kills and four digs. Amanda Vanaman was 13-15 serving with three kills and five digs, and Sarah Robinson was 11-12 serving, including the ace for the game-winner.

Faith had defeated Springfield in the Eagles' season opener in November 15-8, 15-1.

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but were 8-13 through Tuesday. Clarkston's boys basketball team is also suffering from the injury bug, as 6-5 senior center Adam Schepman is out with an injured toe, while 7-2 senior center Pete Ritzema injured his shoulder in the Wolves' 60-48 win Tuesday over Pontiac Central.

I know coaches will shriek when they see this, but who is next?

■ **In the red:** Springfield Christian's boys basketball team finally captured a Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division title this year after five seasons in the 11-school conference, where six schools are in the Red Division.

The Eagles (18-3) opened up the league tournament Tuesday without Armstrong and Knappe, and posted a lopsided 76-22 win over Garden City United Christian.

■ **Full support:** It has been brought to my attention that a number of schools in and around the Eccentric coverage area have

been suspending athletes left and right for various disciplinary reasons, the most common is the consumption of alcohol.

Holly suspended seven varsity boys basketball players for three games, which has become the most publicized instance in Oakland County.

But it doesn't stop there. At least six other athletic directors have told me about various suspensions at their respective schools. One area coach even suspended an athlete for the rest of his high school career for being caught drinking for a third time.

It seems that school administrators are really cracking down on this type of problem, and they have my full support.

■ **100 and counting:** Oxford wrestler Willie Breyer hit a milestone last week in a tri-meet with Lapeer West and Lapeer East. The 215-pounder captured his 100th career win.

But that's not all. Breyer accomplished this feat and he's still only a junior.

■ **One system:** Over the past 5-6 years, the MHSAA has adopted divisions for over one-third of their state-sponsored sports, while maintaining its four classifications for the other sports.

The divisions take place when there isn't enough schools in the lower classifications that sponsor a certain sport, so the MHSAA draws up four even divisions, meaning that, for instance, Divisions II could consist of small Class A schools and large Class B schools, and Division IV encompasses Class D schools and small Class C schools.

The only problem of this system is that more and more people that follow high schools sports are getting very confused. Perhaps, everything should be labeled as a class or division instead of jumping back and forth.

■ **Where is everybody?** I've been puzzled why a lot of area sporting events aren't drawing a substantial base of home fans. I swear, at times you can hear

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OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (Saturday at Royal Oak Dondora)

TEAM RESULTS — 1. Rochester Adams, 279 points; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 268; 3. Birmingham Groves, 158; 4. Troy, 153; 5. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 114; 6. North Farmington, 99; 7. Rochester, 85; 8. Birmingham Sepholm, 38; 9. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 34; 10. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, 29; 11. Novi, 28; 12. Berkley, 25; 13. West Bloomfield, 22; 14. Royal Oak Unified, 20; 15. Farmington-Farmington Hills Unified, 17; 16. Walled Lake Unified, 15; 17. South Lyon, 6; 18. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, 3; 19. Southfield Unified, 2; 20. (tie) Auburn Hills Avondale, Clarkston, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Lake Orion, Troy Athens, Madison Heights Lamphere, 0.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Rochester Adams, 1:38.54; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 1:39.61; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 1:41.81; 4. North Farmington, 1:42.51; 5. Troy, 1:42.93; 6. Birmingham Groves, 1:46.31.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Jefferson Moors (Brother Rice), 1:42.81; 2. Jimmy Ohngren (Adams), 1:45.80; 3. Matt Bowman (Brother Rice), 1:47.05; 4. Peter Vanderkay (Adams), 1:49.31; 5. Josh Davidson (Brother Rice), 1:50.85; 6. David Lutz (Adams), 1:51.80.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1.

Christian Vanderkay (Adams), 1:55.94; 2. Kurt Schoenhals (Lahser), 1:58.83; 3. Brian Cahill (Adams), 2:02.09; 4. Andrew Cleselski (Brother Rice), 2:03.76; 5. Chris Brede (Brother Rice), 2:03.87; 6. Anthony Duda (Brother Rice), 2:04.77.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Larry Kennedy (Groves), :22.12; 2. Justin Zumsteg (Rochester), :22.23; 3. Paul Jackson (Troy), :22.64; 4. Jeff Travis (Royal Oak), :22.83; 5. Andrew Taylor (Adams), :22.89; 6. Brian O'Rourke (Groves), :23.07.

ONE-METER DIVING — 1. Tony Holt (Cranbrook), 508.40; 2. Chris Gavronski (Walled Lake), 475.65; 3. Ryan Matuzak (Rochester), 463.70; 4. Dusty Gaywold (Lahser), 449.60; 5. Tony Schulz (Brother Rice), 405.95; 6. Jeff Dolan (Lahser), 384.15.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. Christian Vandekay (Adams), :52.27; 2. Todd Webster (Troy), :54.00; 3. Matt Holcomb (Brother Rice), :54.88; 4. Brian O'Rourke (Groves), :55.80; 5. Aaron Kuess (Adams), :55.72; 6. Jon Schwartz (Groves), :55.72.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Larry Kennedy (Groves), :48.09; 2. Matt Bowman (Brother Rice), :48.48; 3. Andrew Taylor (Adams), 49.59; 4. Paul Jackson (Troy), :49.64; 5. Adam Braun (Berkley), :49.95; 6. Jeff Travis (Royal Oak), :50.28.

500-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Jefferson Moors (Brother Rice), 4:41.88; 2. Jimmy Ohngren (Adams), 4:45.97; 3. Peter Vanderkay (Adams), 4:50.09; 4. David Lutz (Adams), 4:50.15.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Rochester Adams, 3:14.02; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3:14.08; 3. Birmingham Groves, 3:21.72; 4. Troy, 3:26.73; 5. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3:26.86; 6. North Farmington, 3:27.27.

(For the complete Oakland County results, check out the website under: members.aol.com/bob91450/swimming/index.x.htm)

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players are too important to local residents and students nowadays to attend a local prep game.

■ **Horrible officiating:** Any one that attended last Friday's Ferndale-Clarkston boys basketball game were rather disappointed, and I'm not talking about the thrilling overtime match where the Wolves lost.

The officiating was simply downright horrible. I've seen hundreds of boys basketball games in my life and I felt that that particular game cracked my category of the Top 10 worst officiated games that I've seen.

About the only local team that is starting to draw fans is Clarkston's boys basketball team, although their student sections has seemingly lost their vocal cords.

It seems that less than 10 years ago, most high school sports, regardless of sport or venue, drew a lot more fans.

■ **Dime a dozen:** Each week,

I receive e-mails and letters, both positive and negative, about

things that occur in the local sports arena. Many of my fellow workers in the Observer & Eccentric Sports Department get similar messages on a regular occurrence.

But there is one type of message that is really starting to become our pet peeve — and that's an unsigned e-mail or letter.

Please, if you don't have the guts to sign your name when writing someone, it doesn't matter where, then don't send anything at all.

Those type of communication skills are a dime a dozen.

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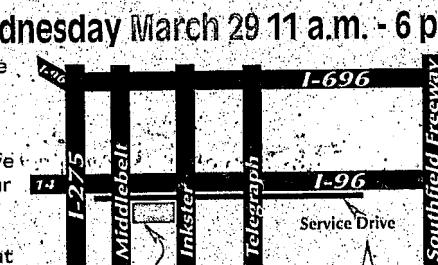
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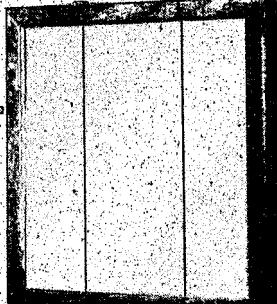
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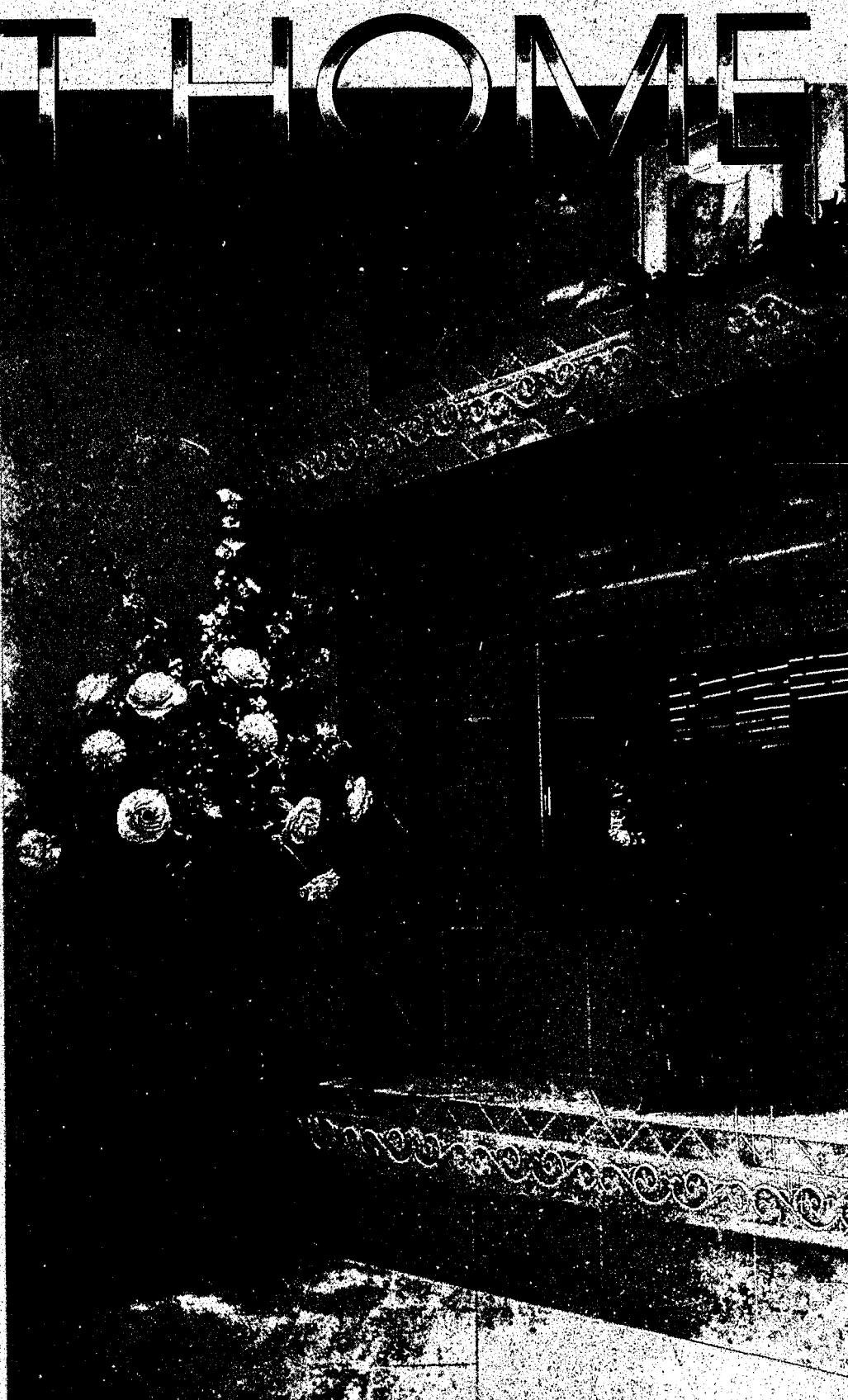
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JOE GAGNON

There are days when things happen so fast it's almost impossible to keep up. In my state of retirement, I seem to be going at it day and night.

The phone number at the bottom of this column is used by consumers as much as 50 times each day. If you ever wonder why I might not sound as pleasant as I should, let me give you a few reasons. I get about 10 of them a day, to be exact. "Can you help me get rid of the chipmunks in my attic?" "I'm lonely and I need someone like you to talk to." "The neighbors are trying to poison me." "Do you know how to refinish furniture?" "Let me tell you what's wrong with my television, VCR or my computer."

It goes on and on and on and yet everyday I call every consumer who calls me on that phone number. I love talking to people about appliance problems and how I can help them, but it gets a little trying to have people abuse

the privilege of free information. One of these days I'm going to start taping some of these calls and playing them during my radio show, and you'll probably laugh your head off. The rest of this column is not a laughing matter. It is going to be an answer to my problem, I hope.

I was recently called and asked to visit the site of a new business called RepairClinic.com in Canton. I was amazed at what I observed. I drove west on Michigan Avenue two or three miles past the I-275 overpass and found the new business. This warehouse facility is a block long filled with appliance parts. The computer network and Web site (repairclinic.com) set up for the facility is out of this world.

I met several key people who work for this company, but the guy who impressed me with his logic and knowledge was a young man by the name of Chris Hall. Raised in Dearborn and schooled in electronics and appliances, he has spent the last 10 years running his own appliance repair business in Ann Arbor. This young man and his staff of 22 employees might just be the answer to my prayers.

They sell parts for a living. It's how they do it that's amazing.

Let's say you have a noise in your refrigerator and don't know what it is. You log on to their Web site and type in the product category and your complaint. The words you see describe what moving parts there are and the possible noise they are making. You type in your model number. The Web site not only shows you the part number of the fan motor, but a picture of it. They give you the price of the part and the best way to ship it to you. In addition, they give you a warranty on the part. Talk about a new wave of the future. My whole visit left me breathless.

Now folks, I'm an old man in this appliance business and I will not argue with the new methods showing success in the world today. I may be slow to adapt to some of these ways and I know that it takes money to make money. When Chris Hall told me this company had just contracted with the Yellow Pages for 400 advertisements across the country, I realized the seriousness of what the company is doing.

There will come a day in the near future when I will look at this operation

with great admiration. When I see people who are willing to sacrifice and struggle through the hard times and achieve their goals, I absolutely love it.

