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SPORTS

Tourney: *Springfield Christian's boys basketball and girls volleyball teams played in the finals of the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Saturday. /C1*

Board raises nonunion workers' pay

■ Independence Township Board approved salaries for nonunion employees for 2000. Most received a 3 percent raise. The seven-member board also approved its own salary increase — 2 percent for full-timers; 10 percent for part-timers.

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Independence Township officials set salaries for nonunion employees Tuesday, including themselves.

The township has 21 nonunion employees in addition to the three full-time officials and four board trustees. Nonunion employees include department directors, people second in command in certain departments and some clerical staff. Supervisor Dale Stuart brought the salary recommendations for 2000 to the board.

Most people received 3 percent raises. The full-time elected officials received 2 percent raises, and trustees received 10 percent raises. The method by which the trustees are paid also was changed. Instead of being paid per meeting, they will be paid a salary.

In his memorandum outlining the salaries, Stuart said after looking at other townships, Independence salaries are a little lower but benefits are comparable or better. He added that union employees will get a 3 percent raise this year and it is tradition to keep nonunion raises in line with what union employees receive.

"When we negotiate with the union, we are looking into the future and predicting what inflation and other factors will do as well as dealing with what give and take is needed to arrive at a contract," he wrote. "When we evaluate nonunion salaries on a yearly basis, we have current data. Therefore, I don't believe that we should be bound to follow the union changes. However, if we do not follow the same percent increase for nonunion, the employees believe that they have been slighted, which adversely affects morale."

That rationale prompted Trustee Neil Wallace to reiterate his opinion that the township needs a specific system for evaluating employees. He has said repeatedly that the township needs to bring in a firm such as Plante & Moran to do a wage study and help the township set up a performance-

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VINTAGE CLARKSTON

The year 2000 celebrates beginnings with a new century and a new millennium, but the same year brings a chance to look at the past. The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., will celebrate its bicentennial during the year 2000.

The Library of Congress was founded on April 24, 1800. It is the oldest cultural institution in the United States and also the world's largest library, with more than 115 million items. To celebrate its 200th anniversary, the library is holding special events throughout the year.

The program, called Local Legacies, features folklore and history from each of the 50 states and because of its name, and its rich history, Independence Township has been selected as one of the featured local areas. The Library of Congress will showcase our Independence Day Parade. Sponsored by the Fire Department, the parade has a long history. The Clarkston Community Historical Society has already been contacted and has searched its archives for photos and other information. A few things were found, but more are needed. If you have memories, photos or other artifacts from Fourth of July parades, especially parades prior to 1965, please contact the Historical Society at 922-0270.

The Local Legacies event will be celebrated in Washington during the month of May.

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

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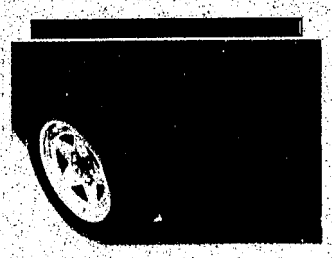

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Imagination station: *Clarkston Elementary student Hillary Hacker uses a television screen she made for a reading class project.*

Lunchtime chat: *Clarkston Elementary Principal Charles Rowland III chats with student Lisa Lindebert at lunch.*

Clarkston El: something old, something new

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

"Some things you just don't mess with. And some things you do."

Can you imagine seeing this statement on the outdoor message board in front of Clarkston Elementary School?

Well, okay, maybe not.

But if you think about it, this kind of publicity could save visitors a lot of time in understanding how community tradition — along with progress — have shaped Clarkston Elementary into the K-5 school it is today.

BEYOND BRICKS & MORTAR

Steeped in more than a half-century of local pride and educational accomplishment as the Clarkston School District's first elementary, the school's tried and true colors remain to this day, Clarkston blue and gold. And according to its principal, Charles Rowland III, no one's going to mess with that Clarkston tradition or with the school's longtime commitment to excellence.

However, over the past year, a lot of construction people have clearly been busy messing with the school building itself. As part of a districtwide renovation project that the majority of community voters supported, Clarkston Elementary has grown from a rather tiny 38,000-square-foot facility to a more contemporary size of 62,000 square feet. It

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Volunteers help Clarkston seniors prepare for tax day

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Now is the time when taxpayers and Uncle Sam ante up for the past year.

Unfortunately, figuring out if you owe the government money or if it owns you some cash is no simple task. For local residents age 50 and older, help figuring out their taxes is available at the Independence Township Senior Center.

The center is located in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. The service, run through the American Association of Retired Persons, is meant to assist low- and middle-income senior citizens. It is free, but a donation to the senior center is an option, center coordinator Margaret Bartos said.

Tax preparers are volunteers. They are trained, normally in January, by AARP, she said. And more are needed. Although it is too late to be trained for this tax season, Bartos said, AARP District Coordinator Bill DeQuis is recruiting people for next year. His area includes Independence and Waterford townships.

The initial training takes a week and each year volunteers go through a take-home test to make sure their skills are sharp. Volunteers are expected to work at least 40 hours, but no pay is involved.

Bartos said the program is popular in Independence Township.

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Tax time: *Anna Marie Muhleck of Clarkston volunteers to help senior citizens file their tax returns.*

Independence pilot who built own plane 'lived life to fullest'

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A 62-year-old Independence Township man who died Friday after the aircraft he was flying in crashed in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is remembered by family members as someone who lived life to the fullest.

Daniel J. Wood, a licensed pilot of 39 years, and Jim Srock, 57, of Bloomfield Township were in the Seawind 3,000 amphibian aircraft Wood and his sons spent more than eight years constructing from a kit in Wood's hanger at Oakland County International Airport in Waterford Township. The aircraft could land on water and on land.

"They had gone down to Florida for a flying seminar," said Wood's wife, Francine. "Several of his friends were there, and he wanted to show them his completed airplane."

The plane crashed on their way home from the seminar. The Cumberland Gap is near where the borders of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia meet.

A retired building contractor, Wood owned Homeward Bound Inspection Services (formerly American Inspection) in Independence Township.

Francine said her husband was a man who enjoyed his family as well as golfing, fishing, hunting and flying.

"He was a very giving person. He loved his children and grandchildren and took great pleasure in making them and others happy," she added. "For example, when I graduated from nursing school, he bought me a horse, something I'd wanted. He believed in living life to the fullest."

Wood showed the 3,200-pound plane at the Oakland County International Airport's 14th Annual Open House on Aug. 29.

According to an article in the Waterford Eccentric on Aug. 26, he talked about how he and his family were hoping to be able to fly to parts of the world for fishing and scuba diving.

The Woods moved to Independence Township in 1988 from Waterford Township.

In addition to his wife, Wood is survived by a daughter, Shelly Dee of California, and three sons, Robert (Maria) of Waterford, William (Barrie Lynn) of Inkster and Jeffery Mannino of Clarkston. He also is survived by four grandchildren and a sister, Betty Ann (Cy) Gomer of Florida.

Wood belonged to several organizations, including the Oakland Sportsman Club, Experimental Aircraft Association, Seaplane Pilots Association, American Society of Home Inspectors and Master Minds, an international group of home inspectors in Canada and the United States.

A funeral service will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Independence Township.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation or EAA Young Eagles.

Srock owned Eagle Fasteners in Auburn Hills. He was a member of Holy Name Church, Birmingham.

Daniel J. Wood

Srock is survived by his wife, Theresa, children James (Jennifer) Srock, Colleen (Scott) Lynch and Joseph Srock; grandsons Ryan and Preston; and sisters Nancy (Les) Reizen and Jill (Bill) Paweski. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sheila Srock.

Memorial services for Srock are 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon Road, Birmingham. Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors is handling arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield 48076-4481.

Retired principal to run for clerk in Independence

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Retired Clarkston Community Schools principal George White is among the first to throw his hat in the local political arena.

White announced Monday he intends to run for Independence Township clerk in the August primary.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary is in the last year of her third, four-year term. She intends to run for re-election as an incumbent on the Republican ticket in the August primary. The position pays an annual salary of $53,000.

"I am going to run for township clerk again," said McCrary. "I'm going to continue doing my job and will run on the record I've made here."

White declared his candidacy for township clerk at Monday night's Clarkston Community Schools board meeting.

The board recognized him publicly for the contractual job he performed as projects construction coordinator for the past 1-1/2 years. His contract with the school district ends this month.

When asked what he planned to do next, he responded, "It's time for me to change hats and move into the political arena. I'm going to run for township clerk. I'm looking forward to the primary in August," he said.

White said two things encouraged him to become a township clerk candidate.

"I had been thinking about this for some time," he said. "It was after several people approached me during the past six to eight months and encouraged me to run that helped me decide to go for it."

This will be his first venture into politics.

"I think I can serve the community with the wisdom of the past and present. I believe I have the leadership skills to take us (Independence Township) into the future," he explained.

"Basically, I have watched the township board function recently, and I feel I have experience working toward a consensus," he continued. "I believe I can put the fun back in functional and make things into a win-win situation. There have been stalemates on the board. I'd like to be able to help the board move forward.

"I also believe people need a choice in the clerk race," White added.

White said he probably will run on the Republican ticket.

White has lived in Independence Township his whole life. He was a biology teacher at Clarkston High School, assistant principal at Sashabaw Middle School and principal at Pine Knob Elementary and at North Sashabaw Elementary schools before he retired from Clarkston Community Schools in 1998. Since then, he worked contractually for the school district as projects construction coordinator.

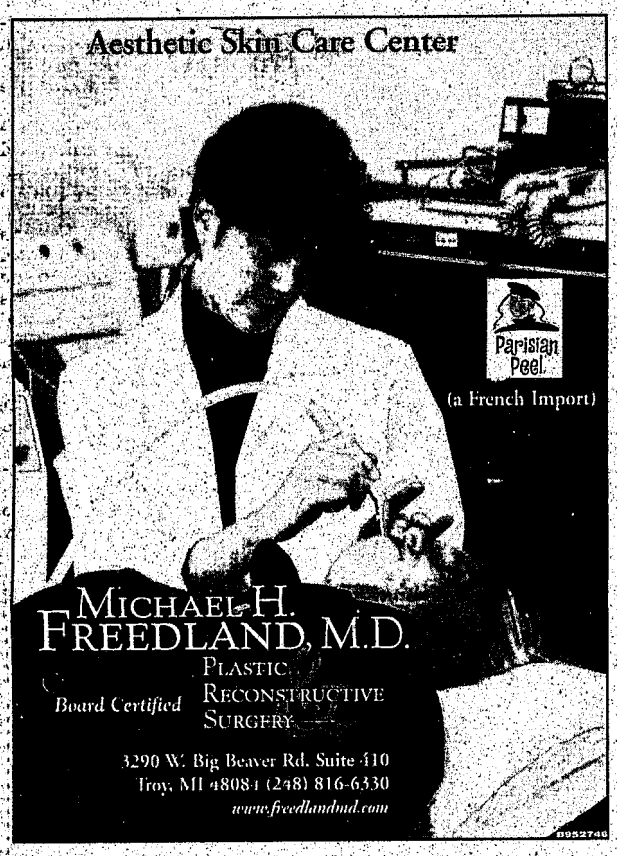
It was his job to oversee the projects funded by the $57.6 million bond issue approved by voters in June 1997. This money paid for construction of the new Independence Elementary School, which opened this school year, for renovations to older buildings and for major technology additions.

Although this wasn't political in nature, he said, he has had experience working with the public.

McCrary said she didn't know of any other candidates for the township positions up for election. These include township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and the board of trustees.

"Some people have picked up petitions from our office, but they don't have to pick them up here," she said. "They can get them at any county office, even at the Oakland County complex," she said.

Petitions to run in the Aug. 9 primary as a political party candidate are due at the township offices by 4 p.m. May 16. Nonpartisan candidates have until 4 p.m. July 20 to file. They don't run in the primary election. The general election is Nov. 7.



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AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield ordains that the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance and Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described property to OS (Office Service) from R-2 (One-Family Residential, one acre minimum):

Approximately 0.76 acres located on the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and Davisburg Rd. P.I. #07-11-351-006.

Said amendment having been adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Township Board held February 10, 2000, which amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

The entire Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance and file related to the amendment may be examined at the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its rescheduled Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments related to the following proposed amendment to Section 16.21 of Article XVI of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No 26.

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

SECTION 16.21 Emergency Temporary Structure

1. When permitted. Emergency temporary structures may be permitted upon finding by the township that the structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use and the standards set forth in Section 16.21.2 have been met.
2. Permit application and review.
   a. An application for a permit for the emergency temporary use and installation of a mobile home, modular, or prefabricated dwelling unit or structure shall be made to the Township Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of each proposed structure and water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
   b. The application shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Building Official and two elected officers. Approval of the application may be granted by a majority vote of the committee upon a finding that all of the following conditions are met:
      (1) The structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion, or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use.
      (2) The temporary unit shall be served by approved water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
      (3) The temporary unit shall comply with all applicable Zoning District requirements including setback, area, bulk, and other requirements, except minimum size requirements.
   c. The granting of a permit for an emergency temporary unit shall be for a period of one year from the date of approval by the committee, or as otherwise specified by the committee. Any conditions of approval shall be specified in writing on the permit.
   d. No permit shall be issued until a cash bond has been posted in an amount to be determined by the Committee to guarantee compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance and removal of the emergency temporary dwelling or structure upon expiration of the permit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk at least (2) business days in advance.

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Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2000
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P. M. by Supervisor Walls.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approved minutes for January 13, 2000 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted January reports: Building Dept., Fire, Litigation, Treasurer, Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
- Adopted Board of Review Guidelines & Standards for 2000 Property Tax Exemptions
- Authorized execution of maintenance and licensing agreements with E. S. & S.
- Amended Parks 2000 Budget
- Authorized membership to Clinton River Watershed Council
- Authorized written appeals to Board of Review
- Zoning Ordinance No. 26 amendment, Section 16.07 Signs, referred to Planning Commission
- Approved Planning Consultant fee schedule

PUBLIC HEARING:
1. Ingomar Farms – Special Land Use: Received oral comments

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Rezoning request; Davisburg & Dixie
   a) Denied rezoning to C-2 (General Business): P.I. 07-11-351-005, P.I. 07-11-351-006
   b) Approved rezoning to OS (Office Service): P.I. 07-11-351-006
2. Hills of Kingston Site Plan: Approved, with conditions
3. Authorized Life Insurance Policy for Township Trustees
4. Approved rezoning to PL (Public Land): portion of P.I. 07-18-251-009
5. Township Building Encroachment: authorized offer to purchase

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Conditionally approved liquor license application – Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club, L.L.C.
2. Springrove Community Poolhouse site plan: approved, with conditions
3. Ingomar Farms – tabled Special Land Use and Concept Plan
4. Adopted amendment to Ordinance No. 50 (Construction Code)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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Clarkston El from page A1

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

now reflects its traditional blue and gold tradition in updated hallways of soft periwinkle, teal and cornflower. With its high-rise media center; spanking-new cafeteria; revamped gym; new specialty rooms for science, art and music; and technology hook-ups, it seems more prepared for educating kids 2000-style.

A good mix

According to Lisa Crawford, a Clarkston Elementary teacher in her seventh year there, the renovated school successfully incorporates the past within the present.

"I'm really happy with the results because the building has kept some of its old features but then it also has some of the new — and everything's interconnected," Crawford said. "And what I think is really unique about Clarkston Elementary is that it's in a wonderful situation, being in the center of the city."

Though tradition is important, the teacher remarked that change is good, too.

"All of the (construction) activity in the building was a little overwhelming at first," she admitted. "As a staff, we all needed to call upon each other for support. We had new staff members coming into the situation, as well. It forced us to do a lot of problem-solving and adapting."

But it all paid off, as being willing to grow always does.

In terms of instruction, Crawford said that Clarkston Elementary students are benefiting from experiences teachers could only dream about a few years ago. She cited an example from her own teaching day.

"We now have a discovery room," she said. "It's a great place for science exploration because we have room to spread out erosion materials like soil and water, and do experiments with them. It's one more place for kids to get excited about discovery."

Complementing the building's new look and expanded space are other aspects of the school that echo tradition.

Different parents, same result

Crawford said that even though a third of Clarkston's student population was redistricted to Independence Elementary this year — and Clarkston gained nearly as many new students from Pine Knob Elementary — the reorganized parent group at her school carried on without missing a beat. Like the parent groups before it, she said that this year's PTO can't be topped in commitment and dedication. And that's definitely part of Clarkston Elementary's heritage.

Renee Weaver-Wright, the school's PTO president — a former Clarkston Elementary pupil herself and the mother of three Clarkston Elementary students — agreed with Crawford about the tradition of parental involvement being alive and well.

Weaver-Wright said that families redistricted to Clarkston Elementary this year have been great about coming into a new situation and offering help. And the school's veteran PTO members have tried hard to welcome newcomers and encourage new ideas. The president said that, of course, the school misses its families that moved to the district's new elementary school. But lots of involved families still exist at Clarkston Elementary.

"The volunteers here are incredible," Weaver-Wright said recently. "It's always a concern when you have redistricting, but the response we've had this year has been wonderful. Basically, we get three volunteers for every one person needed."

What did Weaver-Wright see as the school's strongest asset?

"I'd have to say it's the dedication and the caring of the staff," she said. "They really try to help kids be the best they can be — and I don't mean just the teachers. It's the custodians, the support people, the teachers, the secretaries — everyone."

A tradition that you just don't mess with?

You bet.

Roland rules

Along with staff, the PTO president praised second-year principal Charles Rowland III for helping to move the school through the construction process without losing sight of its primary focus.

"Charles loves the kids," Weaver-Wright said. "He's approachable, and he's willing to try anything within the parameters in which he has to work."

Cathy Reed-Voorheis, fund-raising coordinator for the Clarkston Elementary PTO, agreed with Weaver-Wright's assessment. As the school's PTO president last year, Reed-Voorheis said she was able to really appreciate what a tough job it is to be principal — and what a great job Rowland does.

"I think he's wonderful," she said. "I don't know how he did it all last year. "There he was, his first year as principal here and he walked right into construction and redistricting. He's handled everything gracefully. I don't think parents realize the amount of time and effort he puts in."

She particularly gave the principal high marks for putting students' safety first during months of construction activity. The Clarkston Elementary parent recalled that Roland wouldn't allow students to ride their bikes to school during the construction period because of the potential for injuries around the chopped-up site. A longtime tradition that usually doesn't get messed with, bike riding to and from school had to sit out the school year.

"Some people didn't like the call, but he made the right decision," Reed-Voorheis said. "His first priority was student safety."

During a recent interview with Roland, the principal agreed that some routines didn't always proceed seamlessly when the building was in the midst of physical upheaval. But he credited the school's staff for making sure that from the first day to the last day of major renovation activity, quality learning for students remained their top priority.

"They've just done an outstanding job," Roland said. "And I know it because I've been through it with them. It was a difficult process at times, but they've been troopers."

Only in a small town

And what was Roland's take on the redistricting issue?

Well, he didn't mess with it.

The administrator said he believes it's his mission, as a public school principal, to welcome any child who enters his school door and to do the best he possibly can for that child. As a result, he adjusts to whatever the plan is.

Funny. When it came time to consider proposed boundary line changes, other residents in the Clarkston school community seemed to feel the same way about openness and acceptance. Sort of.

In the case of Clarkston Elementary, the district's realignment committee initially proposed dividing the village of Clarkston — historically, a Clarkston Elementary neighborhood — into two or three elementary attendance areas. Though no village parents actually hired hit men to waste any of the district's volunteer moms for coming up with such a suggestion, the unsuspecting women were barraged with outcries and accusations of hidden agendas.

The mothers ultimately concurred on two things:

- They must have been out of their minds when they volunteered for this.
- They wouldn't mess with the village's presence at Clarkston Elementary.

However, the volunteer group did have to mess with Clarkston Elementary's population elsewhere. Committee members recommended the transfer of about a third of the school's population to the district's new K-5 school, Independence. They also shifted students in the Village of Lake Waldon subdivision from Pine Knob Elementary to Clarkston.

Roland said that while it's tough to make everyone happy when a major change occurs, Clarkston Elementary seems to be adapting well. Historically, the school has had good students and positive parents — and he hasn't seen any departure from that.

A district leader

Academically, Clarkston Elementary also has a long history of leading the district — and surpassing state and county averages — in standardized test scores. However, Springfield Plains Elementary, which opened in 1994 and draws students from similarly strong socio-economic backgrounds, has been posting scores similar to Clarkston Elementary's in recent years. And Independence Elementary, which opened this year, is also expected to fall in the same strong socio-economic area/strong test scores realm.

Roland said that staff-driven goals for Clarkston Elementary students include; improved reading and math achievement, and a better understanding and execution of respect and responsibility.

According to head custodian Jere Brewer, continual improvement is a hallmark of the Clarkston Elementary family, of which he is a proud member. And now, that same spirit is evident in the actual school building.

The head custodian said he now monitors temperature and all other internal equipment controls via computer. And he no longer has to battle the continual breakdowns and repair costs of aging equipment. He pointed out that students and staff are even breathing easier nowadays because of an improved ventilation system that continually generates 25 percent of its air from outdoors.

"It's like night and day in here," he said. "It's even a little nicer than what I expected."

It is nice at Clarkston Elementary — a school where lots of caring people know exactly what to mess with and what to simply carry on with pride.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Old favorite: *(Left to right) Elizabeth Frederick, Tom Langen and Michelle Marmon play Twister, a favorite game, during an indoor recess at Clarkston Elementary School.*

Clarkston Elementary at a glance

Year built: 1952
Renovation completed: 2000
Address: 6595 Waldon Road, Clarkston, MI 48346
Principal: Charles Rowland III
Enrollment: 416
School mascot: Dragon
School colors: Blue and gold
School motto: "Enter to learn, and exit to share."
Mission statement: "The mission of Clarkston Elementary is to ensure quality learning for all individuals in a positive, cooperative environment."
1998-99 MEAP Scores:
Reading, Grade 4: 86.7 (Up 7 points from 1997-98)
Math, Grade 4: 93.3 (Down 4 points from 1997-98)
Science, Grade 5: 77.4 (Up 4 points from 1997-98)
Writing, Grade 5: 92.7 (Down 5 points from 1997-98)

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

Larceny from vehicle

On Feb. 13, someone smashed the passenger-side window of a 1999 Jeep Cherokee parked at Mr. B's Roadhouse, **6761 Dixie Highway**, and removed a woman's purse.

Disorderly person

On Feb. 13, police issued an appearance ticket for disorderly conduct to a 15-year-old Independence Township male and a 15-year-old Lake Orion male for attempting to break into vehicles and for throwing paint balls at trailers in the 2500 block of Mann Road.

Traffic accident

On Feb. 13, a 16-year-old Clarkston male was uninjured after the 1989 Dodge vehicle he was driving on **Clarkston Road** near Clintonville Road ran off the roadway, rolled upside down and landed on its roof.

No driver's license

On Feb. 12, police stopped a vehicle on **Maybee** at Sashabaw roads driven by a 23-year-old Clarkston man for having a license plate that wasn't visible inside the vehicle. The plate was in the rear window, which was frosted. Police discovered the driver had never acquired a driver's license and didn't have proof of insurance. Police impounded the vehicle.