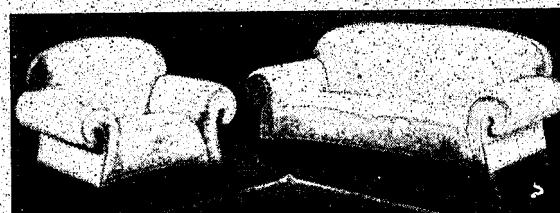
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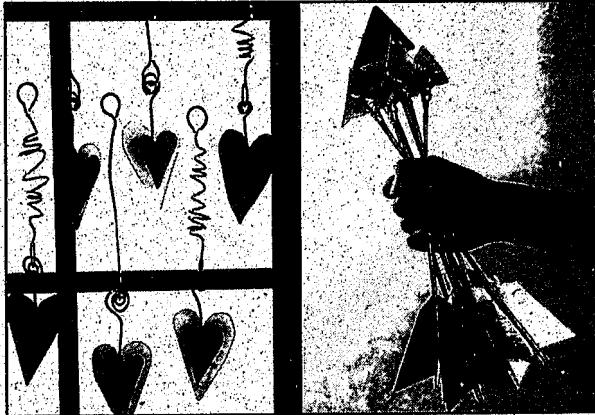
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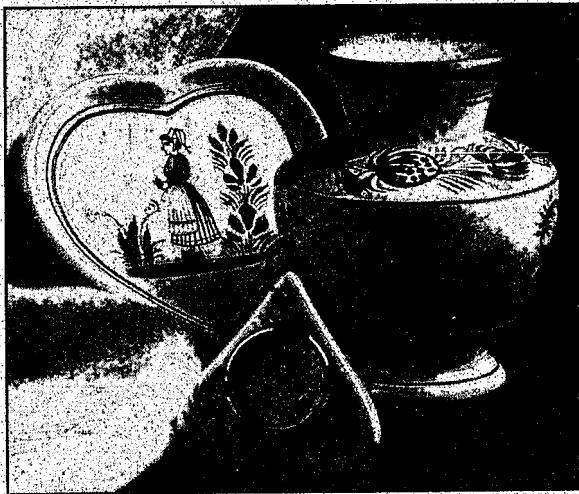


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Show and Tell

Fondness with frost: Paige Stanton Handmade, 32750 Franklin Road in Franklin, features a variety of Valentine-related items, including these unusual creations by artist Mark Poulin. Three frosted glass window hearts hang from aluminum wire to catch and play with the light. Arrows have assorted frosted glass tips, copper stems and brass and nickel "feathers" with assorted romantic messages (such as "2000 Kisses," "True Blue" and "XOXO in 2000"). The hearts and arrows are \$28 each. Call (248) 855-3286.



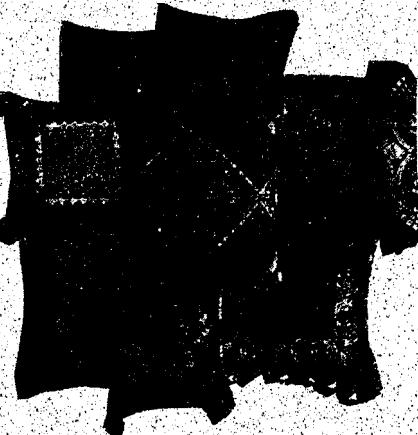
Speaking of l'amour

Heartfelt: La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, is celebrating Valentine's Day 2000 by offering three exquisite ways to say "I love you." La Belle Provence carries the largest Quimper (pronounced kam-pair) collection in Michigan, and these new items from Quimper are perfect as gifts for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or any special occasion. The 2 1/2-inch heart-shaped clock, \$49.50, comes beautifully presented in a gift box. The decorative flat heart dish, \$28.50, is suitable for chocolates and other sweets. It measures 4 1/2 inches. The 4 1/2-inch traditional vase, \$68.50, is perfect for buds and small wildflowers. Call (248) 540-3876.

'Uncommon' touch

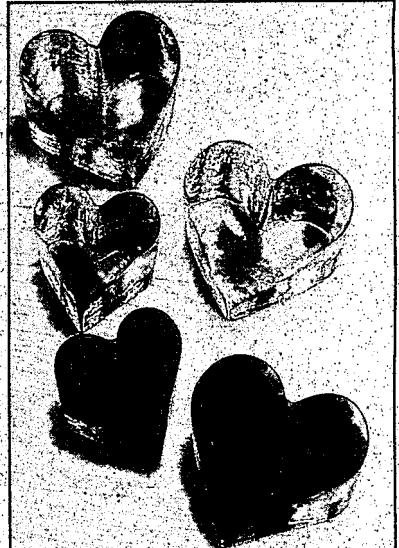
Pillow talk: Colorworks Studio, 32506 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, has added a retail boutique, Colorworks Uncommon, to its interior design studio. Among the collections it is showcasing is an assortment of decorative pillows that are pieced from tapestries,

velvets and chenilles with trims and tassels, as well as one-of-a-kind lace and linen pillows made from antique and vintage fabrics. Many of the pillows have been made exclusively for the boutique. Prices range from \$40 to \$250. Colorworks Uncommon also features accent furniture, mirrors, accessory pieces, table linens, bedding accents, tabletop pieces and more. Call (248) 851-7540.



Lovely gift

Hearty: Give the perfect gift that will last forever: heart-shaped paperweights created from recycled glass from the north coast of California, available at Jacobson's. The paperweights come in aqua, cobalt, celery, copper or lavender. The small heart is \$20 and the large heart \$30. Among other Valentine gifts at Jacobson's are a three-tiered gift tower by All Wrapped Up for \$30, including Lindt truffles, wrapped hard candies and a tin of Danish butter cookies, all gift wrapped in heart motif paper with a teddy bear on top; lavender-scented sachets from Heart Felt Connections for \$22 to \$28, in assorted styles including heart-shaped in red velvet or pink satin and pillow-shaped with such words as "love," "sweetie" and "be mine" written on it; and special boxes of candy from Godiva or Joseph Schmidt Confections for \$16 to \$36.



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garden spot

How romantic: Herbal lore is lovely



MARTY FIGLEY

get some ideas for a celebration or share some of them with your loved one — all in good fun.

In early Roman times it was thought that birds began to pair off Feb. 14 — therefore the emphasis on love and its messages. Romans considered basil as a symbol of love and this herb was added to love sachets to protect the warriors when they traveled to foreign lands to go into battle.

Venus is reported to have used myrtle as a skin wash to make herself more seductive; ancient Greeks ate parsley as an aphrodisiac and it was quite prolific

on the island of Ogygia, where Calypso seduced Odysseus.

Rosemary is another interesting valentine herb in that it is the symbol of love, fidelity and remembrance. So if you have a rosemary plant, tie a few sprigs together and present it to your love, or use it in a dish to add a nice seasoning to a meal. If you want to give flowers, maybe a rosemary plant would be more appropriate.

On the other hand, a rose is never out of style. The rose is a symbol of love and beauty. The letters in rose are an anagram for Eros, who was the god of love. Dear little Cupid gets credit for accidentally giving the rose its fragrance. He was dancing and spilled a cup of nectar, which fell onto a rose and gave it its scent.

Several spices have been used for generations as ingredients for love potions. Cloves and clove oil were used in ancient Persia. During the Middle Ages, the scent of cinnamon, a member of the laurel family, was believed to have aphrodisiac qualities.

"Sops in wine" was a drink made of Dianthus (Gillyflower or Sweet William)

and was drunk at betrothals. Carnation, another member of this family, came from the word *carnation* because these flowers were frequently used in betrothal and wedding wreaths.

The *pomme d'amour*, or love apple, was supposed to have a magical effect. It supposedly was deadly if eaten whole but had desirable effects if eaten in very tiny amounts.

For those of you who are still looking, you might try one or more of the following (depending upon how well they work):

1. Place yarrow under your pillow to dream of your true love. To guarantee marriage, add orange leaves to the yarrow.

2. Tie five bay leaves to the four corners and center of your pillow before going to bed on St. Valentine's Eve. Wear a freshly-washed nightgown and repeat the following rhyme before going to sleep: Good Valentine, be kind to me. In dreams let me my true love see.

3. Put a sprig of southernwood in an unmarried girl's shoe so she will see the sight of her husband-to-be before nightfall.



MARTY FIGLEY

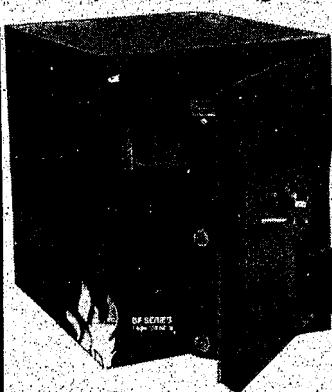
For remembrance: Rosemary is a valentine herb; a symbol of love, fidelity and remembrance.

4. To find the initial of your true love, remove the peel from an apple in a single strip and throw it over your shoulder. Do you remember doing this? I do.

5. Offer your intended a sprig of basil. If he accepts it, you have won him.

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■ 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

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6. Wear a charm made with rosemary and thyme.

You'll have to wait until next Jan. 20 to try this: On that date, St. Agnes' Eve, mix thyme and rosemary and recite the following prayer to bring on a dream of your true love: St. Agnes, that's to lovers kind, Come, ease the trouble of my mind.

How would you like this? In medieval times, a person of the opposite sex was chosen by lot on St. Valentine's Day to be the lover for the coming year. A folded paper that contained the name of the year's partner was given the name "Valentine." This became the fore-runner of the tradition of exchanging cards.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. Leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number 1859.

"Roses: The Tried, The True and What's New" by Heather Tomlinson, Feb. 10; and "Designing Outdoor Living Areas" by an English Gardens staff member, Feb. 17. Call (248) 851-7506 for information.

■ The "We Love Barbie" Fashion Doll Show will return 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$5, \$2 for ages 4-12. The show will feature vintage and collectible Barbie dolls and their accessories, as well as custom designed, one-of-a-kind Barbies by doll artists. "Valentine Barbie" doll door prizes will be given every hour. For show information or dealer inquiries, call (734) 455-2110.

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a variety of classes related to home, garden and leisure. Offerings include "Hearts and Flowers," taught by Herb Society member Carol Czechowski, Monday, Feb. 14; and "Basic Knitting," taught by "Knitting doctor" and watercolor artist Barbara Hanahan, four Tuesdays beginning Feb. 15 or four Thursdays beginning Feb. 17. Call (248) 644-5832.

■ The Community House Garden Club meets the third or fourth Monday of each month at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Speakers begin 7 p.m. Membership is

\$30 annually; non-members and guests pay \$6 per meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 14, at which Jackie Valley of Herbal Thymes & Gatherings in Ann Arbor will speak on "Designing Your Herb Garden." Call (248) 644-5832.

■ The Oakland Land Conservancy will host a workshop, "Prairies in Southeast Michigan: How to Find Them, Keep Them and Use Them," 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. The \$20 fee covers continental breakfast, light lunch and conference materials. Speakers will include Dick Wolinski of Applied Science and Technology Inc., and Glenn Palmgren and Dave Cuthrell of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory. The workshop is open to all, but registration is limited. For information and to register, call Donna Folland at (810) 752-2496.

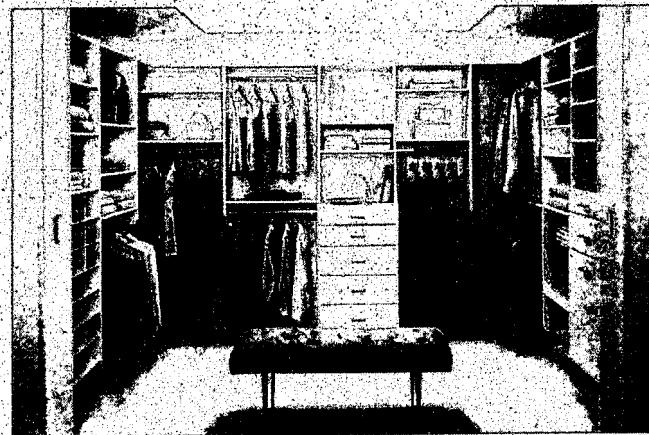
■ The Detroit Garden Center will present its 14th annual Orchid Display, Slide Talk and Sale Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2, free for under age 12. Ron Ciesinski, owner of Taylor Orchids in Bluebush, Mich., will bring his own collection of rare and unusual orchids for display and blooming orchids for sale, and will present a slide lecture on

growing orchids in your home. A potting demonstration is included. The Det-center is in historic Moross House, 1460 E. Jefferson. Call (313) 259-6363.

■ The Adult Education Program at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, will feature John Hollowell, owner of John Hollowell & Associates, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 and 22. Hollowell will discuss landscaping trends, tricks and methods to create attractive features such as ponds, prairies and stone work for the garden. Costs are \$40 for non-members of Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens and \$36 for members.

■ The Detroit Garden Center's eighth annual Saturday Gardening Class Series continues with "Photography in the Garden," Feb. 19 at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, and Feb. 26 at the garden center, 1460 E. Jefferson. Call (313) 259-6363 for reservations and more information. During a classroom session, learn from professional horticultural photographer Steve Nikkila techniques to capture your own garden on film, then shoot film at the Belle Isle Conservatory while learning to frame the shot, using light and shadow, correcting for less than perfect light and for seasonal differences for manual and automatic cameras. Return Feb. 26 with developed slides for a critique session.

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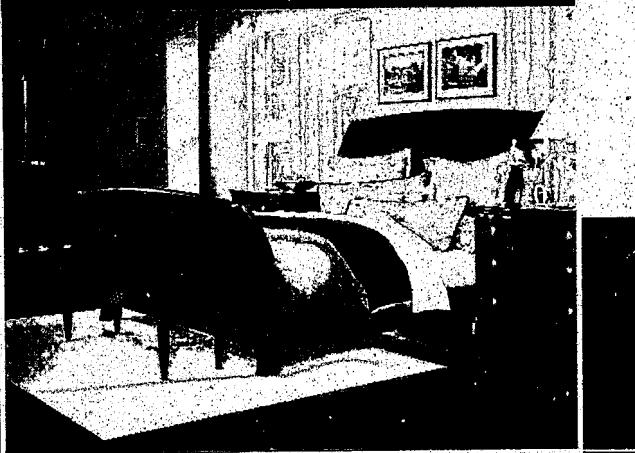
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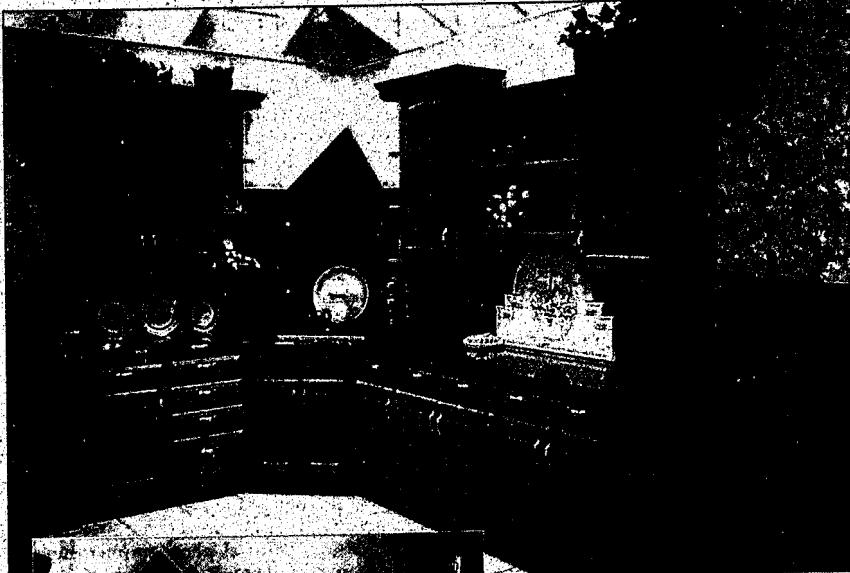
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Dark elegance: The dark granite tile of the kitchen above is the perfect backdrop for colorful accessories. A detail of the corner sink, at right, gives a hint of the colors that make up the elegant look. Staff photos by Bill Bresler.



Intricate designs:
Below is an example of the intricate details you can get to accent your tile walls.



Natural color

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
Staff Writer
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If you're tired of walking into your home night after night and seeing the same old tired look, you may want to consider new tile to spice up your old — or not so old — house.

During these bleak winter months some homeowners are deciding to tile their floors or walls — either contracting the job out or doing it themselves. They're brightening the atmosphere in their homes with peach, light tan and beige tiles that reflect light.

Homeowners prefer natural neutral colors, earth tones and, on the more expensive end, darker granite, which are all popular tile styles. Anything that resembles natural stone is hot, said Doug White, assistant manager of The Tile Shop in Farmington. The Tile Shop also has a Sterling Heights location.

"It's for people who want a permanent floor, but they also have the ability to change their drapes and the paint colors on their walls," White said. "So the natural looking stone is very hot, when it comes to tile application."

Homeowners aren't just tiling bathrooms and kitchens anymore, either. "I have people tiling

everything else."
"People are doing their kitchens almost all year."

Jody Angel, Tile in Farmington, is booming as the construction continues.

"People are two to four times said, "The between the Homeowners."

Her client Porcelain and Anger said.

Redford-based his customer clients like the

What it costs:

When working customers can foot for the tiles used and when floor joists need tiles are more

Tiling requires attention to detail

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
Staff Writer

Tiling kitchens, bathrooms or other rooms sounds like a bear of a job.

But for the enterprising do-it-yourselfer, there are resources and tips available.

"They have to think about ripping it out and ask themselves, will they have enough in the structure to do these things," said Doug White, assistant manager of The Tile Shop in Farmington. "Is the floor strong enough to go over?"

Mick Gavin, a Redford-based tile contractor, naturally recommends that people should hire a contractor do the work. But he, too, agrees homeowners should check the floor first to ensure that it is flat before undertaking such a job.

"Sometimes you will find a high joist that creates a crown in the floor," Gavin said. That may require some carpentry work on that floor joist.

The Tile Shop has instructional sheets and offers installation seminars every Saturday so people can decide whether they are up to the task.

Ceramic tile is easier to install than most other types of floor coverings, as it is more forgiving than vinyl sheet goods and woods. Homeowners should discuss plans with the tile salesperson and resolve layout questions early.

Here are some pointers for installing ceramic tiles from The Tile Shop.

■ Any concrete, masonry, cured mortar beds and plywood surfaces to be tiled must be flat, structurally sound, dry and free from oil, grease, dust, loose paint, concrete

sealers or curing compounds removed with bond stripper, rinsing or chipping. Any holes should be patched with a waterproofing compound.

■ Lay out the floor by snap a chalk line at the intersection, preferably in the center of the room.

■ All tiling materials, rods and tools should be stored at 50 to 70 degrees F for 24 hours before installation. Mortar should be mixed to a "mayonnaise" consistency, then rested and used within 30 minutes. The mix should be stored with water, as it will weaken over time.

■ Use a trowel to apply thin-set mortar to the floor. Use a notch trowel turned at a 45-degree angle. Thin-set mortar can be tiled in 10 to 15 minutes with a slight twisting motion. Use a rubber mallet and careful pressure to ensure complete contact with the floor.

■ Stay off tile for 24 hours.

■ After mortar has dried, prepare grout mix, following manufacturer's directions, and follow instructions to work grout into tile joints. Use a float to smooth the grout and a sponge to remove excess grout. Rinse the sponge frequently with water. Grout should not be applied to the face of the tile with a brush.

■ After grout has dried, use a damp cloth to clean the joints with penetrating sealant to retain the grout color. Wipe the grout from the face of the tile with a damp cloth.



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s, earthtones rule the world of tile

cept their bedrooms," White said. "In their bathrooms, they're expanding halls and foyers. These people are using tiles."

A showroom consultant at Virginia Hills, said the tile industry is strong economy continues with the new homes.

"We're tiling their kitchen, their halls and rooms in these new homes." Anger said. "Mosaic splash is popular in the kitchen countertops and the cabinets." Even tile sunrooms, Anger said:

"We use stone, slate and limestone. Mosaic glass tiles also are popular."

As a tile contractor, Mick Gavin said he wants "something different." His earth tones and neutral colors, but creative tile and porcelain tile.

sts
king with ceramic floor tiles, we expect to pay \$3-\$5 a square foot, but prices vary with the tile, whether the subfloor or lower level work, Gavin said. Granite is expensive.

Photo detail

nds. Contaminants must be removed by cleaner or by sanding, scraping or imperfections should be filled with matching compound.

apping a chalk line with a 90° angle from the center of the room.

om and adhesives should be at room temperature before and 48 hours after

be mixed with clean water to a

The mix should stand for 10 minutes before it is used.

Mix only what can be used. Mix only what can be used.

Excess should not be re-tempered

into the mix.

mortar, then spread it with a notched trowel. Spread only in area that will receive tiles. Press tile onto mortar with a small block of wood or a rubber mallet. Gently tap the top of each tile to settle it in the mortar.

Wait 24 hours and no heavy traffic for 72 hours.

for 24 hours, you can grout.

ng instructions, use a grout float.

Skim off excess grout with a sponge. Rub the tile immediately with a sponge frequently and change the sponge frequently and change

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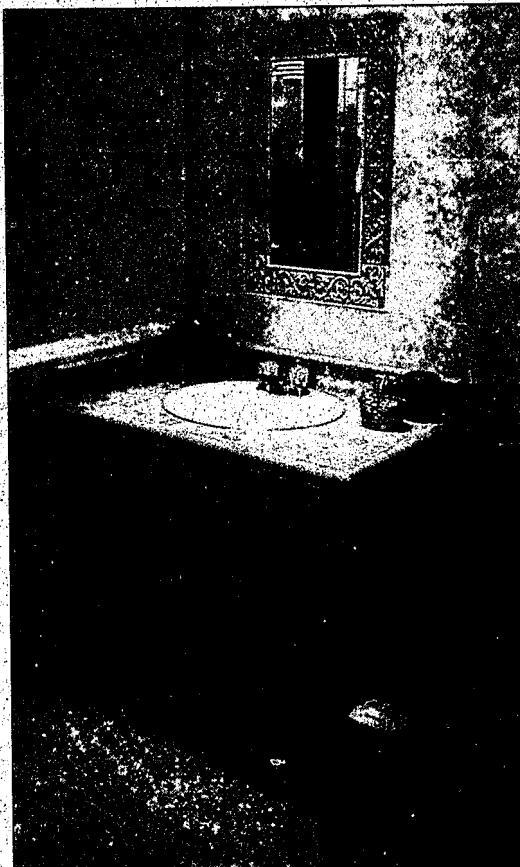
with a dry paper towel.

Stone mosaic medallions also are available from White at \$499 and \$799. The medallions add a dramatic effect to floors. "People are putting them in the middle of the foyer and under chandeliers," White said.

White said listello decorative strips in bathrooms and kitchens also are popular. (It's that decorative strip that generally runs vertically across the tile and across the wall). The stone listello has leaped in popularity.

"That started getting hot about a year ago," White said. "I had a lady that bought some at \$22.99 a foot. We're supplying the tile for her new home in the Cayman Islands."

While many Michigan residents can't afford a home in such a warm climate, they'll have to look at the earth tones and perhaps, those colors and new tiles will warm up their rooms during frigid temperatures.



Morning glow: The light tones of this bathroom tile will awaken anyone looking for a toothbrush early in the morning.

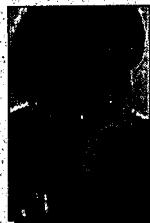


On the cover:

Homeowners are using the winter months to brighten up their homes with new ceiling or wall tiles in the kitchen and bathrooms. The picture above highlights the carved detail of the trim on the fireplace shown on the cover. Dress up your home in a regal fashion with these natural and earthen tones. Staff photos by Bill Bresler.

inviting ideas

Put back-of-shelf barley at forefront



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

grains, it is highly nutritious and versatile.

This grain can make a dish creamy and thick. When cooked just to firm-tender, barley adds the most unexpected crunch to a dish, especially in fresh vegetable salads.

Cooked barley that is placed in a container, covered with plastic wrap and refrigerated will keep for five days.

Here are some bountiful barley ideas:

■ Substitute crisp (crunchy) barley in your favorite rice (wild or brown) or couscous salad.

■ Cook up a batch of barley on the weekend and use it in recipes during the week.

That little box of barley has been sitting on the back shelf ever since all those fancy grains have come to the forefront:

Unlike some of these trendy new grains, barley is inexpensive and easy to find. And like those other

■ Barley marries well with mushrooms. Make a ragout or a marinated mushroom and barley salad (garnished with shreds of Granny Smith apples).

■ Make a barley and root vegetable stew and serve it as a comforting entree on a cold winter evening.

■ For Barley Risotto, add your favorite herbs and chicken stock — basil or tarragon are a great match. Top with some freshly grated Parmesan cheese or a sprinkle of Feta.

■ Make a barley pudding — much like rice pudding. Flavor with cinnamon, cardamom or some pure maple syrup.

■ Barley is great with seafood and shellfish (as well as meat and poultry). Make a spicy seafood stew and use barley as your grain of choice.

■ Add some barley to your homemade soups for a thicker texture.

■ Top barley with some balsamic-splashed roasted vegetables for a great entree.

BASIC BARLEY RECIPE

Yield: 8 to 8 1/2 cups

Ingredients:

3 1/2 quarts fresh water

2 teaspoons salt

1 pound (generous 2 1/3 cups) pearl barley

Directions:

In a large saucepan, combine the water and salt. Bring water to a boil over high heat. Add the barley and return to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer until the barley is tender (keeping it al dente), about 25 to 30 minutes.

Drain; rinse with cool, fresh water. Drain barley again, and use as desired.

ZINGERMAN'S ANN ARBOR MUSHROOM AND BARLEY SOUP

This recipe is from Joan Nathan's award-winning book "Jewish Cooking in America," published by Knopf, 1994 (hardcover, \$35). You can find this book at Borders book shops.

Our very own Michigan-based Zingerman's Deli has this delicious soup as a treasured staple on its menu. Truck up (or down) to A² and grab a hearty bowl.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons dried porcini mushrooms

2 tablespoons margarine

1 large onion, thinly sliced

2 ribs celery with leaves, diced

1/4 cup parsley

1 carrot, peeled and sliced

3 cloves garlic, chopped

1 pound fresh porcini or other mushrooms

1 tablespoon flour

2 quarts beef broth or water

1 cup whole barley

2 teaspoons salt

Directions:

Soak the dried mushrooms for a half hour in enough hot water to cover. Strain through a filter.

Reserve the water.

Coarsely chop the dried mushrooms.

Melt the margarine in a stockpot and sauté the onion, celery, 2 tablespoons of the parsley, carrot, garlic, reconstituted mushrooms, and fresh mushrooms until soft, about 5 minutes.

Lower the heat and add the flour, stirring every 30 seconds for about 5 minutes or until thick.

In a soup pot heat the broth or water. Add a cup of mushroom mixture at a time to the pot, stirring.

Turn the heat to high, and add the reserved mushroom water and barley. Stir well and add salt to taste.

Simmer, covered, for about an hour or until the barley is tender and the soup is thickened, stirring often.

Add additional chopped parsley, mix thoroughly, and adjust seasonings.

BARLEY AND LENTIL RAGOUT OVER SOURDOUGH

This simple recipe comes from a friend who is just crazy about legumes and other healthy foods. She uses it as a side dish or an appetizer (served over slices of toasted baguette).

Yield: 6 side dish servings

Ingredients:

3/4 ounce dried mushrooms (any wild, earthy type of your choosing)

Boiling water

2 tablespoons light olive oil

1 medium-size sweet onion, peeled and chopped

3 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced

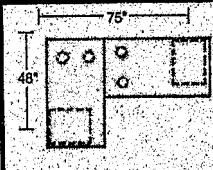
1 teaspoon dried thyme

1/4 cup chopped parsley

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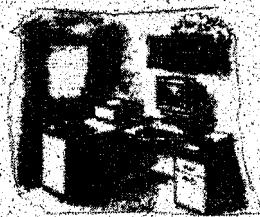
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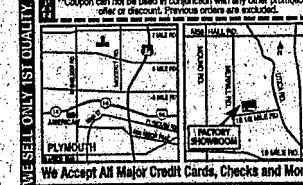
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Johnston
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1 cup dry lentils (common brown, not orange), picked over and well washed

1 cup pearl barley

6 cups beef stock (homemade or prepared)

1 cup medium-dry red wine

Sea salt (to taste)

Pinch white pepper (or to taste)

1/4 cup pesto sauce (homemade or prepared – traditional basil-based, or any type of your choosing)

Hand-cut sourdough bread slices, lightly toasted

Directions:

In a glass bowl, pour boiling water over dried mushrooms; soak 20 minutes; until reconstituted. Drain and reserve mushroom liquid.

In a medium-size saucepan over

medium heat, combine oil, onion, garlic, thyme, parsley, and reserved mushrooms; cook mixture 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add lentils, barley, beef stock, red wine, reserved mushroom liquid, salt and white pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, lid the pot and cook covered, 40 to 45 minutes, or until barley is tender. Stir in pesto sauce and adjust seasonings if necessary.

Lay a slice of toasted sourdough in a bowl; ladle barley and lentil ragoût over bread and serve.

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.

at home calendar

■ "Out of Africa," a dynamic celebration of the people, plants and culture of Africa and the African Diaspora into the Americas, continues to March 3 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Related events include Scout Day,

Saturday, Feb. 19 (cost is \$5 per person; advance registration necessary). Call (734) 998-7061.