Misdemeanor warrant arrest

On Feb. 11, police arrested a 20-year-old Clarkston man for a misdemeanor warrant arrest as he was stopped for speeding on southbound **M-15** at northbound Dixie Highway. The man had a valid misdemeanor waiver out of 52-2 District Court. His vehicle was taken into custody and the man was placed in Oakland County Jail.

Larceny

On Feb. 11, someone removed a snowboard valued at $650 from **Pine Knob Ski Resort**. The snowboard belonged to a 13-year-old boy.

Vandalism

On Feb. 11, someone vandalized a new Pontiac vehicle parked in the 100 block of **Winter Green** by placing sugar in the gas tank.

Home invasion—first degree

On Feb. 11, suspects removed a 1998 Dodge van from a residence in the 2500 block of **Mann Road**. A resident at the address told police, according to the police report, that the car keys were removed from the home.

Springfield Township

Home invasion-first degree

On Feb. 13, a homeowner in the 9800 block of **Creekwood Trail** reported a snow blower missing.

Burglary-force, non-residential

On Feb. 13, someone entered a garage in the 8700 block of **Big Lake Road** by removing a window. The person removed several power tools and a motor.

On Feb. 11, someone entered a garage in the 9100 block of **Dixie Highway** and removed a generator and gas-powered and air-powered tools.

Larceny

On Feb. 11, two cell phones were removed from a home in the 11900 block of **Scott Road**.

Clarkston Police

On Feb. 11, the driver of a vehicle on Waldon Road turned north onto **Main Street** into the path of another vehicle going north on Main Street. The first driver received a ticket for interfering with moving traffic.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 21 calls Feb.10-13. These included 12 medical calls, four personal-injury calls, two wires down, one carbon monoxide investigation call, one vehicle fire call and one investigation call.

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield's Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI will be open on Saturday, February 19, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and issuing Absentee Ballots for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election.

For additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 634-3111 or (248) 625-4802.

NANCY STOLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: February 13 & 17, 2000

Charter Township of Springfield

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 50
CONSTRUCTION CODE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Regular Meeting held February 10, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted an amendment to Ordinance No. 50, Construction Code, which amendment is set forth herein and shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption:

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 50, THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD CONSTRUCTION CODE ORDINANCE, BY REPEALING CERTAIN ARTICLES AND SECTIONS AND ADDING CERTAIN ARTICLES AND SECTIONS.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

The following articles and sections of Springfield Township's Ordinance No. 50, Construction Code Ordinance, are amended, added, and repealed as follows:

1. Current Section 1.3, is repealed;
2. A new Section 1.3 is added, to read:
   RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING CODE. By the adoption of this Ordinance, it is the intention of the Township of Springfield to assume the responsibility for administering and enforcing the Stille-Derossett-Hale single state construction code Act ("Act") and the State Construction Code as defined in the Act. The Building Department of the Charter Township of Springfield is designated as the enforcing agency that shall discharge the responsibilities of the Township under the Act and this Ordinance.
3. Current Section 1.4 is repealed.
4. A new Section 1.4 is added, to read:
   ADOPTION BY REFERENCE. The Charter Township of Springfield hereby adopts by reference as a Township Ordinance the Stille-Derossett-Hale single state construction code Act, being Public Act 230 of 1972, as amended, and as the same may be amended from time to time in the future.
5. Section 1.6, PENALTIES, is hereby repealed.
6. Sections 116.4 - PRESUMPTION OF CIVIL INFRACTION is hereby renumbered as Section 1.6(1).
7. Section 116.5, VIOLATION AND PENALTIES, is hereby renumbered as Section 1.6(2).
8. Article II, Article III, Article IV, and Article V of Ordinance No. 50 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an amendment to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 50, Construction Code, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 10th day of February, 2000. A copy of ordinance and file related to the amendment may be inspected at the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: February 17, 2000

Zoning for gas station rejected

■ SPRINGFIELD

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Springfield Township trustees denied a rezoning request Feb. 10 that would have allowed construction of a gas station and car wash at the intersection of Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road.

Springfield Investors has been trying for months to get two parcels it owns rezoned to commercial, C-2. A C-2 zoning allows for a more aggressive use than a C-1 zoning. Together the parcels total just under one acre.

A 0.76-acre piece was zoned residential and the board of trustees approved rezoning that parcel to office service. Meanwhile, the board denied the commercial zoning for the other 0.32-acre parcel. It was already zoned office service, OS. Now both pieces are zoned office service, a designation that would not allow a service station, car wash and small convenience store as proposed, Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole said.

Attorney Kevin Kohls is representing Springfield Investors. He said they cannot understand why the township does not want a gas station on that corner.

"We don't believe it's usable with an office service designation," Kohls said.

He added the group will file paperwork with the township soon requesting a C-1 designation or a planned unit development, PUD. A PUD is a customized zoning with special provisions required of the developer that also allows the developer to use more creativity in the project's design.

Kohls said a gas station might be allowed under a C-1 designation but would require a special use permit. C-1 would not allow as dense a project as a C-2. Kohls added the township's argument that the station would create more traffic is false because it would be primarily people who live in the township or are already driving by who would use the gas station.

"It's not a destination," he said. "It's not a Home Depot or a Dave and Busters."

He also said gas stations are normally built at signaled intersections for safety and convenience.

Strole said one reason the commercial zoning was denied was because Springfield Investors owns property one-half mile south of the proposed site. The thought was that that property could have been used for a gas station because it is already zoned commercial. But Kohls said the group does not own that property. One of the members, Kevin Reis, owns it with a different group of investors. Kohls also said that location is not appropriate for a service station because it is not at an intersection.

Strole added other reasons the commercial zoning was denied included the use was not appropriate for that area of the township. She said the township wants to concentrate commercial development south of Davisburg Road on Dixie and the gas station would be on the northern part of the intersection.

Other problems included the close proximity of a residential neighborhood and it doesn't fit in with the township master plan.

Several other issues were discussed at Thursday's board meeting, Strole said.

The township board referred an amendment to the sign ordinance to the Planning Commission. Now, political signs have their own ordinance, Strole said the new measure would repeal the separate ordinance and fold the new one into the existing sign ordinance.

"Basically, it simplifies it. The existing ordinance has many more stipulations and provisions," Strole said.

For example, now political signs cannot be up more than 21 days before an election and must be taken down 14 days after the election. Candidates also must have a list of where each sign is. Signs cannot be in a right-of-way. They should be on private property with the permission of the property owner, Strole said.

The Planning Commission will have to draft the amendment and approve it. Then it would go before the township board.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the board voted to recommend approval to the state Liquor Control Commission for a liquor license for Shepard's Hollow Golf Club, pending a couple of final checks on paperwork by Strole.

OBITUARIES

NOREEN EBRIGHT

Noreen Ebright of Independence Township died Feb. 13, 2000, at age 63.

Mrs. Ebright was a volunteer for the Clarkston Senior Center. She retired from Ford Motor Co.'s North American Automotive Operations Building in Dearborn after 34 years.

Mrs. Ebright is survived by two children, Debra Ebright and Wilford (Michelle) Ebright Jr., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday in St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Interment will be at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

KATHERINE C. "KAKI" WHITMER

Katherine C. "Kaki" Whitmer of Clarkston died Feb. 10, 2000, at age 75.

Mrs. Whitmer was active in Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and was a long-time member of Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. She was a charter member of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston.

Mrs. Whitmer was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace. She is survived by three children, John (Jeannette) of California; Bruce (Sue) of Clarkston and Mary (Eric) Johnson of Wisconsin, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Raises *from page A1*

based evaluation system.

"I think we should reward our employees who perform, and it wouldn't be embarrassing (for those who received a lower increase)," Wallace said.

He added that if employees knew a merit pay system was in place, they would be motivated to do well.

"The real rationale (for not having a set system) is that there is a fear of losing control," Wallace said.

Giving the three full-time elected officials a raise puts to rest that issue for this year. Their compensation was a issue of contention for all of 1999. Their compensation package for 1999 was finally approved in late December, which left salaries for 2000 up in the air.

Tuesday's action was not popular with two trustees, Wallace and Jeff McGee. Both voted against the salary recommendations, but not because they don't think the employees do a good job.

Wallace and McGee objected to the salary increase for the full-time elected officials. They felt their benefits package passed in December was more than adequate and an additional pay raise was not necessary.

Department directors' salaries range from $60,049 for Fire Chief Gar Wilson to $56,000 for Finance Director Susan Hendricks. That includes the just-passed raises. A couple of people received more than 3 percent increases. Assessor Dave Kramer received a 4 percent raise because he also is in charge of information systems. Hendricks received a 3.7 percent increase because of competition in the marketplace for good financial people.

The four employees who are assistants to directors received raises between 3 and 4 percent because Stuart thought their pay should be closer to what their bosses make.

All raises, except for the full-time elected officials', will be retroactive to Jan. 31. The elected officials will get more money beginning with the next pay period because by law, their pay increases cannot be retroactive. Stuart's salary will be $61,710, up from $60,500. Clerk Joan McCrary and Treasurer Jim Wenger will each make $55,080, up from $54,000. The previous salaries were just approved in December.

Board trustees have not received raises in at least 10 years, Stuart said. Their salary will be $3,960 per year, based on 24 regular meetings per year. That is a 10 percent increase over what they had been making. Also increased by about 10 percent was the pay for special meetings, which will be paid over and above the salaries. Pay for special meetings increased from $75 per meeting to $82.50 per meeting.

Stuart said he wanted to go to a salary system because even if a trustee can't make a meeting, it doesn't mean he or she doesn't work. He used Trustee Dan Travis' recent illness as an example. Even though Travis missed months of meetings, he kept up with the issues, talked to fellow trustees and wrote memorandums that publicly stated his views on critical matters.

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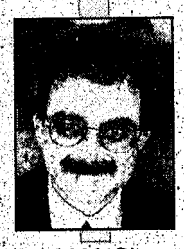

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Bill would keep young eyes off wrong subjects on library Net

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There are dangerous places in the world where parents should not let their children venture alone.

Should the public library be one of them?

Howell resident Stephanie Williams says it has gone that far because of the unfiltered, unmonitored Internet terminals available for use in some libraries.

"The (American Civil Liberties Union) says it is up to parents to monitor their children," she said. "But if your child wants to go to the library to research a high school term paper, should you have to sit right there to watch the entire time?"

Williams testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 936, which would mandate that libraries adopt policies aimed at keeping under age patrons from viewing "obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors."

She pointed out to committee members that the bill addresses materials which, if supplied directly to minors by a private company like a convenience store or video rental shop, would leave that firm subject to prosecution.

The verbiage "harmful to minors" is a key to the legislation, according to Sylvia Warner, aide to Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell), the sponsor of the legislation.

The state Legislature addressed the issue of Internet access at libraries last year, giving approval to a plan by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), allowing libraries to segregate Internet terminals for adults from those intended for use by youngsters, and allowing the terminals used by minors to be filtered to prevent access to pornography sites.

That bill was intended to answer First Amendment concerns about filtering which have turned into lawsuits for some libraries. Cassis believed constitutional concerns would be avoided if some terminals were filtered while others were left open for full Internet access by adults.

Rogers' bill takes the issue a step further, essentially mandating it. His bill would require the libraries:

- Provide access in a way as to prevent a minor from viewing obscene materials.
- Require an adult library employee to monitor the terminals being used by minors.
- Arranging the terminals in a configuration that allows a library staff employee to view the terminals used by minors at all times.

The bill would also relieve the library of liability if it took reasonable steps to prevent youngsters from viewing pornography.

Warner said the problem of pornography on the Internet is extensive. Estimates place the number of sexually explicit sites on the World Wide Web at 900,000, she said.