■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. will present "Winter Tree ID" Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Detroit Zoological Gardens. Call (517) 482-5530.

Bag sale aids cancer research

La Belle Provence is again helping to support the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer by offering handbags and luggage pieces made with a specially designed fabric called Return to Happiness.

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"At Valentine's Day we all think about chocolate, roses and romance for our special someone, but this year it would be nice to give a gift from the heart that helps others," said Leslie Bensler Luciani, owner of La Belle Provence.

"I think we've all known someone who has succumbed to some sort of cancer – especially breast cancer. Here's a



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way to help the Vera Bradley Foundation endow a \$1.2 million chair in oncology at the Indiana School of Medicine, as well as help fund other valuable breast cancer research."

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Put personal stamp on valentines



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Ask yourself if your family is really too busy to put that special touch on Valentine's Day this year.

You could take the hassle-free way out and buy the store-bought school valentines that now come complete with a

cute piece of candy. You could run to the grocery store and buy the two dozen heart cookies labeled with the "buy one, get one free" label. And you could find that perfect card that tells your spouse exactly how you feel without having to draft any verses yourself. After all, it is the thought that counts.

Brace yourself before you act on any of the February rituals.

By setting your children free amidst storewide Valentine paraphernalia, you've probably written off the idea of embracing creativity over glue, rubber stamps and decorative paper — even computer-generated designs — strewn

across the kitchen counter.

When you grab that two-for-one cookie deal on the bakery shelf, you've either decided to supplement the homemade variety with a little "extra," or dismissed your family's exposure to that homemade cookie aroma wafting through your home.

Your efforts at reading several verses within a few beautifully printed cards meant for your sweetheart are commendable, but do you really want to settle for the next best thing? Wouldn't a personalized love letter tout the top 14 (for Feb. 14) reasons why you love your spouse be more meaningful?

All of these ideas invite you to spend time with or for your family for a special day when you show someone how much you care. But there are times when your family can't do everything from scratch. Don't feel guilty if that time strikes during Valentine's Day preparation. You can't always control time constraints. When you are in a bind, think about how you can put a personal stamp on your thoughtful gestures.

Get creative with your child's store-

bought valentines. Encourage him or her to decorate the envelopes with valentine stickers. Use glitter pens to write a recipient's name on an envelope.

Create sweet treats for each classmate by having your child put a variety of treats into a paper bag, then decorate the outside of the bag. Fold the top of the bag over, punch a hole on each side of the center point of the folded area, and feed a piece of red string or yarn through it. Tie a bow. His dressed-up treat bags will tantalize his classmates until they are opened.

Make a Valentine heart sign for your teen's bedroom door. Write a special saying on it, like "Follow the hearts to your special Valentine!" Scatter cut-out hearts for your child to follow to a box of her favorite treats, a compact disc or a favorite nail polish. Create a sign that says "Sweet Dreams" and stash her favorite Valentine's Day treat under her pillow.

Spend some time on your computer when your family isn't around and make awesome Valentine creations to complement any store-bought holiday surprises. There are many software pro-

grams available at local media stores that provide the tools to design to your heart's content.

Design a magnetic heart frame for favorite photograph of your child as baby or toddler. Put it on the refrigerator or other metal surface to surprise your child after school.

Create a banner that might read "Bon appetit!" or "Sweetheart Diner" and hang above your door that welcome your spouse home to his or her favorite meal, whether you made it or had to carryout.

Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you. Visit a neighbor or elderly individual who lives alone and would enjoy your family's heartfelt greetings. Send valentines to residents at a local nursing home or assisted living community. Realize that it doesn't take much time out of your family's busy schedule — and your gifts don't always have to come from scratch — make someone feel special.

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MONTE NAGLER

If you're like many amateur photographers; your pictures don't get much exposure - in your home, that is. Many of your good shots are packed away in drawers and closets, not on the wall where they belong.

Your home should reflect your personality with a selection of photographs to complement the other furnishings in your rooms. Your own pictures and those of other photographers whose work you admire will add to the decor of your home and your enjoyment of it.

Of course, attractive matting and framing enhances the presentation of a photograph. Pre-cut mats in standard sizes can be bought from most art supply or camera shops. You can also buy inexpensive mat cutters, and with a little practice you'll be cutting your own professional looking mats.

Simply measure equal borders around your already mounted photo-

graph and carefully cut your mat. Make sure the blades are sharp and use fine sandpaper or an emery board to eliminate any rough spots on the edges.

To produce a collage of pictures, perhaps of the entire family, just cut as many "windows" out of the mat board as you'll need. Then tape each picture to the board from behind and back them with another piece of mat board. You're now ready to add a frame.

Frames come in many styles, colors and prices. For photography, simplicity is the best guideline.

Plain metal frames don't draw attention away from the impact of the photograph, yet at the same time they lend a complementary finishing touch to your picture. Metal frame kits are available in all photo, art supply and frame shops. Buy selections in the lengths you need and your frame can be assembled easily in a matter of minutes.

Be sure to use glass, too. Glass not only protects your photograph, but also adds to the appearance of your finished work. Regular, single strength glass works best. Non-glare glass reduces the "snap" of your photo and makes the colors look dull.



Gorge-ous:
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Garden program heads for border

By MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

"Border Making: A Master Class" is the title of a symposium taking place 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Michigan State University Conference Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy.

Cost is \$95 for Cranbrook members, \$99 for Horticulture subscribers and \$109 for all others. To register by phone, call (800) 395-1901.

Registration includes all accompanying handouts, refreshments and a box lunch. Refunds will be given to those who withdraw no later than Feb. 14.

Many gardeners are experimenting with border gardens, often taking their cues from Europe and adapting them to incorporate the plants suitable for their own situation.

Whether you choose a theme, prefer lots of color and pizzazz or soft textures, or select a mixture of all these ideas, there is a way to achieve a memorable garden.

Four outstanding designers and plantspeople will share their expertise at this symposium: Robin Williams, Dennis Schrader, Dan Heims and Ethne Clarke.

Williams is an internationally renowned designer, plantsman and lecturer whose work includes a special display garden for the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley. He designs and teaches throughout the world, and has been awarded two gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Williams will teach how he designs and builds a border for maximum impact throughout the season.

Williams' most recent book is "Garden Design: How to Be Your Own Landscape Architect" (\$32.95, Readers' Digest). This sound advice includes the steps that professionals use from property evaluation to work schedules.

In the book, Williams shows how to use different materials to create interest in many types of gardens and how to choose the correct ornaments, lighting, fencing, seating, accessories, etc. that will best suit. One chapter excellently illustrates a wide range of garden plans with photographs and drawings. Construction illustrations are very helpful.

Hot plants

Schrader, a nurseryman and designer, has a sure touch with tropics, knowing just how to add the bold foliage and exotic flowers that suit the heat of Midwestern and East Coast summers and add punch and drama when more traditional plants wane.

Schrader grows many tropical plants in the New York metropolitan area. His wholesale company, Landscraft Environments, supplies horticultural institu-

■ Many gardeners are experimenting with border gardens.

tions, designers and specialty garden centers throughout the Northeast.

Schrader and Susan Roth co-authored "Hot Plants for Cool Climates" (\$35, Houghton Mifflin), which tells how to grow tropical and subtropical plants in temperate climates.

If you want a new look to your garden, search no further, as these authors explain the steps necessary to achieve success in design, care and planting techniques for a tropical appearance. Large foliage and bright colors, exuberant vines and colorful pots all contribute to the look, and they tell how to use them to create a spectacular garden.

Heims is president of Terra Nova Nurseries Inc. The company is noted for its new plant introductions, especially for selections of plants with variegated foliage, among them an extensive range of cultivars of *Helenium*.

Heims also teaches horticulture courses, hosted a gardening show on radio and writes and photographs for many publications. He has developed many of the most exciting new plants introduced into cultivation in the last 10 years.

He will share his experience with selecting the best garden-worthy plants with colored and variegated foliage.

Autumn gardens

Clarke will reveal how September can be the season of flaming borders when some of the most exciting plants are just coming into their own.

She is a writer, designer and internationally known lecturer on garden history and design. An associate of the Institute of Horticulture, Clarke has written many books.

Her latest, "Autumn Gardens" (\$35, Soma Books), shows that color and interest in the garden don't have to stop at the end of summer. She explains how to use often overlooked things like the bark of a tree or placement of a plant for optimum effect. Lively photographs by Jonathan Buckley illustrate the bright, bold colors of autumn and the interest that plants such as grasses add.

Autumn fruits and vegetables are also included, as is information about hedges and the general shape or bones of the garden. The practical side of gardening is addressed throughout the book.

These and many other publications will be available for sale at the symposium.

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Thursday, February 10, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Chevy Chase stars in "Snow Day," a family comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Alan Gilbert leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring guest pianist Christian Zacharias, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$50, (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Tobey Miller (left to right) and William Petty III star in "The Gondoliers," a humorous operetta about mistaken identity, 2 p.m. at Warner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Tickets \$12, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for students. Call (248) 370-3013, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT



Stars on Ice, featuring Olympic champions Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilya Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others stops at The Palace 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35 reserved available at the box office and all TicketMaster outlets. Call (248) 645-8866 or online www.ticketmaster.com

Miller's American classic

Meadow Brook Theatre presents 'All My Sons'



Intense: Dennis Robertson portrays Joe Keller, who struggles with the death of his son and his own moral transgression.

Process of discovery: Director Henry Woronitz (left) consults with Robin Lewis and Ray Chapman during rehearsals of "All My Sons."



PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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A week before the opening, and the cast of "All My Sons" was going through rehearsals with workman-like efficiency, much like the dogged style of Arthur Miller's first acclaimed play set in World War II-era America.

While Miller's later work, "Death of a Salesman," offered an opus about the disintegrating soul of America, "All My Sons" is a winding sonata that pulls at the heartstrings that tie together the dysfunctional union of families.

The play is currently in preview performances at Meadow Brook Theatre with opening night on Saturday and a three-week run ahead.

In the ground-level rehearsal space next to the Meadow Brook stage, the actors with the guidance of Director Henry Woronitz sorted through lines as they looked for the appropriate emotional tenor of the multi-layered play.

Basically, the story involves a father whose son, a pilot, was apparently killed in action. The father, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), operates an airplane-parts

factory, and was responsible for approving defective material, resulting in the crash of 21 planes.

But Keller isn't taking responsibility. He denies any involvement, standing by as a foreman at the plant is convicted of the crime.

Meanwhile, guilt-ridden and tortured, the father ponders what remains steadfast in his life — his surviving son. He observes: "When you get older, you want to feel like you're accomplishing something... Well, I've accomplished my son."

The dramatic question, of course, is what is exacted when people fail to live up to their moral responsibility?

What: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller.
When: Through March 5. Previews 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Feb. 10-11; Opening 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12; 2 & 6:30 p.m. Sunday; 2 & 8 p.m. Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 2 & 8 p.m. Saturday.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.
Tickets: \$19.50-\$35. Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316.

Timeless tale

Miller has created plenty of passages about generational differences, and offers a psychological portrait dissecting why people do not take responsibility for their actions.

Most striking, however, is that "All My Sons" is as contemporary and relevant as the days when it was written.

"Any play about personal and social responsibility is timeless," said Woronitz. "And with Miller, the drama is rooted in family dynamics. We all have to deal with that."

In many ways, Miller reminds audiences that personal responsibility isn't merely political rhetoric, or something that changes with social fads.

On the 40th anniversary of the play in 1987, *The New York Times* critic Frank Rich noted the timeless relevance of the play: "In an America rocked by inside traders on Wall Street, ethically blind managers in the space program and shredded documents in the National Security Council, no one can doubt the continued pertinence of 'All My Sons.'"

Please see MILLER, E2

DANCE

Producing dancers is done with mirrors

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Carole Cotter, who performed on Broadway as a professional ballet dancer, has taught classical ballet for the last 13 years at four different Oakland County sites.

That her teaching career has survived, even thrived, despite three moves is a credit to her ability to adapt to new surroundings. The joke is she's done it with mirrors, and it's not far from the truth.

Mirrors are a must when dance is being taught. "You have to have mirrors, to look and correct your placement, perfect your lines," said Cotter, who once had a role in "Sugar Babies," a cast including Mickey Rooney and Anne Miller. "Ballet is perfection in movement."

Cotter said she enjoys the newest site, Miss Carole's School of Ballet, at a former bridal boutique on Eight Mile one block east of Inkster in Southfield.

The last location, inside The Botsford Inn in Farmington, closed last year after the hotel was bought by Botsford Hospital. The building has sat idle since the hospital's purchase and Cotter said the move was sad because it was an ideal location.

"They had a beautiful ballroom," she said. "My office was Thomas Edison's old room."

The first two sites, one in downtown Farmington and the other in Farmington Hills, were lost due to landlords choosing to lease their space to other businesses, Cotter said. The closings have only been temporary setbacks.

Welcome back Cotter is something she's used to hearing, especially from her grateful students.

What: Miss Carole's School of Ballet
Where: 27202 Eight Mile, one block east of Inkster Road in Southfield.

Instructor: Carole Cotter, retired professional ballet dancer.

Instruction: Classical ballet taught at all levels with Russian technique.
Phone: (313) 822-4333.

Talented students

Five will audition for the Youth Grand Prix and for scholarships at the Kirov Academy in Washington, D.C. later this month. Six from her studio participated in the International Production of the Nutcracker Sweet at the Detroit Opera House.

They owe a lot to Cotter.

"She's strict, but nice," said Libby Allen, 10, of Farmington Hills.

"Thorough," described another student, Katrina Deacy, 12, of Livonia.

"She wants you to do the right things," added Alexandria DiMasso, 7, from Northville.

Then, as if on cue, nearly all added: "She teaches us to keep our toes pointed."

To a ballet dancer, that's equivalent to a mechanic needing to bring his tool box to work.

Cotter said her students are goal oriented.

"All these little girls, and gentleman, are very serious," said Cotter while instructing a class of 12 one day last week. "Ballet dancing stimulates the brain, promotes great study habits."

The "gentleman," Matthew DiMasso, is outnumbered at home — he's the only boy among five siblings — but it's nothing like the ratio he sees in one of Cotter's classes. There are about 35 students in Cotter's classes — and only two are boys.

Joining DiMasso as a minority is Jeffrey Harrison, of Garden City.