And Warner said her office has heard from the parents of children who do not want to return to the library because of obscene pictures they've seen over the shoulder of another library patron.

ACLU in opposition

The Michigan chapter of the ACLU is indeed opposing the legislation, arguing that filtering software is not effective. Such filtering programs often operate based on keywords, blocking access when the software detects obscene language. That means some pornography gets through anyway, while the program blocks access to some legitimate sites users may have good reason to view.

Warner said the filtering software has been much improved in recent years. She pointed out a new system that has been introduced on the market, called SmartGuardian Internet Access Control System.

Library patrons, or their parents, can select from one of five levels of filtering to be done on Internet sites. The patron is issued a card, which is inserted into the computer automatically adjusting the settings to the appropriate level of filtering. Such a system, although it would require new installations of hardware in libraries, would allow adults and youngster to use the same terminals while adjusting the filtering level appropriate to each.

The legislature has been active in creating law regarding the use of the Internet. Three laws, passed last year, have just gone into effect regarding the Internet. Those bills would make it illegal to participate in illicit gambling across the Internet, make it a felony to conspire to bomb or illegally market explosives across the Internet, and make it a two-year felony to use the Internet to stalk someone.

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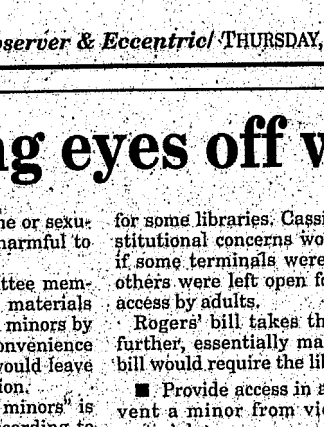

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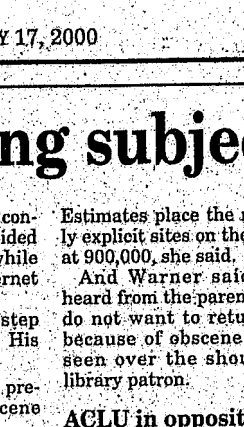

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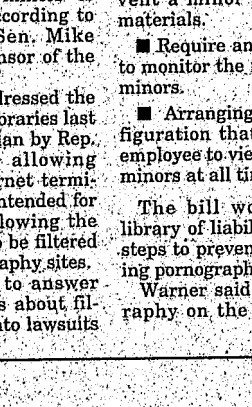

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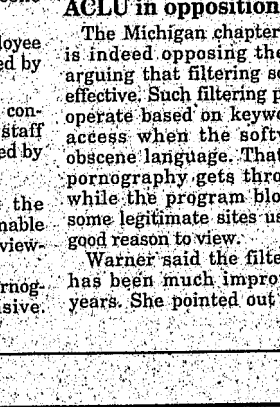

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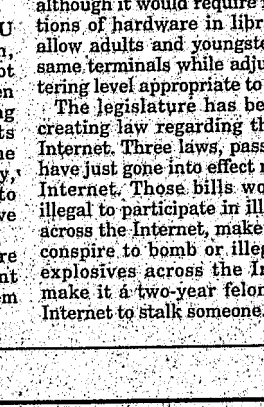

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Tax help from page A1

"We are already almost booked," Bartos said.

In Independence, preparers work from 9 a.m. until noon each Tuesday from Feb. 1 through the filing deadline of April 15. Waterford's hours are 9 a.m. until noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in February. In March, volunteers will see seniors Monday through Friday. Waterford has between three and four preparers a day.

Appointments are needed and can be made by calling the senior center at 625-8231. Appointments normally last about an hour.

Bartos said even though Clarkston is a largely comfortable area economically, many seniors live on a fixed income. They may have a nice home, but if it's paid for, that is one giant deduction missing.

"Their disposable income can be very little," Bartos said.

Saving some money they would have spent at a tax preparation firm helps out.

"This is as good or better than H&R Block. They (the volunteers) have their hearts in it. They aren't just pushing people through," Bartos said.

She added some seniors may distrust a large firm.

Independence has only three volunteer preparers, Ted and Donna Kowalski of Waterford Township and Anna Marie Muhleck of Clarkston. Bartos said that isn't nearly enough to keep up with the demand.

Donna Kowalski said her husband started volunteering about 10 years ago when he was on disability leave from work. He continued after he retired.

"When I retired, he kind of twisted my arm," she said.

They have always done their own taxes, their children's and a few other family members' returns, too. Kowalski said with laws changing all the time, many people, including seniors, find the whole process too complicated. They enjoy being able to help others, though.

"It's a challenge, and it helps us keep up with things," she said.

Information needed for filing returns

To file a tax return, some basic information is necessary. To prepare for an appointment with one of the volunteers at the senior center, taxpayers should collect the following:

- A copy of 1998's completed tax forms
- The 1999 tax forms received in the mail
- Social Security numbers for you, your spouse and dependents
- Record of the amount of Social Security received in 1999 (Form SSA-1099)
- Statement of wage income from employment or other income received from pensions, annuities and IRAs
- Record of any "general assistance" received
- All 1099 forms listing interest, dividends, etc.
- Record of the amount paid in 1999 for rent or house payments
- Total heating bills for 1999 as shown in your December or January billing
- Total cost for prescriptions in 1999 from your pharmacy if applying for a prescription drug credit
- Total cost of "personal injury protection" listed on auto insurance bills for 1999

Crosshill Preschool has openings

Crosshill Preschool, Davisburg, has openings in its morning and afternoon classes for 3-year-olds, in its morning classes for 4-year-olds and its afternoon classes for 5-year-olds.

Located at 803 Broadway, the 20-year-old preschool program has age-appropriate arts and crafts, snacks, physical activities, field trips and enrichment activities. Center director is Vivian Olive.

Registrations are also being accepted for this coming fall.

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Booting up

County tries boot camp concept for women inmates

BY PAT MURPHY
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Pushed hard: *Like her male counterparts, female boot camp trainee Tami Lang (left) is subjected to discipline and physical training. If she completes boot camp, Lang can gain her freedom in March, rather than August. There are 11 drill instructors for the women at Camp Nichols — seven are men and four are women.*

Like any pilot program, Oakland County's boot camp for women is about to undergo close scrutiny.

"We want to find out if we are successful, or what, if any, changes need to be made," said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, who opened Oakland's boot camp to women inmates last month.

Of the six female inmates who volunteered for the military-style facility in Auburn Hills, two have already dropped out. The other four, if they complete the eight-week program, are scheduled to graduate March 10.

Oakland's boot camp was initiated on a male-only basis in 1990 by the late Sheriff John F. Nichols, after whom the facility was subsequently dubbed "Camp Nichols." His successor, Bouchard, decided to open the camp to women on an experimental basis less than a year after taking over the department.

Male and female trainees, as boot camp inmates are called, have separate sleeping facilities — men in tents, women in billets. But they share many of the same facilities and undergo many of the same disciplines and routine, such as physical training and classes on alcohol or drug abuse.

"As much as possible, we try to treat male and female trainees equally," said Bouchard. "There are some obvious differences, but the discipline and training are comparable."

One inmate, Tami Lang, 32, of Oakland Township, said mixing the genders has worked well — at least from her perspective. "I don't know what they (male trainees) say amongst themselves," she said, "but from my experience we seem to get along OK."

Lang, a divorcee whose family is caring for her daughter, 14, and son, 10, was sentenced to jail last October after violating probation. She had been convicted of forgery. If she completes boot camp, Lang can gain her freedom in March, rather than August.

The physical training is tough, said Lang, who struggles doing a single pushup. "And the drill instructors are always in your face," she said.

Typical day

Inmates start the day around 4:30 a.m. with 10 minutes of physical exercise, followed by showers, breakfast and cleanup. Much of the day is filled with classes or work details.

The ordeal will be worthwhile, Lang said, providing it enables her to more quickly rejoin her youngsters and get on with her life. "It's going to be tough," she said, "I have no job, no transportation and no prospects."

She'll also need a new wardrobe. Lang estimates she has lost more than 50 pounds since being incarcerated in October.

The typical female trainee is drastically different compared with her male counterpart, said Bouchard. The military regimen that has proven so successful with men doesn't necessarily work for women, he said.

"We knew that going in," said the sheriff. "But we also knew that we'd have to evaluate the program to find out what works, and what needs changing."

One option, is putting more emphasis on job training and classes to prepare trainees for successful re-entry in the job market, Bouchard said. One change contemplated for male trainees, said the sheriff, is adding a week or two to the boot camp. "Men seem to respond better in 10 weeks, rather than eight," he said. "We don't have enough experience to say that about women."

Deputy Joseph Tovar, who has been a drill instructor for four years, said he tries to use the same motivational tactics for women trainees as he does for men. Women trainees have, on occasion, burst into tears. "But so have male trainees," he said.

The women's boot camp will be evaluated on two criteria, said Bouchard. "Are we successful — do we instill a sense of pride and self reliance?" said the sheriff, "and cost effectiveness."

As the initial class of female trainees is at its midpoint, the jury is out on both counts.

It costs roughly $75 a day to house a regular jail inmate, according to business manager Dale Cunningham, compared with $45 per day to keep a male trainee. "We estimate the cost for a female trainee to be about $45 (per day), but we just don't know."

The boot camp is more cost effective with a greater number of trainees, noted Cunningham. "It's cheaper to supervise 10 inmates than it is six," he said. Accordingly, Oakland is open to the idea of accepting female trainees from neighboring counties, he said.

But other factors are equally important, said Bouchard.

Recidivism — or the rate at which inmates get into additional trouble after release — is lower for male boot camp trainees, compared with the general jail population, said the sheriff. "We suspect the same will be true for women trainees," he said, "but we've yet to find out."

Farmington Hills Police Chief William J. Dwyer is optimistic about the boot camp trainees — male or female. "The military (generally) has the same boot camp for women as they do for men," he noted. "If it works there, it just might work here."

■ 'As much as possible, we try to treat male and female trainees equally.'

Michael Bouchard
—Oakland County sheriff

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OPINION

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Open it up

State of County should be public

■ We're sure that Terry and Tillie would flock to an event like State of the County. And it's a pretty safe bet that they'd have some tough questions for Mr. County Executive during the spirited Q&A session that should always follow any politician's talk.

There's sure to be a turn-away crowd at the State of the County address in Troy tonight. Yep, ordinary folks who show up for the event will be turned away.

Once again, State of the County is an exclusionary, invitation-only affair. Once again, the people's business is conducted out of sight of the people. And, once again, it's *The Eccentric's* editorial task to ask that Oakland County open the event to the public.

Let's see now . . . Bill Clinton does State of the Nation, John Engler handles State of the State, and . . . you guessed it . . . someone named L. Brooks Patterson enlightens us every year about this time as to the state of Oakland County.

At 7:30 p.m. tonight, Feb. 17, County Executive Patterson will deliver the good news that Oakland County, one of the wealthiest in the nation, is well-managed with a booming economy and a sterling rating on Wall Street.

Patterson's State of the County address will be witnessed by about 300 people fortunate enough to have been invited to the event at the Michigan State University Education Center in Troy.

At the address and at an afterglow, there will be a preponderance of pin stripes and power suits, pumps and wing tips. State of the County-goers are, for the most part, shining examples of officialdom and corporate America.

But you won't see many flannel shirts open at the collar or other uniforms of the common folk at the MSU Center. Common folk aren't especially invited, and that's unacceptable.

Bring up the exclusionary nature of the event, and county officials are quick to bring up space limitations. While we understand their concerns, we also think that there should be some way to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. We hate to see the regular people — Terry and Tillie Taxpayer, let's call them — shut out of an event like this.

We know a lot of Terrys and Tillies. We know they care about their communities and their county . . . sometimes a darn sight more than Mr. Corporate Entity or Ms. Officialdom.

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Let's give Terry and Tillie a chance to participate in representative government — beyond simply casting ballots and paying taxes.

"Y'all come!" should be the watchwords of future State of the County talks. And Mr. County Executive should entertain any and all questions from the audience following the speech.

If space is truly a problem, the event should be moved to a site that could accommodate a larger crowd — the County Commissioners Auditorium in the County Complex comes to mind — and it should made clear that the public is invited. And please have enough of those tasty *hors d'oeuvres* for the ordinary people at the afterglow.

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Becky Schmittka
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"I don't think it's a very good idea because I worked for General Motors."

Charles Matthews
Waterford

"They make enough money, why not?"

Stephanie Shilling
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LETTERS

Keep our heritage

Demolition has begun at Pontiac Clinton Valley Center, a series of historic buildings, the first of which were built in the mid 1870s by renowned architect Elijah Meyers who designed the capitol buildings of Michigan, Colorado and Texas. Currently, a vigorous grass-roots campaign is being waged in support of CVC's preservation. Recent demolition has damaged the more modern structures built in the 1940s; there is still time to save the original core buildings. CVC's historical value is vital to all citizens of Michigan, and the following questions remain to be answered:

Why is the state of Michigan spending $5 million to demolish the nationally designated historic buildings? Why is such action being taken when no law requires the demolition of these structures? Why is the state destroying part of a community's vital heritage? Concerned citizens want to know why there has been no request for proposals sent out for attracting potential developers? Why has a developer's offer to purchase these buildings for adaptive reuse been ignored?

The state of Michigan has spent millions of dollars on restoring Lansing's capitol building, and yet it wants to appropriate $5 million in Pontiac to demolish Elijah Meyers' elegantly designed buildings. To let these architectural structures be demolished will deny posterity a vibrant connection with Michigan's 19th century past. As Oakland County citizens we should not be deprived of our heritage.

John Cohassey
Vice Chairman Pontiac Historic District Commission

Disturbing development

It is simply unconscionable that more than 50 years after the Holocaust, an openly racist political party would be invited to join the Austrian government.

The rise of the Freedom Party, whose leader, Joerg Haider, is anti-Semitic and xenophobic, is deeply disturbing, especially in a country that has yet to fully come to terms with its wartime past. Only in the past decade has Austria finally begun to engage in a measure of soul-searching and moral and historical reckoning.

That Haider's party could win more than a quarter of the national vote last October was a serious setback for Austrian society, and the likely prospect that the party may be part of the next government should be opposed by the international community.

The other 14 European Union governments have taken a laudable step in issuing a stern warning to Austria of the diplomatic and political consequences if the Freedom Party is given sanctuary in the governing coalition.

One would have hoped that at the beginning of a new century Austrian leaders would launch an effort to guide their country to finally confront their past. Austrian President Klestil can lead the way by rejecting the proposed coalition.

Sharona Shapiro
Michigan Area Director
American Jewish Committee
Bloomfield Hills

Insurance fails bone marrow searchers

People who have cancer and need a bone marrow transplant need to know some vital information.

Health insurance companies like HAP, Blue Cross, Medicare, Selectcare, etc. will pay for the transplant procedure, but not the search that needs to be done if a sibling match is not found. This is like an auto insurance (company) telling you that they will cover any damage done to the right-side fender of your car, but not the left fender. It just wouldn't make sense, would it? So, why don't they cover the search process to find a donor match?

The search procedure can be long and can cost $5,000 to $10,000. The search entails looking up in the database of 4.1 million people to see if it looks like there may possibly be a match in the registry. If there is, then they get in touch with those people and have them send a new sample of blood so that DNA testing can be done to see if indeed they are a match. If all possibilities are exhausted, then the person needs to set up for friends and coworkers to be tested.

Those needing the bone marrow transplant that do not have the money are left to hold fund-raisers to try to raise the needed funds. The search will not be started until the hospital knows the funds can be, or are, raised. If the funds cannot be raised, then the search is not done. There are many people who are unable to raise the money and die because of this. Many people could be saved if the insurance companies would pay for this.

Everyone needs to be educated to try to change this so that people, adults and children alike, do not die needlessly.

Diane Fica
Troy

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Home ec has changed for the better

KAREN HERMES SMITH

I had an opportunity to visit my old high school a couple of weeks ago. The place looks quite different from when I graduated in 1973.

As I took my daughters on a tour of the building, I pointed out to them the many changes. The office is where the library used to be, and the library, now called the media center, is across the hall from where the boys and girls locker rooms used to be.

The most noticeable difference for me, though, was the gutting of my old home economics room, where I learned to sew and cook. Gone for good were the sewing machines, stoves, ovens and refrigerators, and the old-maid teacher who insisted we stitch perfect darts, straight and sharp. In their place stood weight machines for today's high schoolers who insist on honing perfect bodies, lean and strong.

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I wondered about the rationale behind eliminating the home ec program, thinking about how my sewing and cooking skills have served me as a wife and mother of three.

About the same time, Clarkston Eccentric reporter Sally Slaughter decided to find out what a modern-day home economics class looks like at Clarkston High School. Her story ran Feb. 10 on the front of our Clarkston Life section.

At Clarkston High, they no longer teach cooking or sewing either. Instead they offer "life management" classes, where students learn how to deal with issues they'll encounter as teens and adults in an increasingly complex world.

Topics include how to manage stress while juggling family and work responsibilities, how to deal with sexual harassment at the workplace, and how to tell the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Home economics has always been about life skills, teacher Jessica Justus explained. "But life skills have changed. We don't wear aprons and sew napkins anymore."

As I read Sally's story, I reflected on how my home economics class had prepared me for adulthood and how today's life management class would have prepared me had I taken it instead 27 years ago.

While knowing how to sew has enabled me to whip together some child-pleasing Halloween costumes over the years, as a working mother, I don't have time to sew regularly. Even if I did, it wouldn't be worth it. Clothes are inexpensive enough today that women no longer sew to save money.

My time is so limited that I don't spend it preparing specialty dinners and homemade desserts either. With all the running I do after work to pick my kids up from this and that activity, I get all the cooking instructions I need on the backs of boxes of macaroni and cheese and Hamburger Helper.

However, I could have used some instruction in stress management. Apparently, educators in the late '60s and early '70s never imagined such a large percentage of women working outside the home and needing to carve some downtime for themselves.

And, I could have benefited from instruction in handling sexual harassment in the workplace. I recall, as a cub reporter for a daily newspaper in the early '80s, how I stood paralyzed when a pressman rested his hand on my backside. Although I knew what the pressman did was wrong, I didn't know I should have reported it to my editor.

As for healthy relationships, I'm learning parenting and marriage skills on the job, attempting to put into practice every bit of advice I hear or read on raising ethical, hard-working children and keeping my 19-year marriage strong.

Sometimes we non-educators fault schools for no longer teaching kids what we were taught in the good old days. Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts has said in his Clarkston Eccentric column that times are constantly changing and schools need to meet the needs created by those changes.

My nostalgic walk down the corridors of my alma mater — and my reading Sally's story — taught me that lesson well.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Valentine's Day should not be just another Hallmark holiday

JAIME GREEN

■ What we overlook is a death, a death that took place because of love. St. Valentine died because he defied Emperor Claudius II and married young couples in love. He defied in the name of love, and we seem to have forgotten that.

Most people don't know the real story behind Valentine's Day, or St. Valentine. Valentine's Day originated in Rome around 496 A.D. It was on Feb. 14 about 269 A.D. that St. Valentine was killed under the order of Emperor Claudius II (also widely known as Claudius the Cruel).

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius canceled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and St. Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed St. Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 269.

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That is how it all started. Valentine's Day traditions have drastically changed. It used to be that in the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear the name on their sleeve for one week. In Wales, wooden spoons were carved and given as gifts on Feb. 14. The favorite decorations were hearts, keys and keyholes, meaning, "You unlock my heart!" In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him.

Now, in the 21st century Valentine's Day is more of a Hallmark holiday. Most people receive a card from their special someone, usually accompanied by some sort of candy or flowers. Some give clothing, or concert tickets, or little white teddy bears. Does it mean as much as it did back then, though? It used to be that if a man gave you clothing, and you accepted it, that you would marry him. Now, it's simply saying that you like and care about that person. Why has the depth changed? Has commercialism made it less important, or less meaningful?

When you dig further into the meaning of Valentine's Day, you should realize that with anything, it is the thought that counts, not the actual gift itself. It seems as if the thought is not necessarily in it anymore.

Some people feel obligated to send a card. They do it just because they think they have to. They don't send it to let someone know how much they mean to them. Once it is sent, nothing to worry about, you're off the hook until next year. That should not be the way it works. Valentine's Day symbolizes the death of St. Valentine. All we care about is getting it over with. We dread spending the money, Hallmark makes a fortune off of it, and we look forward to it being over with. What we overlook is a death, a death that took place because of love. St. Valentine died because he defied Emperor Claudius II and married young couples in love. He defied in the name of love, and we seem to have forgotten that.

Any time that you do something, you should do it whole-heartedly. When you buy someone a gift, you should put feeling into it. You should make it special. You should make it count. It could cost $200 or 50 cents; it doesn't matter. All that matters is what you put into it. What did you put into Valentine's Day this year?

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

McCain connecting with voters

PHILIP POWER

Politics is not a cerebral exercise. Its language is emotion. Its closest relative is theater. Its rare but electric defining moment is when a candidate connects with voter gut.

Over the years, I've seen a lot of elections in Michigan and only a few electric moments.

One was in October 1960, when I was part of the enraptured crowd on the University of Michigan campus that heard Sen. John F. Kennedy talk about a visionary idea that eventually would become the Peace Corps. Another involved Alabama Governor George Wallace, who made passionate converts by attacking school bussing and went on to astonish observers by winning the Michigan Democratic primary election in 1972.

And now Sen. John McCain might be doing the same thing in the Michigan Republican primary next Tuesday. Polls published over the weekend suggested McCain was running overall nearly 10 points ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, an astonishing surge considering that McCain was 34 points down in Michigan two weeks ago before his upset win in the New Hampshire primary.

What is striking about McCain's appeal is that it spreads across the political spectrum. Running against the entire Michigan GOP establishment, McCain trails Bush among Republicans, 44 percent to 33 percent with 23 percent undecided, and he obliterates Bush by more than two-to-one among independents.

And independents are famously active and influential in Michigan politics. Robert Teeter, the Ann Arbor resident who is one of the country's most respected Republican pollsters, was quoted over the weekend in *The Detroit News*: "If you had asked me any time up to two months ago, I would have said almost none of those people (independents) would vote . . . . With all the new voters coming into the process and McCain being such a hot commodity, the question becomes will he be able to get enough independent voters to go vote that he might win the damn thing."

What's going on here?

For one thing, the Bush campaign — from the beginning replete with vast sums of money and the endorsements of virtually the entire GOP establishment, led by Gov. John Engler — has looked more like a coronation than the outcome of a hard-fought political contest.

My older son, Scott, a 28-year-old medical student at the University of Michigan, put it this way: "I don't see what it is in Bush's personality or record that qualifies him to be President, other than that he is his father's son."

And McCain is certainly an attractive personality, a certified war hero with the guts to challenge his own party's orthodox support for the tobacco industry and equally orthodox opposition to campaign finance reform.

Moreover, the Arizona Senator has found a medium perfectly attuned to his message in the "Straight Talk Express," the campaign bus on which he holds what sounds like nonstop, face-to-face conversations with reporters. McCain's Michigan campaign chair, State Sen. John Schwarz told me over the weekend that the McCain campaign "is the damnedest thing I've ever seen. McCain is absolutely loose as a goose. He is saying exactly what he thinks and doesn't seem to care if he wins or loses."