All four of DiMasso's sisters, including Daniella, 14, Stephanie, 11, and Andriana, 4, are among the girls in his

Please see DANCERS, E2

Chronicles of the V-word

Vagina Monologues at OCC broadens awareness of violence against women

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Yolanda Fleischer has known about Eve Ensler's Obie award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," since it premiered Off-Broadway in 1996.

The West Bloomfield resident and associate professor of theater at University of Detroit-Mercy has also known that the controversy surrounding its title caused many newspapers to censor it, calling it the "V. Monologues" or simply "Monologues."

The play, based on interviews with more than 200 women, is part of a nationwide campaign to stop violence against women. It'll be performed Monday at the Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Hills campus.

The impetus for Fleischer to

direct the play came while she was eating breakfast one morning. "When I can watch Bob Dole talking about erectile dysfunction on a morning talk show, that put it in perspective," she said. "This play gives women the permission to talk and say, and to say diffuses the danger."

The danger is real. Every two minutes, a woman is raped somewhere in America. More than 500,000 women are raped in the United States each year according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

But for Fleischer, it goes beyond statistics. "In my 20 years of teaching, there has never been a year that I haven't had a student tell me about an experience with rape," she said. When she heard about V-Day, Fleischer knew it was time to act. V-Day is a campaign to end sexual violence which began in New York in 1998 with a production of the series of composite interviews featuring such notable stars as Glenn Close, Winona Ryder and Calista Flockhart.

Fleischer sought assistance from Arlene Frank, program coordinator of the Womencenter at OCC. Together, the two pushed to bring the V-Day initiative to their campuses. More than 300 colleges nationwide have pledged to do the same this Valentine's Day.

Locally, the program will benefit three organizations fighting violence against women: HAVEN in Pontiac,

Please see CHRONICLES, E2



Dandy Dani: Dani DiMasso performs a dance selection at a recent practice.

Museums tell story of African American dance

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

With America being pelted by a torrent of trivia TV game shows, permit me to ride the wave by asking a couple of quick questions in the visual and performing arts category.

1) Which of the following dance crazes received their creative spirit from African American dance?

- a) The Slow Drag
- b) The Charleston
- c) The Twist
- d) All of the above

2) Which of the following Detroit area cultural institutions is presenting the exhibit:

"When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art?"

a) The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

b) The Detroit Historical Museum

- c) All of the above

The answers to both questions are: all of the above (d and c).

In a unique collaboration, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History are jointly presenting this sweeping

exhibit through mid-April from two distinctly different approaches.

The history exhibit at the Detroit History Museum on Woodward Avenue tells the story of African American dance from its beginnings in Africa to the present. With video, rare musical instruments and masks used in African dance through the ages, it makes a strong case about the dominant influence of African dance in the shaping of American cultural identity.

American dance gave meaning and beauty to its people. The strength and appeal of this dance tradition was so great that it also shaped and impacted White dance and culture."

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, segment host Nkengen Zola takes viewers on a tour of both exhibits.

One last question.

Why is "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art" such an appealing exhibition?

a) It celebrates a form of expression that has had tremendous impact on American culture.

b) It exposes the works of some great artists to a broad audience, both at the museums and to viewers of BACKSTAGE PASS.

c) It represents a significant collaboration between two worthy cultural institutions, which are offering workshops with shuttle service to the exhibits, and discounted tickets for those visiting both venues.

d) All of the above.

I think you know the answer. You've been a wonderful contestant. As a parting gift, don't forget to play the home version of Detroit's cultural scene, BACKSTAGE PASS.

Come back for Taste on Sunday



Dancers from page E1

class.

A key for a ballet dancer is to be light on your feet and the DiMasso's have a head start, all being vegetarians. Even their parents.

"I have an apple, bagel and water at lunchtime" in school, said the oldest DiMasso. "A chocolate bar once in a while for sugar. Our dogs are our meat eaters in our family."

A good image

The No. 1 key, as far as Matthew DiMasso is concerned, is having "a lot of these things," touching his hand on the mirror on the studio's east wall.

For a boy, it's also important to overcome the teasing from peers.

"When I'm here, I'm a ballet dancer and they just laugh," said Matthew, whose friends should be jealous, not critical, of him being around all those girls.

Cotter said classical ballet is an appropriate talent for any athlete, male or female.

"It's a derivative of figure skating, gymnastics, jazz, modern dance, tap," she said. "That's what the American public is lacking, education in the arts."

Cotter got her start in dance at age 3 when her mother, Gloria, signed her up to relieve some of her hyper tendencies.

As she progressed, Cotter earned scholarships as a teenager to the New York City Ballet and the



In step: Carole Cotter (left), also known as Miss Carole, leads Carly Harrison and Alexandra DiMasso in a routine.

Mary Day Academy of National Ballet in Washington, D.C.

She studied under the renowned Madam Paraslavilk and started a professional career upon graduating from Farmington High School.

She also earned spots with the Detroit Symphony and was also part of the opening of the Opera House in downtown Detroit.

She enjoys teaching others what she knows.

"These kids fall in love with it," she said. "There's something redeeming about it."

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Conciliator in jeans

Woronitz has a light, yet firm directorial touch. His style is to "create an atmosphere where actors can make choices" about what motivates a character.

Dressed in faded denim jeans with a neatly trimmed beard and a soft, reassuring voice, he comes across as a conciliator, meeting the actors halfway.

Arms folded, and reading the script as the actors rehearse, Woronitz isn't quick to interrupt.

He takes a moment to crouch next to Robin Lewis of Livonia, who portrays Ann Deever, and prods her to "find something" in her character. He assures Ray Chapman, who plays Chris Keller, to pursue the current path of emotional intensity. And then, he persuades Robertson to experiment a little more with his character (Joe Keller).

"I don't have everything figured

out before hand," said Woronitz, former artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, who marks his first time either acting or directing a Miller play.

"But I do know the story, and theater is all about collaborating on telling a story."

Family dynamics

The cast stepped lightly around props and masking-tape markings on the floor that approximates the location of the set.

They ran their lines. They laughed. They argued. They pointed fingers. Call them unreasonable people bound together for apparent random reasons. Better yet, call them a family.

"The play is about family dynamics," said Woronitz. "There are great, dark secrets in some families. Back in the 1940s, when a mother and father said they didn't talk about some things, well,

they didn't talk about it."

It's Woronitz's task to meld the various strands of the cast into a quilt.

With an extensive career performing Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekhov, he knows something about the classics. And ultimately, "All My Sons," which introduces Miller's resonant moral tone, is a classic, from its dramatic construction to the universal theme in the tradition of Greek tragedy.

As with all classic stories, the key to making the play appealing is to shape it for the sensibilities of a contemporary audience.

With a long list of impressive acting credits, including appearances on TV's "Seinfeld," "Law & Order," and "Ally McBeal," and in "Primary Colors" and "Living Out Loud," Woronitz certainly knows what makes a story appealing.

And ultimately, one worth remembering.

Chronicles from page E1

and the Detroit-based Women Alive and Alternatives for Girls.

Frank said that even when she approached her campus about the performance, she felt it necessary to offer reassurance this was not some sort of clandestine, naughty production.

"It is very powerful," she said. "It's a chance for women to talk about things we don't often get to hear."

And it also brings to light how few gains there have been in women's rights when violence is still allowed to occur with such alarming frequency, noted Frank.

"Does it really matter that we can elect women to offices when we can't prevent this from hap-

pening?" Frank asked. "Do we really have power?"

Ensler wrote her play (which Random House published in 1998) based on interviews with women on topics ranging from amusing euphemisms to appalling atrocities. The play alternates between wildly funny and sadly compelling — sometimes within the same interview.

In "Flood," West Bloomfield actress Shirley Benyas impersonates an elderly woman recalling why she closed herself off "down-there" after her date scorned her for her sudden arousal.

The audience will have the opportunity to answer many of Ensler's questions prior to the

show. Several booths will be set up outside the auditorium with students taking responses from audience members.

"Your responses may end up on stage," said Fleischer.

The cast includes former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer and Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company and several theater students.

"There's a line in the monologues that says, 'To make them visible so they cannot be ravaged in the dark without great consequence,'" Fleischer said. "That's why it's important to talk. There doesn't need to be shame. Shame happens when there are secrets."

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'Four Freshmen' act like veterans

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To the uninitiated, it may come as something of a surprise that the "Four Freshmen" are still a big hit in 2000, 50 years after they began.

But to their fans the Freshmen, as they are affectionately known, have never gone away. The faces may have changed over the years but the musical stylings and the level of musicianship have only grown stronger with the passing years.

The Freshmen have a fan club, an annual convention, websites and dedicated followers who travel all over the country to see them.

Many of them will be in the audience Sunday, Feb. 13 when the Freshmen perform at Lake Orion High School with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

Ticket sales have shocked the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, a fledgling community group which is sponsoring the concert along with WYUR-AM radio.

One of the diehards who will be in attendance is Josie Cole of Riverview. Calling herself an "old lady now," she's been a fan since the band's early days at the Crest Lounge in Detroit.

"The first time I heard them I had just graduated from high school and I just thought the sound was really there," she said. "And it's still there."

The "sound" referred to was an innovation of the original Freshmen. In 1948, when the group formed at Butler University in Indianapolis, singing groups commonly placed the lead voice in the middle of the chord.

The Freshmen were the first male group to put the lead voice at the top of the chord. The style is called "open" harmony because it spreads four voices over the area that a five-part group previously covered.

"The thing that has kept the fans is that the Four Freshmen have a unique jazz-oriented sound," said Tom Purvis, vice president of the Four Freshmen Society. "You'll hear fans refer to 'the sound.'"

The original quartet included Hal Kratzsch, brothers Don and Ross Barbour and their cousin Bob Flanigan. Their first professional booking was Sept. 20, 1948 at the "118 Club" in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Early on they were heard by

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jazz great Stan Kenton, who heard in them a sound akin to his own. He also recognized their instrumental talent as more than just a singing group.

Kenton talked Capitol Records into giving the Freshmen a recording contract in 1950. They cut three singles for Capitol, but it wasn't until the third single, "Blue World," that they hit it big.

The story goes that the then-as-yet unreleased single was given to Detroit disk jockeys to promote a Freshman appearance at a bowling-alley lounge called The Crest. It was an instant hit and by the fall of 1952, the sound had become famous all over the world.

The original Four Freshmen stayed together for four or five years. Flanigan was a member until 1992. He remains the group's manager and mentor to this day. Now in its 21st permutation, the group has recorded more than 50 albums and is still attracting adoring fans.

"You have to understand the popularity is still with the contemporaries of the earlier members of the group," Purvis said.

"It's an interesting phenomenon when you have a group that's been around 50 years and still have the same 2,500 groupies following them."

The current lineup started playing together only last December. It includes lead singer Brian Eichenberger; guitarist Vince Johnson, who has played with Quincy Jones and Johnny Mathis; baritone Greg Stegemann; and bass Bob Ferreira. Each also plays a range of instruments.

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When: 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13.
Where: Lake Orion High School, 495 East Scripps (just east of M-24) in Orion Township. (From I-75, take the Lapas exit north to Scripps Road.)

Tickets: \$14 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$12 for students; available at the Community Education Resource Center office next door to the high school. Call (248) 651-4181.

"They kind of like to characterize themselves as 'they're not singers who play instruments, they're musicians who also sing,'" said Purvis.

The Four Freshmen do their own arranging, mixing old, familiar songs with new arrangements of songs they haven't previously recorded.

"They don't like to be categorized as a nostalgia group, but unfortunately that's what they are," Purvis said.

But Cole hears a similarity between the Freshmen and hot, young groups like 'Sync.'

"It's coming back. I think good music is coming back," she said. "My children; they've been brainwashed. But they still enjoy the Freshmen."

The love affair appears to be two-way, with the band giving back the same kind of affection they get from their fans.

Cole will never forget one particular incident from 1963. Having just delivered a baby the week before, she wasn't able to attend a local Freshmen concert. So the guys came to her.

"They came to my house after the last show, around midnight. We had a little lunch. They stayed until about four in the morning."

"It's been a great 50 years."

Lipinski flashed her winning smile again on Monday at Detroit's Whitney Young Middle School where she and Ilia Kulik, a men's gold medalist two years ago at the Olympics, promoted their Stars On Ice visit to The Palace of Auburn Hills.

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Ice queen visiting Palace

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Tara Lipinski, who won an Olympic gold medal in women's figure skating two years ago, dabbles in acting when not busy with school or traveling with the "Stars On Ice" professional tour.

Her acting career includes an appearance on "The Young And The Restless," where she plays the role of a nice girl, a friend of one of the soap opera's young stars.

What else would you expect? An American, and worldwide audience for that matter, just couldn't get used to the sweetheart of the 1998 Winter Olympics playing villain.

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Lipinski: Olympic champion

states that have produced the last three Stanley Cup champions is a bit ironic. The Dallas Stars won last year's National Hockey League championship following two straight titles by the Detroit Red Wings.

She has one allegiance, she said, and not because the interview was taking place in Detroit.

"The Red Wings, for sure," she said.

Though she tries to lead a typical high school existence, demands on her time make it impossible. The Stars on Ice Tour, for example, will prevent her from attending her senior prom.

Though she misses out on some high school activities, she replaces it with her friends on the tour.

Former Olympic champion Scott Hamilton, who overcame cancer to remain on the tour, is the one she looks up to the most.

"I look up to Scott Hamilton; he's so good with the crowd," she said. "I've made so many great friends (on the tour). We have fun on the road all the time. I think it's going to be a part of my life for a long time."

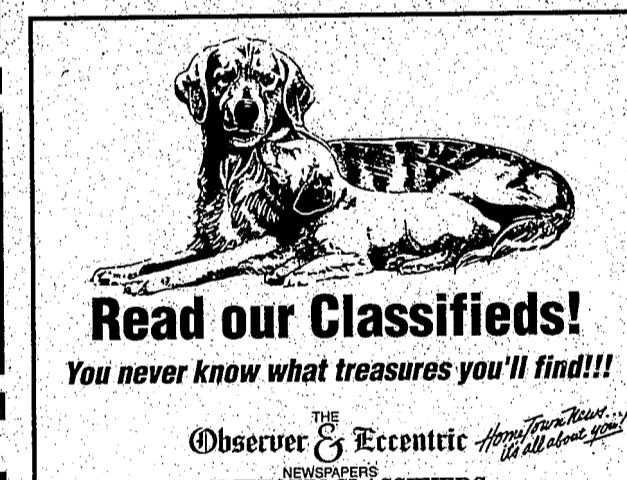
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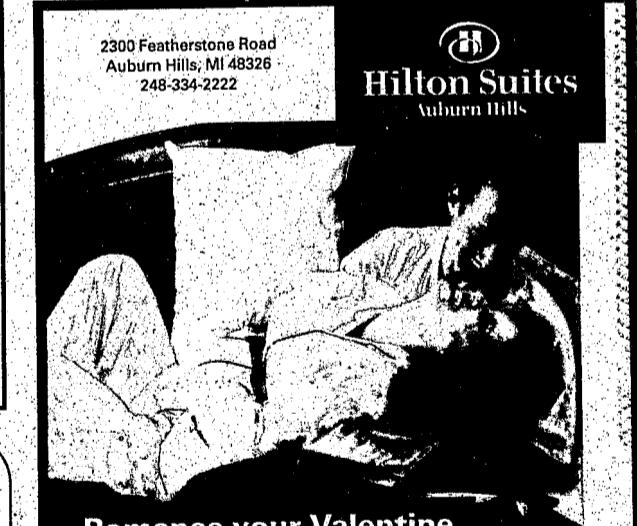
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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons," opens Wednesday, Feb. 9, continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300.

COLLEGE

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PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110.

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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

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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.

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER: The violinist performs a recital, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229.

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VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2

block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

DESTINATION EARTH LLC: An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504.

PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN ALLSTARS: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 624-2150.

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, Farmington. (248) 474-5541.

TRIKA: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

BENNY CRUZ Y LA BEUNA VIDA: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8. (248) 424-9022 (Latin)

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666.

APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (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. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (roots reggae).

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shéter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (248) 645-6666.

BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Efx, Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666.

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 covers).

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Bréwling Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

BLUE ROSE: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and older. Free. (734) 721-8609 (blues).

DANCE

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at The Amber House, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158.

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The Colloquium Poetry Series continues with Ken Waldman, Beverly Matherne, Al Hellius & The Plastic Halku Band, and Conversations & Liberty R.O. Daniels, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Scarab Club, Detroit.

ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti. (734) 381-1314.</

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.

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.

COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

CRUD: Featuring members of Sponge and Hoarse, Friday, Feb. 11, Lili's 21, Hamtramck.

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free. Thursday, \$5 cover on Friday and Saturday, 21 and over. (248) 305-5856.

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE:

With Funktelligence, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT

III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-1250.

DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (modern rock).

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello

Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag,

Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

DREAM THEATER: With Dixie

Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18,

State Theatre, Detroit. All ages.

Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248)

645-6666.

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit.

\$7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-

6666.

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With

No Use For A Name, Mad Caddles,

Frenzal Bomb and Consumed, 4:30

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch

Cargo, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$12

day of show. All ages. (313) 961-

MELT.

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March

30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All

ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of

show. (248) 645-6666.

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, 7th House,

Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-

3540.

THE FLOW: Smokestack and

Blissfield, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734)

996-8555 or

www.blindpigmusic.com

LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday,

Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music,

Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

335-5013 (folk).

THE FROGS: With The Witches, 9

p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick,

Detroit. \$9 advance. 18 and over.

(313) 833-9700.

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta

Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews

Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All

ages. (248) 645-6666.

GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The

Attic, Hamtramck.

GRAYLING: CD Release Party with

Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The

Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313)

961-MELT.

GRUESOMES: With Soot and the

Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5.

(734) 996-8555 or www.blindpig-

music.com

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN

BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10,

17 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield

Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-

4800.

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK:

With Big Bain'Combo and

Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit.

\$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.

HARRINGTON BROS.: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, Fox and Hounds,

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800.

COREY HARRIS: 8 p.m. Thursday,

Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12

advance. (248) 645-6666.

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sisko's,

Taylor. (313) 278-5340.

GARY HOEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb.

18, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10.

(248) 544-3030.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and

Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, The Shelter,

Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-

6666.

H2O: With Saves the Day and Kill

Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March

17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10

advance. \$12 day of show. (248)

645-6666.

INNERCOURSE: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb.

11, Shelter, Detroit. \$8. All ages.

(313) 961-MELT.

IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday, \$5 cover on Friday and Saturday, 21 and over. (248) 305-5856.

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat

Fish, Max Elder, Kevin Haskins and

Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday,

April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18

and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666 or

(313) 833-9700.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays,

Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-

6368.

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND:

Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon

Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17,

7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248)

645-6666.

JETTISON RED: With Trouser Blue,

10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC,

upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit.

(313) 962-7067 (indie rock).

KORN: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC,

upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit.

(313) 962-7067 (indie rock).

KIN: 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, Out the

Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free.

www.961melt.com

K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine,

Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20, Fox Theatre,

Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. (248)

645-6666.

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, Out the

Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free.

www.961melt.com

KORN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC,

upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit.

(313) 962-7067 (indie rock).

KRISTEN: With Morgan, Dynamite

Mo and Yuval Cubay of Soul II

Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March

4, Motor, Hamtramck. \$10, 21 and

older. (313) 369-0080.

KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin,

Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

LAUGHING SPACES: 8 p.m. Friday,

March 10, 313.JAC, upstairs from

Jacoby's, Detroit. \$10. (248) 305-5856.

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MOVIES

Don't expect 'Scream 3' to measure up to the original

In *Scream*, director Wes Craven was credited with reinventing the horror genre. In *Scream 3*, he seems intent on reinventing *Scream*.

He doesn't.

All the familiar elements are in *Scream 3*. That cast of survivors from the first two *Scream* outings returns, it has excellent production values and the usual quota of shock scenes, although the gore factor is disturbingly low.

This time around the much put-upon Sidney Prescott is again targeted by a maniac with the pale melting mask and black cloak. Now, however, she lives in secluded northern California where she works for a crisis hotline.

The problem is that when the killer's identity is finally revealed, you'll say, 'Yeah, OK.'

Imagine her surprise when the killer calls her. That sends her packing to Hollywood where the production of *Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro*, the mythical reflection of *Scream 3*, is being filmed. She links up with Dewey Riley, the Barney Fife-ish cop in the two previous *Screams*, who now is serving as a technical adviser on *Stab 3*.

Dewey had called Sidney when cast members began turning up with multiple puncture wounds. Sidney and Dewey join forces with a hard-boiled homi-

cide detective to track down the killer.

Craven lets us know in the first few minutes that this is not going to be an easy ride. Cotton Weaver, Sidney's savior in the last film and now the host of his own TV talk show called *100% Cotton*, is quickly dispatched along with his girlfriend. It's Craven's way of saying expect the unexpected. He keeps hammering that this is the third part of a trilogy and in the final chapter, anyone can get killed — even the star.

So who is the killer? Could it possibly be Sidney herself, driven over the edge by the ghost of her mysterious dead mother who keep reappearing? Or is it someone out of central casting? Just keep in mind, as is pointed out in the film, trilogies end where they begin.

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Indeed, there is a tired feel to this whole film. *Scream* shone with its clever dialogue and the incisive manner in which Craven set traps for the audience by second-guessing what we were thinking, filleting the plot right in front of us and twisting clichés to make them fresh. He left us reeling.

Here he leaves us yawning. There are far too many jump-starts shocks of someone popping out of the background. People spend an awful lot of time fleeing down dark hallways with the killer steps behind. And as for that big knife, every time the killer raises it, it makes a *schwing* sound that would set Wayne and Garth drooling.

Scream 3 does have its moments. Hollywood horror legend Forrest J. Ackerman has a cameo as does Carrie Fisher, looking a long ways from her Princess Leia days. And the cast is uniformly excellent with Neve Campbell as Sidney, Courtney Cox Arquette as the bitchy TV reporter and especially Parker Posey, who is supposed to be playing the Arquette character in *Stab 3*, if you can follow all that. Posey and Arquette make a terrific team.



JOSEPH VILES

No need to 'Scream' again: Left to right, Parker Posey, Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette star in Wes Craven's third stab at scaring movie audiences in the Dimension Films release.

Only veteran actor Lance Henriksen, who excels in these type of films, is short-changed with far too small a role.

There are occasional sparks in the dialogue like when the bimbo actress whines that the shower scene she has to do has been a cliché since it was first used in *Vertigo*. Try *Psycho*. Only once does the film attain any sense of eeriness, which occurs when Sidney walks onto the still and darkened set recreating her house in Woodsboro, where the "actual" murders occurred.

But too much of the film is

contrived and tired. The lock picking scene is truly ludicrous. And just how many times can you clunk somebody the head and still not hurt him/her?

The most insightful line about this film was actually delivered in *Scream 2* when a character noted that sequels are never as good as the original. While *Scream 3* is a definite step up from *Scream 2*, it's time to retire the franchise.

But that may not be, as Craven literally has left the door open for *Scream 4*.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Tigger and Company:
Winnie the Pooh, Tigger and friends return to the big screen in "The Tigger Movie."

DISNEY ENTERPRISES INC.

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.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tadeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

SNOW DAY

Chevy Chase, Chris Elliot, Pam Grier and Iggy Pop star in this family comedy about possibilities, friendship and young love. A lovesick teenager declares his affection for the girl of his dreams, a downtrodden employee defies his tyrannical employer, a 10-year-old tackles the scarier villain of her life and plastic action dolls suddenly come to life. Or do they? Anything can happen on a snowy day.

THE TICKER MOVIE

When no one wants to play with him, Tigger goes on a quest to find his family so he can be with other tiggers, only to

discover that Winnie and the gang are his true family.

HOLY SMOKE

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. A young woman is "rescued" from an Indian Guru by her concerned family, and turns her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Kate Winslet, Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 18

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tadeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them and they have to find a way to work together to avoid untimely ends. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis, Rosanna Arquette and Kevin Pollack.

'Isn't She Great' — Bette and cast have some good moments

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

There will be comparisons between "Isn't She Great" and "Man on the Moon." Both are biopics. And that's where the comparison should end.

Jim Carrey's homage to comic enigma Andy Kaufman was a performance-and-a-half. The only enigma about the story of shock-schlock author Jacqueline Susann is why Bette Midler and Universal felt that anyone would be interested.

Not that the woman who perpetrated the publication of "Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine" and "Once is Not Enough" didn't lead a life worth telling. She was, in her time, the best-selling novelist of all time. She changed the way books are mass-marketed and contributed as much to mid-60's pop culture as go-go boots. All this while battling breast cancer, denying the severity of her autistic son's condition and keeping both a secret from the public.

Today's moviegoers, however, don't care any more about Jackie Susann than they do about, well, go-go boots.

"All I know about are aging stars, hopeful hookers and people popping pills and nobody reads books about that," says Midler as Susann. The light goes



Author's story:
Bette Midler and Nathan Lane star in "Isn't She Great."

on over manager-husband Irving Mansfield's (Nathan Lane) head, and the rest is history. The failed actress steamed her way into her prized spotlight by putting personality above ability.

No ability? Plainly that wasn't so. She may not have been able to put an English sentence together on paper, but she certainly knew what to say. "It's like overhearing gossip in the ladies room," is one reader's review of "Dolls." "It's like 'Gone With the Wind,' only filthy," gushes Irving.

But basically it's a "who cares" bio that will earn a brief blip on the big screen and a one-way ticket to videoville.

ered rim shot punchlines the same way. The screenplay by Paul Rudnick ("In & Out") gets into a standard rhythm early on and never strays from the sitcom pattern. Susann talks to God by way of a tree in Central Park, bullying him like everyone else ("C'mon, get on the phone and make me famous!").

Nathan Lane does his one puppy-dog expression throughout, but David Hyde Pierce ("Frasier") scores as the prudish Connecticut Yankee book editor who grows to care for Jackie if not for her material. Stockard Channing has good moments as the boozey best friend, the Vera to Midler's Mame. Her best moment is a silent one, walking into the hospital room and seeing Jackie on her deathbed. John Cleese is wasted as the book publisher.

If you lived through the 60s, however, you'll enjoy a terrific impression of Truman Capote by Sam Street; a faithful recreation of those wild op-art clothes and colors, right down to the typewriters in the publishing house, and note that singer Steve Lawrence is played by Steve & Eydie's son David.

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'Pure' class finds its way to Detroit at last

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Sarah Checkley sifts through a pile of leopard pants, halter tops and knee-high boots, trying to pick out the perfect outfit to wear to the trendiest new bar in the metro area. You see, you can't wear just anything to Pure Bar Room.

By 10:30 p.m. the 22-year-old Rochester resident saunters through the glass doors of Detroit's hottest nightspot, not quite knowing what to expect. Like shelter from the freezing night air, she's enveloped by the sensations of bluish laser light blending with dimly lit chandeliers, the fluid motion of bodies on and off the dance floor, and the sounds of world-class house and trance beats trickling from above.

"It's very New York," she says. "It's a mix of everything, not like any other bar I've ever been to."

That description may be inspired by the crowd — most in their 20s and 30s — who appear

to have emerged from the pages of a top fashion magazine. Or maybe she's struck by the dancers, showered in sparkles and hovering above the crowd like eye candy. "Anything goes," says Checkley. A swanky silver accessory she designed dangles from her forehead. "You can get as crazy as you want to."

Pounding beats echo as she walks amid the crowd of those ready to see and be seen. You'd expect a cold shoulder at this club with its exclusive atmosphere, but it's as welcoming as it is elegant. That's how entertainment director Jaclyn Saros intended it to be.

For her, Pure isn't just another club, it's an integral element in the redemption of a city that could be so much more. By renovating and transforming an old building on Woodward Avenue, Pure Bar Room grasps onto the untapped energy in Detroit nightlife. "It's pioneering a new era," says Saros with pride. "We've really become a part of something that's going to benefit us all."

To break new ground, Pure offers what's lacking in the city's

nightlife. On any given weekend club-goers can see dancers flaunting the latest in haute couture, a man towering above them on stilts, even delicate ice sculptures. Despite this extravagance, Pure is quite understated.

Mind the velvet ropes

While open to the public, guests lucky enough to enter the bar know the meaning of "discriminating tastes." "We wanted to set a precedent, a mood or a feeling," explains Saros. To achieve it, the club requires guests to dress appropriately. Some may think it pretentious when a Detroit Red Wing player is denied admission because of his outfit. At Pure, that's the difference between setting a standard and being like every other bar in the state.

Make no mistake — Pure Bar Room embraces its clientele. And so far, club-goers are embracing

Pure. Cleber Lessa of Farmington Hills says the draw of the club is simple: "It's friends, the energy, the music, the people around you."

That sentiment shines through among "the chosen ones." Omar Hindo, a Farmington Hills resident, speaks without hesitation: "As of now, it's the best club in the metro area. I enjoy the DJ's the best. They fly them in from out of town." Hindo has been to Pure several times, but he's no stranger to the long line outside. He doesn't mind the selective policy. "They obviously want to be different."