It's exactly this sense of a genuine person, comfortable in their own skin and therefore able to be straight with the voters that accounts for McCain's extraordinary emotional appeal.

But there's more to it than just a wildly attractive personality. I sense a historical context that gives substance and power to the McCain campaign as the most recent expression of long-running rebellion of reasonable, moderate voters against a political system that has been hijacked over the last decade by a bunch self-interested elites.

Hijacked by big corporations and unions that exploit the loopholes in campaign finance laws. Hijacked by special interests — from the trial lawyers to lobbyists to the anti-abortion people — and ideologues who impose single-issue litmus tests on everything.

The reason so many ordinary voters are so alienated by our politics is that candidate candor has been replaced by scripted sound bites, genuine views on the issues have been overwhelmed by poll results and personal character has become something to be manufactured and manipulated.

Who knows how well John McCain will do next Tuesday. But his candidacy seems perfectly crafted for our times.

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Youth Assistance needs adult volunteers to mentor at-risk youth

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■ Statistics show that after 18 months, kids who have met with their mentors on an average of three times per month were 46 percent less likely to start using drugs, 27 percent less likely to start drinking, 53 percent less likely to skip school. What a neat way to spend your time and have such a dramatic impact on a kid's life.

Have you ever heard of Mentor PLUS? Oakland County Youth Assistance (OCYA) has been matching caring adults with young people since 1973 — the PLUS stands for People, Listening, Understanding and Sharing to kids in the Oakland County area.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is a valuable resource. It's a non-profit organization whose mission is to "strengthen youth, their families and to help reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement."

Adult volunteers in the Mentor PLUS Program provide time, help and encouragement to males and females ages 5-17 in need of positive role models; to basically be a friend to them for a minimum of two hours per week for at least one year. Adult volunteers and their matches spend quality time together through a variety of activities on their own such as cross-country skiing, baking, kite flying, playing board games, volunteering at community events or just hanging out.

Many of the match relationships have grown into lasting friendships. The Mentor PLUS Program also provides a family atmosphere in planned group activities for the kids (matched and unmatched) and their parents, adult volunteers, friends and family to attend. These include picnics, trips to the zoo, Halloween activities, Christmas train rides, and Christmas shopping, followed by gift wrapping and a pizza party. In addition OCYA provides tickets donated by area businesses to attend events at Pine Knob, the Palace of Auburn Hills, Meadowbrook, Cranbrook Museum, Cobo Hall and the Detroit Science Center.

Mentoring is a great idea — it works with a 92-percent success rate. Statistics show that after 18 months, kids who have met with their mentors on an average of three times per month were 46 percent less likely to start using drugs, 27 percent less likely to start drinking, 53 percent less likely to skip school. What a neat way to spend your time and have such a dramatic impact on a kid's life.

Some mentors work with kids who may be an "at-risk youngster" or a kid who may be having trouble at home or helping to guide a young person with minor court involvement to get back on track. Mentoring with these "at-risk youngsters" will provide personal satisfaction to you and your match, and at the same time save tax dollars. (A one-day stay at Children's Village costs in excess of $169 versus $1.80 per day spent by Youth Assistance Services for each youth.)

To participate in the Mentor PLUS Program, adult volunteers need to provide personal and professional references, attend a training session and pass a thorough screening.

CYA/Mentoring Plus Program is the largest in Oakland County, but a number of kids are on the waiting list in need of adult volunteers. Unfortunately some kids never get matched due to the shortage of volunteers.

To request more information about the Mentor PLUS Program, call Fred Morden at the Clarkston Youth Assistance Office at (248) 652-9007.

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Leader Dog raisers get break on license fees

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Volunteers who take on the task of raising leader dogs for the disabled will no longer have to take on the burden of license fees as well.

State lawmakers voted last week to exempt those who raise and train service dogs from paying local dog license fees. They'll still have to have the dogs licensed, legislative aide Andy Schor explained, but local township and city clerks will waive those fees in the future under Senate Bill 456, sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township).

The waiver applies to dog owners who raise puppies which will later be turned over for training at institutions like Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. The fees may be only $5 per dog, Schor said, but the costs can run into the hundreds of dollars for those who raise numerous dogs.

■ 'These families give a tremendous amount of their time to raising and hosting these dogs and also contribute many of the expenses incurred for the dogs' care. The exemption from licensing would be one way for all of us to support the efforts of these dedicated individuals.'

Michael Sapp
— Paws With a Cause

Lapeer resident raised 44

"We have almost 400 raisers in seven states," William Hansen, president of Leader Dogs for the Blind, said, "the majority is in Michigan. Our 'high time' raiser, a Lapeer resident, is now on her 44th puppy. When raisers accept the obligation of raising a Leader Dog puppy, they also accept a number of financial responsibilities."

Said Michael Sapp, chief operating officers of Paws With a Cause, "These families give a tremendous amount of their time to raising and hosting these dogs and also contribute many of the expenses incurred for the dogs' care. The exemption from licensing would be one way for all of us to support the efforts of these dedicated individuals."

State Representatives approved the bill 108-0 Feb. 8. Senators had earlier approved the bill 37-0. All local lawmakers supported the bill. The proposal now awaits the governor's signature.

2 OCC trustee terms to expire in June

The terms of Oakland Community College Trustees Carol Crew and Pamala Davis expire June 30.

Voting to fill the positions will take place on Monday, June 12, the date of the annual school elections. Both openings are for six-year terms ending June 30, 2006.

Crew is board chair, while Davis is board secretary.

Board members for the five-campus college are elected on a non-partisan, at-large basis by voters living within the college district, an area that generally coincides with the boundaries of Oakland County. Trustees serve as volunteers, and are not paid for their services.

Prospective candidates must file nominating petitions containing the signatures of no fewer than 50, and no more than 200 registered voters of the Oakland Community College District with Pamela Dorris, deputy secretary for the 2000 board election, on or before 4 p.m. Monday, April 10.

The petitions must be filed with Dorris at the college's George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. In addition to the petitions, candidates must provide two copies of an Affidavit of Identity, and two copies of a Supplementary Affidavit of Identity (Campaign Finance Act Compliance Statement).

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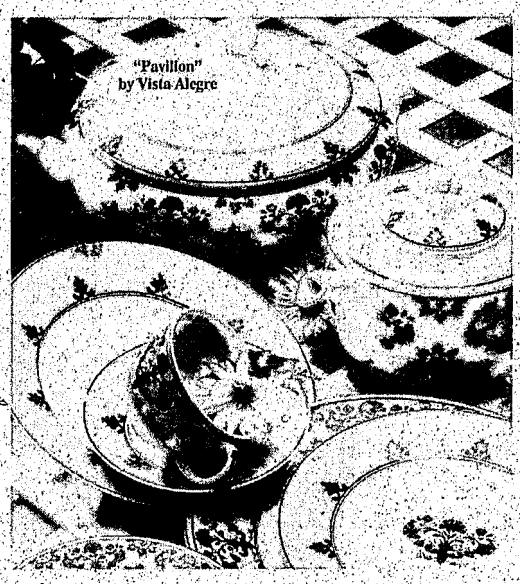

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CAROLYN WALKER

Here's something for you to chew on

Frankly, I woke up with sore jaws this morning. This is nothing new. What's really bothering me is this: Why haven't I lost more weight over it?

(You read that right. I did not write "Why haven't I lost more *sleep* over it." This will all make sense momentarily.)

Now, you may be wondering, what connection could there possibly be between nighttime teeth-clenching and a person's girth or fat quotient?

I'll grant you this much: That is a logical question.

Apparently, though, if you stretch your thinking powers far enough — and I have stretched mine, believe me, because of my capacity for dreaming and hoping and wishing to be thin — there is some actual connection between chewing activity and burning calories.

Scientists have actually studied this in the realm of gum-chewing. I am only taking my thoughts one step further. Any amount of tooth activity should count, right?

To wit:

If what holds true for chewing gum carries over into teeth-clenching, in theory, I should be a 90-pound weakling. (Of course, another way to look at it is, if I didn't clench my teeth every night, I might actually weigh

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Fashionable: *Fashion photography is Aaron Pursell's focus for now.*

PHOTOS BY AARON PURSELL

Natural beauty: *Photographs such as this one earned Clarkston High School graduate Aaron Pursell several Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art awards.*

Art students honored for outstanding talent

■ Art students from the Clarkston area cleaned up in the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards competition.

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Want a glimpse of the future?

Add a visit to Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township by Sunday on your list of things to do.

Visitors will see 950 original creations by middle and high school students from school districts in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Several of these students may be popular household names in a matter of years.

They are finalists in the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards competition, sponsored by the Center for Creative Studies—College of Art and Design in Detroit.

Aaron Pursell

The students' art media on display includes drawings, paintings, mixed media, prints, sculptures, computer graphics, photographs, jewelry and metalsmithing works and textile and fabric designs.

Here's the list of local students selected for honors:

Clarkston High School:

■ Senior Art Portfolio winner: Elizabeth Skrisson.

■ Silver Key winners: Johana Bell, Garret Garcia and Jill Randall for drawing; Michael Lynch for painting, Aaron Pursell—four for photography, one for mixed media.

■ Certificate winners: Aaron Pursell—three for photography; Brittany Harris, Jeremy Jarvis, Jennifer Yeager for drawing; Michael Lynch—two for painting and two for computer graphics, Elizabeth Skrisson for painting; Tiffany Shaver for mixed media.

Clarkston Middle School:

■ Silver Key winners: Kelly Dougherty for painting; Matt Mackinnon for drawing.

■ Certificate winner: Brooke Trowbridge for mixed media.

Pursell took the most individual honors from the Clarkston school district. The aspiring professional photographer isn't in town right now to congratulate,

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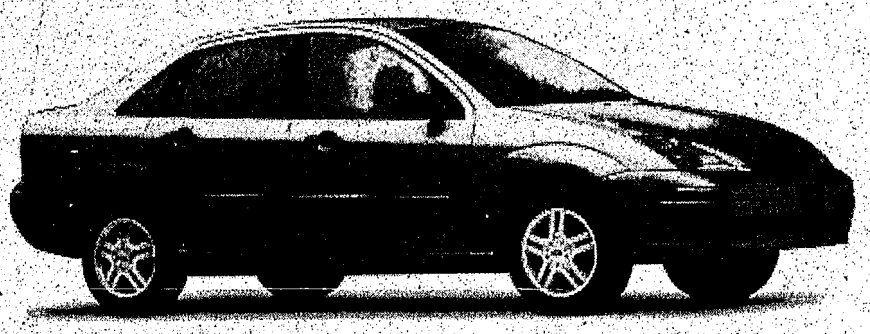

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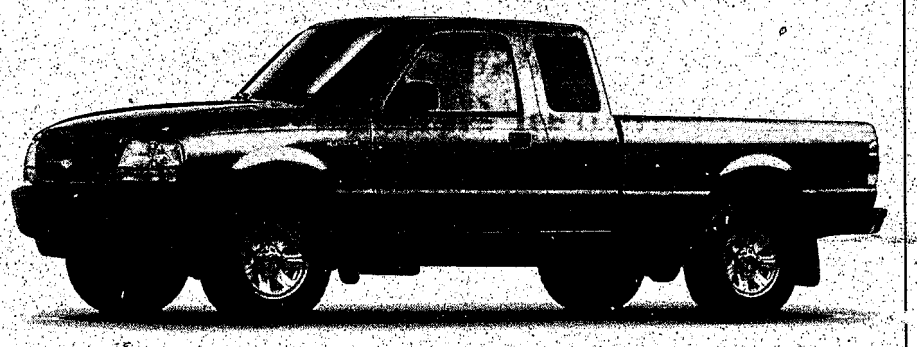

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Walker *from page B1*

another couple hundred pounds. Maybe I should be giving thanks instead of writing this column.)