Fantasy land

"We want to exceed expectations and surpass boundaries," adds Saros. Pure Bar Room is dedicated to change, to staying on the cutting edge of art forms like fashion, music and nightlife. Resident DJ Thomas Barnett,

clothing designer Diana Jellinek, director of talent Khalil Ramadan and Saros are only four reasons for Pure's early success and the mystique surrounding it. "Nightlife is all about creating a little bit of fantasy," Saros says.

Aarti Bapna, a West Bloomfield resident, indulged in that fantasy world during her first experience at Pure: "I think it's exactly what Detroit needs to liven up the town. It's a great mix of techno and upstairs, the VIP bar is awesome. The decor is very classy."

Bapna expresses what many of the young professionals in the Metro area have thought — we've had enough of chic restaurants, macho sports bars and "quaint" little dives. Pure Bar Room isn't just a new nightclub; it's a destination.

Beautiful people, your time has finally come. *Pure Bar Room* is at 1500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 471-PURE for details.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

■ Dance Class — And lots of it. Chico does it better than anyone. He's a professional dancer, not a wannabe. Classes start at \$10 per person. Women before 11 p.m., \$20 after. Men and women dancing after 11 p.m.; \$8 to check a coat. \$25 minimum to rent a hair tie on credit, every Friday and Saturday. Complimentary admission is offered on Sundays for a limited time.

Purely Pretty

■ Ladies, be creative. Backless shirts and tiny dresses are popular as is coming one-self in sheer sparkle and shine. Experiment and find your own style.

■ Gentlemen, drop the word caused from your vocabulary. Baseball caps and jeans could get you laughed all the way out of here. Try some designer digs. When in doubt, wear a sleek black ensemble.

LOUDING OFF

Calling all local artists. Send your latest CDs to us for review. Submissions should be less than four months past release and sent to Stephanie Casola, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Call (734) 953-2130 for information.

Livin in the Sun

Lemon James

Foxy Records

On her latest release, Lemon James sets the record straight — she's not only a foxy lady, she's got a voice that just draws you in. On "Livin in the Sun," the follow-up to her 1995 debut "I Am a Voodoo Child," the Garden City resident croons seven original tunes and one Jimi Hendrix cover with smooth, sultry vocals. Accompanied by moody, emotionally charged guitar techniques, the album appeals to the senses like taking a walk through a forest in a rainstorm. Perhaps the instrument performs as an extension of the artist because she plays hand-crafted Foxy guitars, of her own design.

Opening with "Come On Over Here (Groove On)," James tempts listeners into her romantic realm. Her breathy voice declares that passion in "This Is What I Am" when she sings: "My soul's in the music/ I am the whispers of the clouds/ Come listen to my sounds/ My love is all around/ My heart's in my hand/ Come listen to the Lemon James band/ Dig it if you can/ This is

what I am."

Every note on the "Livin in the Sun" reflects that definite sense of self and burst of creativity. James isn't afraid to bare her soul in her music. To complete her vision, James includes the talents of fellow musicians Bobby, Bunny, Mea, Skeeto and White Boy.

Where to find it: Metro area record stores or online at www.lemonjames.com.

Best to listen to when: in need of a soothing voice and inspiring style.

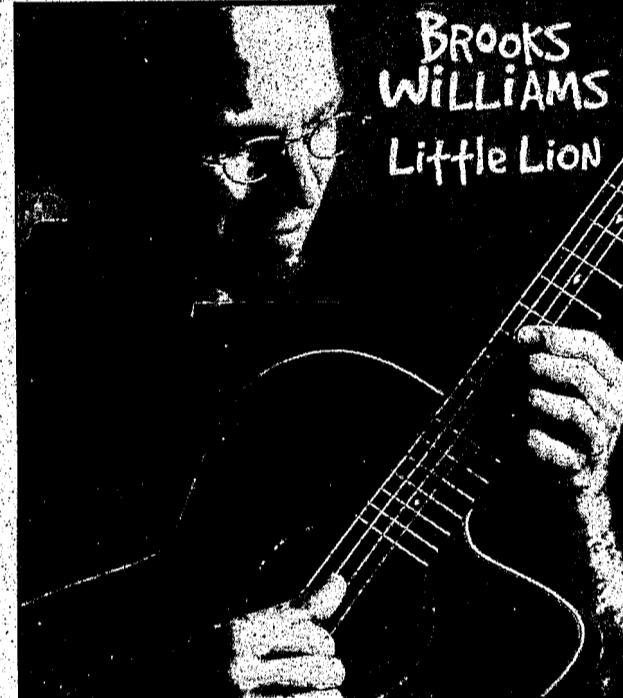
Little Lion

Brooks Williams

Signature Sounds

The true beauty of music lies somewhere within the notes, the chord progressions and the minds of its inventors. That beauty can be discovered in new and different ways by all who give the time to listen. On "Little Lion," Brooks Williams speaks not with lyrics, but through the sounds of his guitar. This completely instrumental album encourages the imagination to wander alongside the musicians.

Each song can take on a meaning specific to its listener. And that meaning can change. "Only for a Moment" shares a delicate sentiment, expressing through the six strings of an acoustic the fleeting nature of those points in



See Williams Live: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, with discount for members. Call (734) 464-6302.



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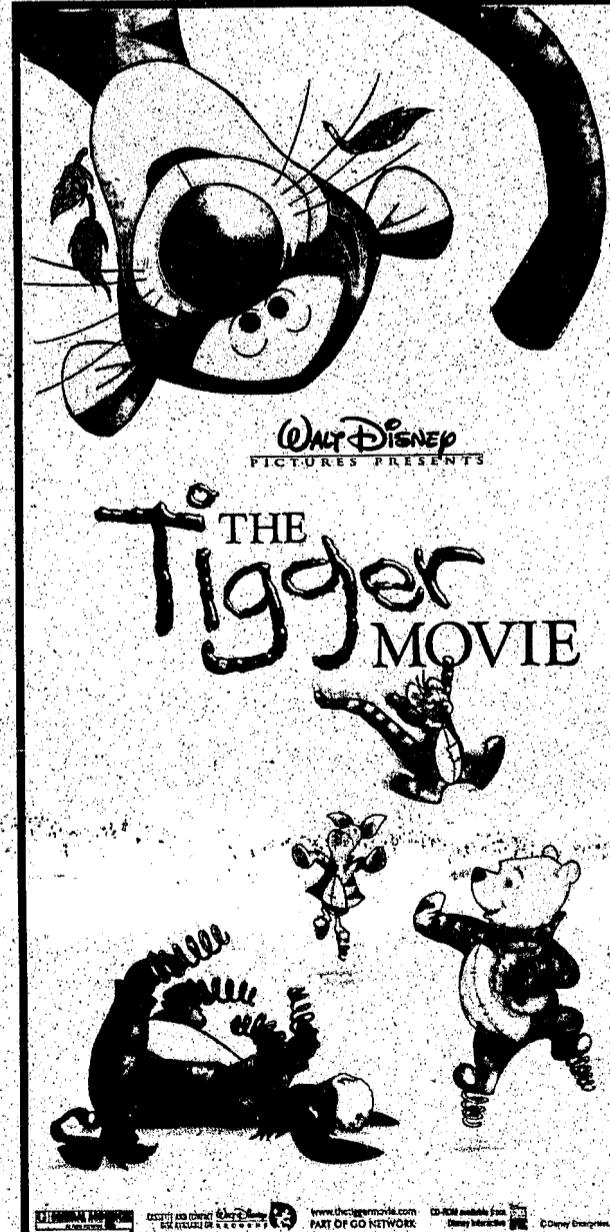
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Search out Lino's for first-rate Italian fare

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Lino's in Rochester Hills may be the best kept dining secret in the northern metro-Detroit suburbs. An unpretentious exterior includes a sign announcing Pasta-Seafood-Steaks. Inside, diners are transported to a ristorante outside Rome, that's polished to the core.

There's an expectation when an owner's name is on a restaurant. Owner Lino Borraccio delivers. He's at home in the environment he created. Booths and tables in warm wood tones with white table cloths and Burgundy napkins are accented by Italian tile floors and attractive wall art.

The main dining room, well-separated from the bar, has sufficient divisions to act as sound barriers. Group conversation at dinner is possible. The warm glow of a fireplace creates a cozy mood.

Lino's has become well known by word of mouth. And word of mouth sells quality. Lino's loyal clientele since 1988 includes top professionals and company CEOs.

"Twenty years ago I saw the potential of this location," admits Lino who emigrated from a village outside Rome in 1958. "Back then it was terrible. Today, it's the best comeback since Lazarus." It was well worth the wait.

"I stuck to my game plan. I do not serve pizza or ribs. My waiters are formally dressed. I waited for the area to develop and for clientele to recognize what I offer."

In addition to an outstanding menu, Lino's ace is that he recognizes diners and their comfort level. How can he not? He's about the floor, greeting regular diners at their table and introducing himself to anyone he does not recognize.

"Diners come here for the consistency in food quality and service," he insists. "If someone does not like the way their order

was prepared, they should tell me. We'll make it right."

Given the experience in Lino's kitchen, complaints are few and far between. Executive Chef Andy Toth worked 32 years at Joe Muer's in Detroit. For the last eight, he's been at Lino's. Chefs de Cuisine Jim and Steve Vincent add to the kitchen team concept.

To get the full impact of menu offerings, start with Lino's Appetizer Platter for two or more people. It includes scallops, escargot, shrimp, calamari, olives and cheese. Antipasto Italiano, an assortment of prosciutto, salami, cheese and olives can hardly be dubbed second choice.

Twenty pasta entrees include three with housemade pasta: Baked Lasagna (meat or vegetable layers), Ravioli and Gnocchi alla Gorgonzola. Imported Dicecco pasta is used for other dishes. Risotto includes chicken and mushrooms.

When offered as specials, don't hesitate, order Seafood Ravioli with lobster sauce or the Cioppino.

Sautéed Perch gets the diner's pick as most popular seafood entree. I recommend Shrimp Giardiniera, jumbo shrimp sautéed in white wine tomato sauce with red and green peppers, tomatoes and mushrooms.

Pollo Bolognese, baked boneless chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto and fontina cheese is numero uno among poultry entrees.

Veal Giuliana, veal medallions sautéed with red and green peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes and vodka, tops the veal entrees. When offered as a special, don't miss the very Roman-style Saltimbocca.

While Lino's chefs make all the mouth-watering main dishes, it's Lino's wife Elvira who makes the authentic Tiramisu for dessert. It's so popular, she makes it twice daily.

Most Tiramisu served in Italian restaurants follows the Sicilian tradition and is made more like a cake. Using the influences of Rome, Elvira's Tiramisu, served in a tall wine glass, has a layer of lady fingers soaked in espresso and Frangelico, topped with fluffy egg whites and a sprinkling of cocoa. A light ending to cap off a great meal.

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.

Lino's

Where: 50 West Tienken (at Rochester Road), Rochester Hills (248) 652-9002.

Open: Monday-Saturday 5:10 p.m. Sunday 4:9 p.m.

Menu: Italian dishes based on the culinary traditions of Rome presented in an adult environment.

Cost: Entrees \$17.26 served with dinner salad, potato, seasonal vegetables and a fresh-baked bread basket.

Reservations: advised on weekends.

Credit cards: all major.

Details: Kid's menu for ages 12 and under. Full liquor license. Smoking in bar area seating 35. No cigars or pipes. Lower-level banquet room seating 100.

Lino's uncorked

Owner Lino Borraccio recommends:

- 1996 Batasiolo Dolcetto d'Alba with Baked Lasagna
 - 1998 Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay with Shrimp Giardiniera
 - 1996 Antinori Peppoli Chianti Classico with Veal alla Giuliana
- A reserve wine list is available upon request.



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Family affair: Lino Borraccio (center) gets plenty of help turning out first-rate Italian fare at his Lino's restaurant from his mother, Rosa, who makes all of the sauces, and head chef Andy Toth.

Meadow Brook Hall offering ultimate Valentine's Dinner

Reservations are now being taken for a Valentine's Dinner at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall on Saturday, Feb. 12.

A reception and tour of the 110-room Tudor-revival style historic auto baron mansion takes place at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 in the Christopher Wren Dining Room.

Guests have a choice of four entrees which include rack of lamb, broiled whitefish, roast breast of poussin (chicken) or

tournedos of beef. Each entree is served with mushroom shallot dauphinoise potato, vegetable du jour, rolls and choice of dessert.

The Valentine event is \$65 per person and includes a reception and tour of Meadow Brook Hall, dinner, wine, dessert, cordial, tax and gratuity. Prepaid reservations and menu selections are required and may be made by calling Meadow Brook Hall at (248) 370-3140.

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Don't miss these special Mardi Gras events!

Saturday, February 19

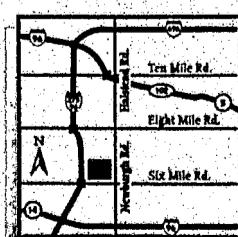
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| 1pm-3pm | Allan Barnes jazz trio |
| 1pm | Real Seafood Grill cajun-style food sampling |
| 3pm-5pm | Roaming jester and magician |

Saturday, February 26

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| 1pm-3pm | Janet Tenai jazz trio |
| 3pm-5pm | Children's face painting and balloon twisting |
| 3pm-6pm | Caricature artist |

Saturday, March 4

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Where else have cities come back?

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



Are you aware of any residential downtown areas that have used historical preservation or urban renewal to recover, with the hope that it could happen in Detroit?

Savannah, Ga., has a downtown area that was, in effect, a slum. Now it's becoming a beautiful commercial and residential area with appropriate restoration.

The nearly dilapidated 18th- and 19th-century homes have been conscientiously brought back to new life.

The appreciation in real estate has been substantial. The downtown area and the neighboring residences are lovely. Numerous trolley companies deliver tourists to see these homes.

The same thing could be done with Detroit.

Do I have a basis for adverse possession if I claim title to a strip of land where, for 15 years, I cut and watered the grass and maintained the bushes and trees of a strip abutting my home?

Adverse possession requires: The land must be held openly, notoriously, adverse to the interest of the other party, etc.

The Michigan Court of Appeals denied the plaintiff's claim in an adverse possession case because the plaintiff's actions didn't provide adequate notice to the defendants that plaintiff intended to possess the property, (one of the criteria for adverse possession).

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Taking charge: Alissa Need, Robert Gleason and Carol Moreno serve as presidents of real estate associations here.

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Veterans lead Realtors

The new presidents of real estate associations here together share nearly 50 years experience in the field.

They also bring to their leadership positions a strong desire to help members improve information-gathering and communication skills with technology.

Computers, they say, is the wave of the present and future.

"One of the goals is to get all agents on what's called e-commerce, a link between associations and membership for e-mail and informational purposes," said Robert D. Gleason.

"One of the major goals we have is to make sure when the multilisting service goes to a new system (later this year), we make a seamless transition," he said.

Gleason, president of Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating in Birmingham, also is president of the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, the state's largest with 3,300 members.

"BBRSOAR wants to regionalize the MLS and surrounding associations," Gleason added. "You have more educational offerings, more political clout, more services and are stronger financially."

Alissa Need, associate broker and manager of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, is president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"The most important thing to me is multilisting service information and expanding the availability of that," Need said.

"I'd like to see the MLS geographical boundaries broadened," she added. "The last few years, associations have

begun working a lot closer together."

Carol Moreno also focuses on technology.

"To ensure that members have the highest-quality insure and education, e-commerce is probably one of the most important things happening this year," she said. "The MLS Fusion transition, I agree, is one of the most important things for the association."

Moreno, associate broker with Morgan Moreno & Milzow in Clarkston, is president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

All three presidents toiled in other fields before they were encouraged to give real estate a try.

Need, a 12-year veteran, was a flight attendant and airline dispatcher. Gleason, 22 years in real estate, was employed by General Motors. Moreno active in selling and buying homes for 13 years, worked in advertising.

"The association is there to provide services - education, supplies, support," Moreno said.

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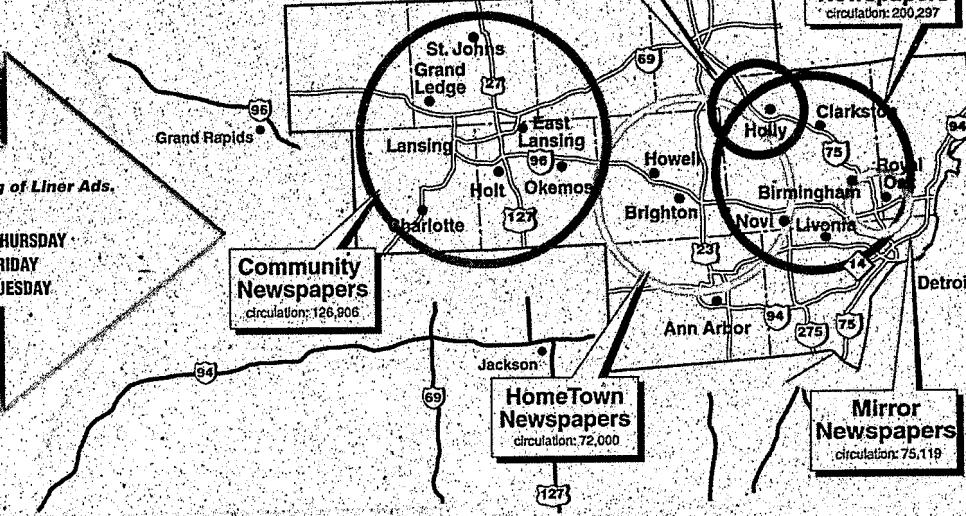
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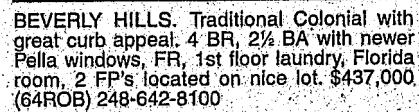
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BEVERLY HILLS. Traditional Colonial with great curb appeal. 4 BR, 2½ BA with newer Pella windows, FR, 1st floor laundry, Florida room, 2 FP's located on nice lot. \$437,000. (64R0B) 248-642-8100



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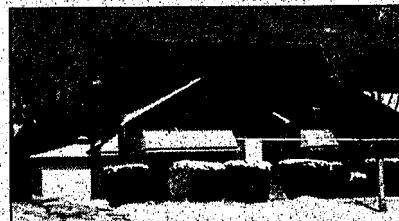
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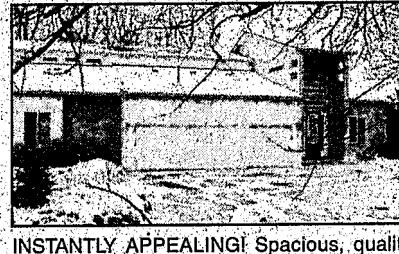
POPULAR VINSETTA AREA! Great 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Bungalow offers in-law suite, Euro style kitchen, finished basement w/carpet, bath & wet bar. Updates include roof, windows & concrete. \$274,900 (30VIN) 248-626-8800



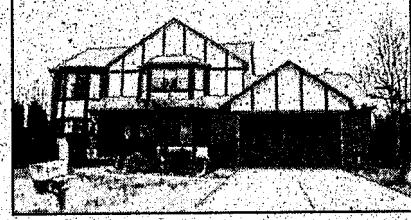
ROYAL OAK. Three bedroom, 1½ bath Colonial walking distance to downtown. Updated kitchen, powder room and all floors. Newer furnace, A/C, water heater, windows and shingles. Neutral T/O. \$152,900 (09EDJ) 248-524-1600



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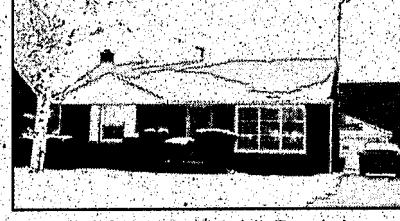
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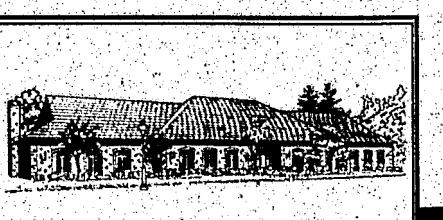
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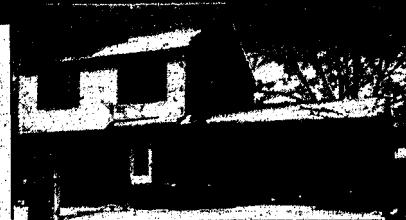
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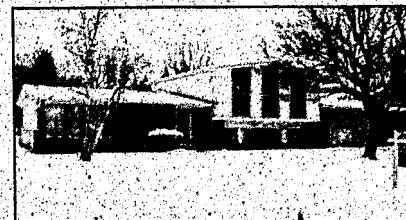
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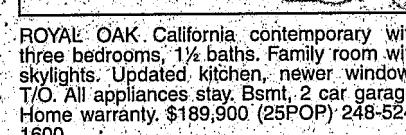
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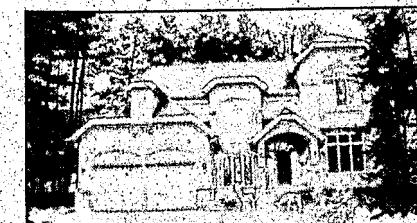
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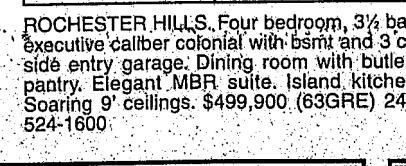
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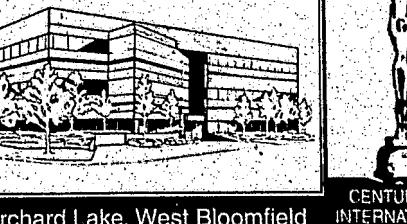
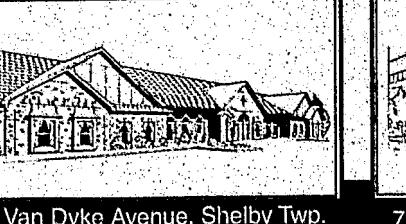
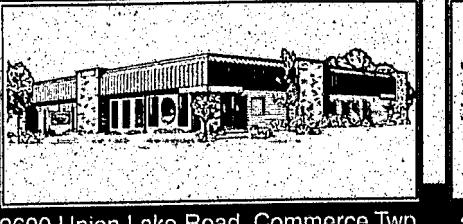
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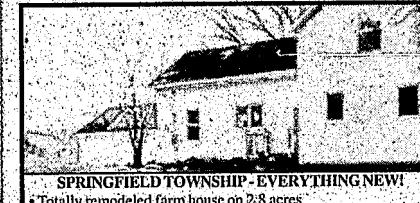
CLARKSTON - ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY
 • 6,000+ sq. ft. of elegant living space with grand foyer
 • Formal living/dining rooms, 2 custom fireplaces
 • 4 large bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 half baths
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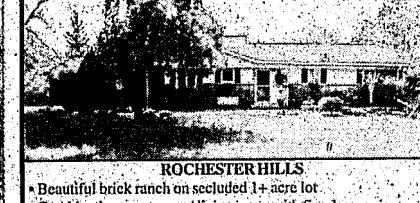
WHITE LAKE - PREMIUM LAKE FRONTAGE
 • Enjoy waterfront views from this meticulously landscaped Colonial situated on two acres!
 • Master bath with jetted tub & separate shower
 • French doors, walkout lower level, multilevel deck. (TE234)
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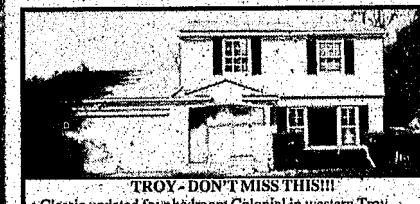
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS
 • Spacious four bedroom Colonial for immediate occupancy
 • Master with marble whirlpool tub, firelit family room, dining & breakfast rooms, library/study. Appliances
 • New roof & carpet, 2 car garage. Finished basement. (WI392)
 \$383,900 • 248 851-4400



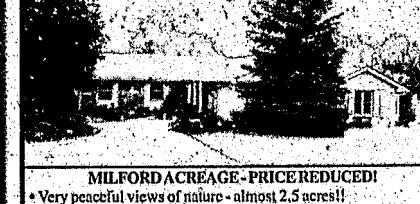
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP - EVERYTHING NEW!
 • Totally remodeled farm house on 2.8 acres
 • 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, wood floors in kitchen and living room, Ceramic tile, new 3 car garage
 • Professional landscaping. Close to I-75 & M-59. (NE138)
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ROCHESTER 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



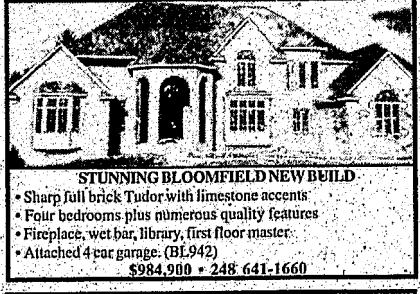
TROY - DON'T MISS THIS!!
 • Classic updated four bedroom Colonial in western Troy
 • Updates include: spacious white kitchen, shingles, central air, carpet, garage, entry door & much more!
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MILFORD ACREAGE - PRICE REDUCED!
 • Very peaceful views of nature - almost 2.5 acres!!!
 • Open living/dining area, Eat-in kitchen
 • 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, fireplace
 • First floor laundry, central air. Sellers motivated! (LO134)
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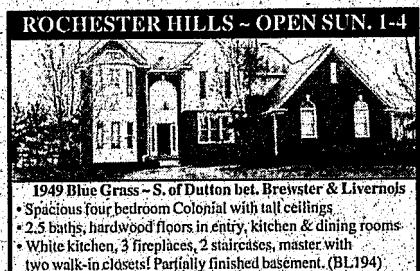
FIRST OPPORTUNITY - BERKLEY BEAUTY!!!
 • WOW! WOW! Brick ranch filled with special features
 • Family room has a natural fireplace & opens to kitchen
 • Everything has been updated with professional decor
 • Plus a fenced yard, deck, 1.5 car garage, & finished basement! (EL215)
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 • Sharp full brick Tudor with limestone accents
 • Four bedrooms plus numerous quality features
 • Fireplace, wet bar, library, first floor master
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 • Over 4,200 sq. ft. of quality & elegance!
 • Mahogany woodwork throughout with cherry wood kitchen
 • 1st floor master w/ 2-way fireplace into marble bath w/ Jacuzzi!
 • See video tour of home @ realtor.com®/20002043. (FO118)
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ROCHESTER HILLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4
 1949 Blue Grass - S. of Dutton bet. Brewster & Livernois
 • Spacious four-bedroom Colonial with tall ceilings
 • 5 baths, hardwood floors in entry, kitchen & dining rooms
 • White kitchen, 3 fireplaces, 2 staircases, master with two walk-in closets! Partially finished basement. (BL194)
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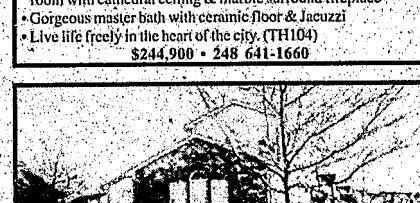
FARMINGTON HILLS
 PRESTIGIOUS HOMES OF ROYAL OAK
 • Beautiful brick Colonial with sunroom overlooking woodland preserve
 • 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, many hardwood floors, jetted tub, dramatic ceiling lines, firelit oversized family room
 • Finished lower level walkout with 2nd fireplace and much more! (HO388)
 \$459,900 • 248 324-3800



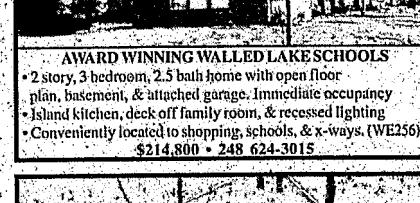
WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
 WEST BLOOMFIELD - CUSTOM 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL
 • Two story Cape Cod on east side of lake
 • Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
 • Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)
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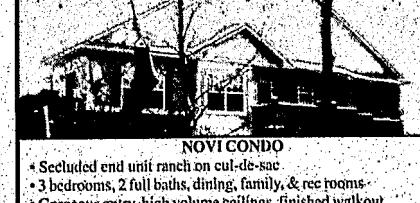
FARMINGTON HILLS
 • High on hill - 3 bedroom tri-level with private woods backing to upper River rouge - almost 1 acre!
 • Dramatic marble foyer, sunny living level with soaring ceilings
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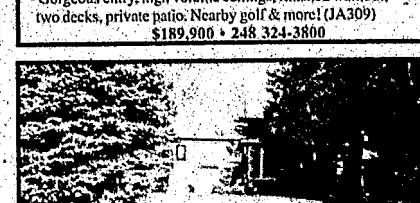
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