My beliefs are based on a news article I recently read about what is called the "chewing gum diet."

In the article, the quoted scientists called the act of chewing gum a "form of exercise" and said that researchers at the Mayo Clinic have determined that a person burns up about 11 calories an hour chewing gum.

The article went on to say that a person who chews gum every waking hour for a year and does nothing else out-of-the-ordinary will lose 11 pounds.

I could stand to lose 11 pounds.

The research was based on data collected when seven volunteers donned masks with machines that would measure their energy out-put while gum chewing. They then chewed away for 12 minutes. The researchers used a metronome, the article said, to set the pace so that all the gum-chewers would chew with equal intensity and thrust.

It then goes on to quote the researchers as saying that chewing sugar-free gum throughout the day, basically and conceptually, should be an easy way to burn calories. They also contend that the act has a "potential effect on energy balance."

Here, I think they are talking — be it ever so indirectly — about expending energy in an athletic way, and the obvious associated benefits.

Maybe, though, they're referring to some New Age "energy" concept that I am not aware of.

But I digress.

All of this makes me want to know how many calories can be burned through the act of biting your fingernails? What about if you're chewing pizza, say, or a really monstrous piece of cheesecake? How much "exercise" are you getting then?

Do you suppose someday some giant chewing gum corporation will sponsor a gum chewing event and then hand out awards for athletic accomplishment? Do you suppose athletes might actually train in this event? Could there be a gum-chewing Olympics?

Stranger things have happened.

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Art winners *from page B1*

however.

He's in Maui, where his older sister, Amy, lives. The rest of his family includes parents JoAnn Upcott and Dennis Pursell, stepparents Mike Upcott and Rosemary Pursell, along with sisters Ashley Upcott, 11, and Alyssa Upcott, 9.

Pursell completed his senior year from Clarkston High School early since he had several credits from Oakland Community College, where he took photography classes.

He isn't sure if he'll return for the formal graduation ceremony or if he'll wait until college starts in the fall.

So what encouraged a young man to aim for photography as a profession?

He said he was inspired by his sister, Amy; by his mother, JoAnn Upcott, an artist and drawing teacher for Waterford adult education classes, and by his high school and college teachers.

CHS art teacher Sandra Grider said Pursell's photographs are very, very good.

■ 'He (Aaron Pursell) did all the developing of his film, and his shots always had good lighting and clarity. They were very strong artistically and emotionally.'

Sandra Grider
CHS art teacher

"He did all the developing of his film, and his shots always had good lighting and clarity," she said. "They were very strong artistically and emotionally. He definitely has an eye."

Pursell worked with Grider in an independent class. She was impressed also by his ability to work steadfastly on his own and with the way he was constantly thinking of new projects.

"He is very self-motivated," she added.

Robert Kangas was Pursell's photography instructor at OCC's Royal Oak campus.

"He's done some very nice work here," Kangas said. "I didn't realize that he was here as a high school student. He's very enthusiastic, willing to dedicate himself and very creative. He has good visual sense, which a photographer needs. A photographer has to be able to see the photograph in order to make the photograph and he's able to do that."

Pursell hopes to use his time in Maui to develop his photography skills even more.

PHOTO BY AARON PURSELL

Youthful joy: *Aaron Pursell captures movement and emotion in his photographs.*

He'll try to get a photography job, he said, and take as many pictures as he can.

Pursell envisions himself as a fashion photographer.

"Right now my strong area of photography is fashion," he said. "I like working with people, working to produce good images."

He applied to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, but he's not sure if that's where he'll be in September.

"I'm staying open-ended," he said.

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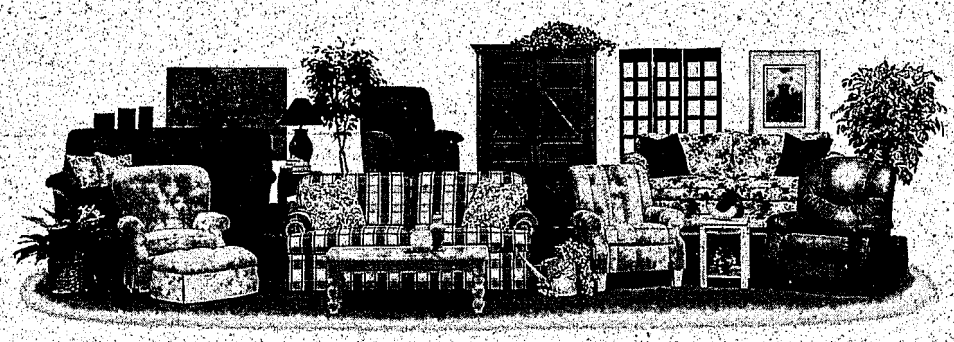

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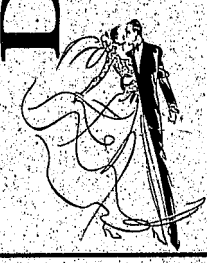

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Campus visit is best way to learn about a college

Editor's note: Following is the last of four guest columns on preparing for college, written by Chris A. Lewis of Independence Township. Lewis, college and career center coordinator for Owosso Public Schools, provided these columns as a public service.

CHRIS A. LEWIS

The campus visit is one of the most important steps you can take to find out what a college is really like. Just as you would not buy a car without a test drive, you need to test out your possible colleges and see what they have to offer. The visit gives you a chance to get the "feel" of the campus and see what your impressions are about the school. These impressions are important, for I have spoken with many students who have visited a campus only to find they feel very uncomfortable on its campus. This is the value of the campus visit — it gives you a chance for a "dry run" at college.

During a typical campus visit you usually will be able to meet with an admission representative individually or as a group and receive information about admission requirements, procedures, financial aid, residence halls, activities, services and much more. Don't be shy with the representative. Make sure that all your questions are answered; this may be one of the few times that you have direct access to these answers. Some areas you may wish to address include: the school's policy on AP credits, what students do in their free time, campus safety and security, when do students hear about financial aid packages, and even if cars can be parked on campus.

After such an interview, usually a campus tour will follow. If this tour is not led by the same admission representative, then it may be led by a student. If this is so, take advantage of this opportunity. I say this because it is these students who are currently living the life of an undergraduate who can tell you what it is truly like to be a student on that specific campus. Also, don't forget to ask important questions that only students can answer such as, are they getting into the classes that they need? Are their professors available to them? What's good; what's bad?

On some campuses there are special programs for visiting a campus. Some campuses have overnight hosting visitations where you will stay overnight with a current student in their residence hall and then go to classes the next day, being picked up that afternoon. These visits usually need to be arranged several weeks (if not longer) in advance. Other campuses will have open houses for specific majors, or for prospective or accepted students.

These days are also valuable as they again give you a great look at the campus, and depending on the focus of the event, a great look at a specific department or career area as well as a more in-depth look at the inner-workings of the university.

There are a few things you must do in preparation for a visit to a college or university. These include:

- Telephone the admissions office to schedule your visit. Let the person you talk to know what you want to do while on campus. This could include meeting with a department, a professor, taking a tour, meeting with an admission representative or other campus activities.
- Be ready for the visit. Study up on the college by reading the college viewbook, looking at their academic catalog, or visiting their web site.
- If you haven't applied or are getting ready to apply to the school, you may wish to take your completed application with you (if it is during the application period).

Enjoy the experience and make the most out of your visit; it is the one way to truly get to know the campus. If you have any questions about this or other topics, feel free to contact me at lewis@owosso.k12.mi.us, and I will do my best to answer the questions you have.

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

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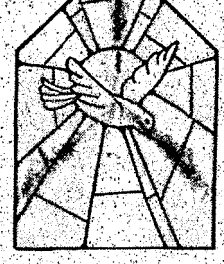

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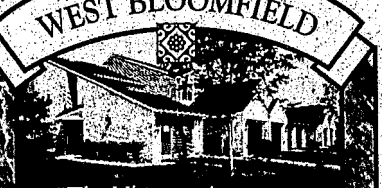
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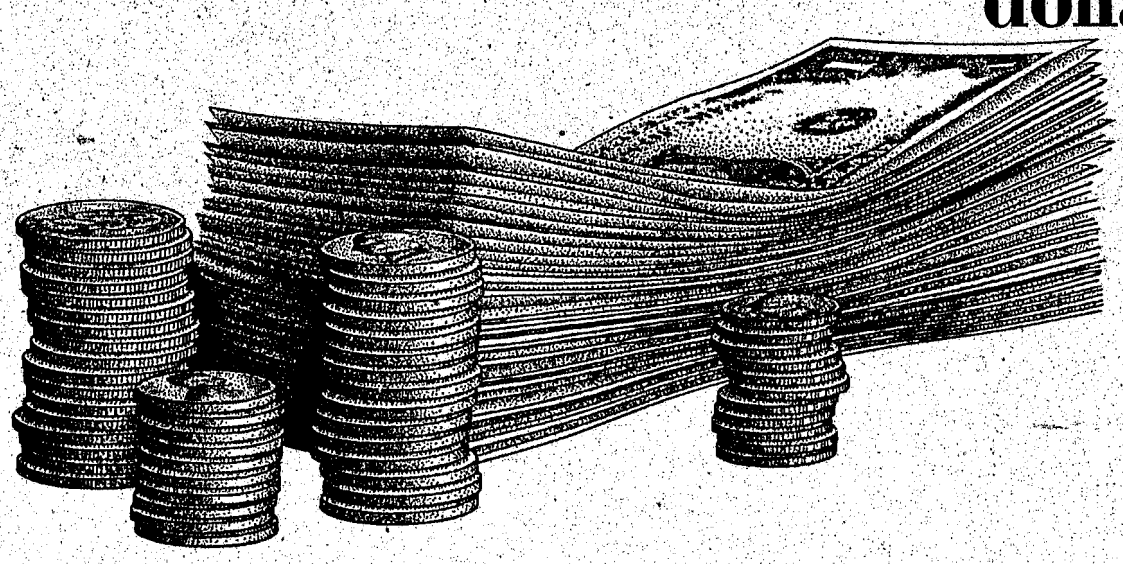

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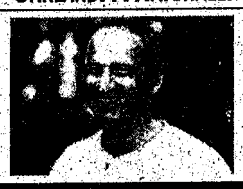

JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Had the destination of last weekend's grand journey ended as planned, the lead for today's column might have read, "Just a few hours after churning through the drifting snow that swept across the 45th Parallel, I found myself hunkered down in a snowdrift in a grove of white birch. A bull elk stared down at me from the ridgeline. His frosty breath hung in the air." But that encounter never happened.

And by the way, the 45th Parallel is the midway mark between the Equator and the North Pole. I think the words "45th Parallel" are more enticing than spouting out I spun my car tires on I-75 near Gaylord. Gaylord straddles the 45th. So does a Burger King.

Last weekend's journey was an excellent reminder that the journey that leads to a destination, whether here or in the northlands, can be a pleasurable if not intimate encounter with nature; even when the destination is elusive. The secret is simple. Look at everything. Listen to nature. Ask questions of yourself.

Elk once lived in Oakland County. But my tale of elk that now thrive – elusively at times – just north of the 45th must be reigned in to deal with the facts. I saw no elk. But I was embraced by a new world of nature on the trail of the winter winds.

Just for the record, the native Eastern elk that was common in our area in presettlement times disappeared soon after 1875. The Pigeon River elk herd, the herd that numbers about 1,000 and thrives near the 45th parallel, is the result of a 1918 release of seven Rocky Mountain elk in Cheboygan County. I had hoped to see the descendants of those elk. We trekked on foot through the woods on their terms.

Fellow writer/columnist Tom Carney and I were escorted by a wildlife biologist from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on our journey into the world of elk and our reflections of the past. We sweated our way up ridges and through drifts.

Snowshoes, which we wore, were a necessity. We spoke little. We looked. We watched. We stumbled. A motionless porcupine, his bristly backside against a tree trunk, sat like a monstrously obese squirrel on a limb and watched our clumsy passage.

Elk tracks criss-crossed the woods. Six feet above the snow pack, freshly chewed twigs of red maple shrubs gave proof positive of the silent passage of elk. 150 years ago, the chewings would have been a common sight where you now shop. We plodded on. We spoke little. We listened. A chickadee announced our passage.

We reached a stand of mature beech trees. We stopped plodding. We looked. We listened to the words of the biologist. And Tom and I placed our hands over the deep claw marks carved by black bears that shimmied and scratched their way up those tree trunks in pursuit of autumn nuts. Those bears now snoozed in our elk woods. I wondered what Oakland County would have been like in the days of the elk and bear.

Tom stopped and glanced down at the straight-line tracks of a ruffed grouse that had shuffled above deep snow in an instinctive survival pursuit of tree buds. He did not speak. And I stopped and glanced down at a dozen shiny black oblong objects near a mat of trampled and urine-stained snow. I pocketed them without saying a word.

The elk journey ended without an encounter. But I was nourished with a wonderland of shadows, snow and simplicity. And memories of ravens tearing flesh off a deer's rib cage. Memories of frozen stars. And tonight, near my wood stove mantle, a dozen shiny black oblong objects are drying. I am not sure why I brought those shiny elk droppings home. Nor why I follow the trail of the wind. Perhaps just for the journey.

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"Oakland University is committed to promoting a diverse and multicultural community, and the Keeper of the Dream Banquet is a great way to reward students for involvement," said Glenn McIntosh, director, Office of Equity.

Cooper, raised in Pontiac is an Oakland University alumnus. He started at Michigan Bell as a telephone installer in 1973 and within a year was promoted to a management position. In 1993 he moved to Chicago to become vice president of human resources for Ameritech Cellular. He was named to his current position in April, 1996.

Cooper is a member of the National Black MBA Association and has a life membership in the NAACP.

Cooper also serves as a director on the boards of the Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Renaissance, New Detroit, United Way Community Services and as a trustee of Oakland University. He is a member and former president of the Ameritech Black Advisory Panel and has received many awards, including Business Associate of the Year, American Business Women's Association, the National Eagle Leadership Award, and Minority Employee of the Year, Detroit, YWCA.

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North Oakland Spotlight

DANIEL STICKRADT

Clarkston's DeGain wrestles with idea of sitting out state tournament

Over the past four years, Pat DeGain has made a name for himself inside Michigan's wrestling community — and far beyond.

The Clarkston 215-pounder, who recently signed a national letter-of-intent to wrestle at Indiana, hasn't lost since late in his freshman seasons. He's won nearly 100 straight matches (98 to be exact), was the 189 Division I state champion as a sophomore, and the 215-pound state gold medal winner last year as a junior.

This season DeGain, the top-ranked wrestler in the state and is one of the nation's top wrestlers, regardless of weight class, having placed second at an World Cadet international tournament in Manchester, England, in the summer of 1998.

In the shortest and simplest of terms, DeGain is a great prep wrestler. He's also likely going to be on the sidelines for the rest of the season and that news has sent shock waves through Michigan's wrestling community.

"He's got a three-inch muscle tear in one of his abdominal muscles," said Clarkston coach Mike DeGain, Pat's father, after Friday's Oakland Activities Association Division I tournament. "Doctor's say he should out 4-6 months. But we haven't made up our final decision. We want to know the facts about what would happen if he does wrestle."

Team districts were held Wednesday and today around the state, and the state individual districts will be held on Saturday. The regional round and the state finals will take place during the upcoming weeks.

Now, I don't know what the DeGain's final decision is, and I'm sure it will bother the defending state champion if he has to watch from the sidelines. But look at it this way.

DeGain has already proven to one of the best wrestlers to come out of Michigan during the past decade and he has a Division I scholarships awaiting him in Bloomington, Ind., next school year.

So is it worth the risk to try to wrestle?

■ **Mixed feelings:** Several girls basketball coaches around the OAA have gotten their wish of having a post-season tournament before the start of the state districts. And I have mixed feelings about this.

Sure, it will help teams prepared for the state tournament. It will help them get accustomed to playing in a tournament format. But on the other hand, many of these teams already have a rough road inside their division.

For example, OAA Division I schools like Waterford Kettering and Rochester, two of county's top programs the past five years, already have to play each other twice in division play, not to mention eight games against the division's other five schools.

With an OAA tournament, they might face a third time in the season. And with the chances of facing each other in the regionals like this past fall, that could mean playing a team for a fourth time in the course of three months.

The possibility is there I think that's a little two much.

Yet, several league around the state, such as the Detroit Catholic League, the Detroit PSL and the Western Lakes Activities Association have had post-season league tournaments for years, and all three conferences have had tremendous success in the state tournaments.

I guess this is one of those cases where the pros and cons have equal weight.

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Tournament tested

Springfield Christian cagers win FBAC tournament to enter MACS regionals with wins in 17 of last 18 ball games

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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If there is one standout strength of Clarkston Springfield Christian's boys basketball team, it's defense. The Eagles proved that again once on Saturday night.

After a lackadaisical first-half effort, Springfield turned up the pressure on the defensive end of the court and went on to a record a decisive 66-47 triumph over visiting Troy Bethany Christian in the finals of the seventh-annual Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

Springfield, the tournament's top seed, had already won the FBAC Red Division title this winter with a 9-1 record, but finally won its first post-season title since joining the conference four years ago.

"Winning this tournament was one of our goals," said Springfield Christian third-year coach Dennis Hopkins, who lost one of his key starters a few weeks ago to injuries suffered in an automobile accident.. "The guys stepped it up in the second half to win it."

Entering the third quarter, Springfield (20-3) trailed 31-30, but switched up its defense, which help lead to a 12-4 third-quarter run and turn a one-point deficit into a 42-35 advantage.

The Eagles then opened the fourth quarter with a 15-3 run — Springfield scored six points in a 15-second span at one point — to put the game away.

"We played well in the first half and we made most of our shots, but obviously we couldn't (solve) their defensive pressure during most of the second half," said Bethany veteran coach Jack Walker. "In the first half, we were breaking their press, but we couldn't continue to do it in the second half."

Hopkins took advice from Springfield Christian assistant coach Pat Wagner to switch to a half-court trap defense, and the result worked as Springfield held the Bruins (13-4) to only two field goals in the second half, while forcing 13 turnovers, nine coming in the fourth quarter. Bethany scored 12 of its second-half points from the free-throw line on 15 attempts.

"My assistant suggested it just before the fourth quarter to go with a half-court trap defense, " said Hopkins. "We were playing better defense in the third quarter, but the trap completely shut them down. And we were able to score a lot of points in transition in a hurry."

Springfield led only 18-17 at the end of the first quarter, but the pesky Bruins would not go away. In fact Bethany, which connected on 13-of-20 field goal attempts during the first half, took the one-point halftime lead as senior guard Steve Hernandez drilled a wide-open three-pointer with 1:02 left in the second period.

Walker said he was thrilled for his team to be in the FBAC finals for the first time as the Bruins, who feature no players taller than 6-foot-1, finished only 7-13 last year.

"We've come a long ways since last year," he said. "We don't have much height, but they do the little things to win. They play well together, box out well, and shoot good from the free throw line. We just didn't have enough at the end tonight."

The 5-10 Hernandez, who was voted as the FBAC Red Division's Co-MVP along with Springfield 6-2 senior forward Jon Vanaman, led third-seeded Bethany with a game-high 18 points to go along with five steals and three rebounds.

Senior forward Paul Mayer added nine points off the bench, junior guard Matthew Allen scored six with three assists, and senior forward Steve Boulanger added three points and six rebounds for the Bruins.

Vanaman led Springfield with 16 points, nine rebounds, four steals and two assists. Knoa Knapper, a 6-4 sophomore center, sup-

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Drivin' the lane: *Springfield Christian senior guard Greg Irish glides past Troy Bethany's Tim Boase during the Eagles' 66-47 win on Saturday in the finals of the FBAC tournament.*

Oxford ends East hex with overtime win

Wildcats rally from 10-point halftime deficit to knock off first-place Eagles

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The seniors on Oxford's boys basketball team had one gaping hole in its career won-loss resume: a victory over Lapeer East.

Consider the hole finally filled.

The Wildcats staged a second-half comeback en route to defeating Flint Metro League-leader Lapeer East 47-43 in a thrilling overtime contest Tuesday night at the Oxford Field House. The win was Oxford's first over East since the late 1980's and was the Wildcats' sixth in a row this season.

In their last meeting, the Eagles buried the Wildcats in a 66-47 rout that wasn't as close as the final score indicated. East led Oxford by 29 points entering the fourth quarter of that game, but this meeting was much closer on the court and the scoreboard.

Oxford battled back from a 10-point halftime deficit to knot the game at 25-25 entering the fourth. Both teams exchanged clutch shots through the quarter and overtime, but the Wildcats (9-7, 5-4) made 7-of-8 free throws in the extra session to pull off the upset.

"We had the momentum in the fourth quarter and just kept it going in overtime," said Oxford junior guard Dave Rayner. "It looks better to beat them in overtime anyway."

Senior forward Dave Inman, who led the Wildcats with 21 points, said Oxford's trapping defense was the big difference.

"We had our same zone defense, but started trapping them from that and that frustrated them," he said. "We also rebounded much better than last time."

Oxford coach Jesse Heck said he was impressed with his team's ability to focus and make its comeback against a team that blew it out last month.

"We gave their guards trouble with our trap and Inman made some incredible shots," he said. "Realistically, we might not be able to win the league, but the guys are playing like they can."

Oxford's zone defenses slowed the game's pace to a crawl and kept East's offense under wraps. But the Wildcats missed a ton of easy shots in the first

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PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

Knee deep: *Springfield Christian senior setter Sarah Robinson goes for a dig during Saturday's clash with Troy Bethany Christian in the finals of the FBAC post-season tournament. The Eagles, making their first appearance, found themselves in a lot of trouble as they dropped a two-game decision to the Bruins.*

Troy Bethany takes Springfield to court

Springfield Christian made it first appearance in the FBAC tournament volleyball Saturday against Troy Bethany Christian, but the Eagles found these uncharted waters a little choppy as they fell prey to the Bruins.

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With four freshman and a first-year coach, Troy Bethany Christian was able to sneak up on opponents last season on the volleyball court. This season, however, the Bruins couldn't surprise anyone.

"Last year we were all freshman it seemed," said second-year Bethany coach Rob McIlwaine. "We had four ninth-graders that contributed and I was in my first year coaching here. But we still did very well. This year, we were expected to do well."

And that's exactly what's happened.

Bethany recently captured its second straight Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division title with a perfect 10-0 record, and then followed that up with their second consecutive FBAC post-season tournament title, topping host Clarkston Springfield Christian 15-6, 15-12 Saturday in the finals of the seventh-annual 11-team tournament.

"I think our key is we play well together," said McIlwaine, noting that his tallest player stands only 5-7. "They're all good friends and they take that onto the court with them. And we do the little things it takes to win."

Springfield Christian found that out first hand for the third time this season on Saturday.

The Eagles (13-6-0), who lost to Bethany twice during division play, struggled on serve receptions and failed to counter with the block on several occasions when Bethany was on the attack.

"I think some unforced errors at key times took us out of this match," said Springfield coach Melissa Hughes. "We were up 12-6 in the second game and should have won, but then we had some bad serves and we got caught standing around on the court and watching. And the next thing you

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TEAM SCORES — 1. Lapeer West 197; 2. Oxford, 178.5; 3. Fenton, 163; 4. Holly, 91; 5. Otisville-LakeVille 53.5; 6. Lapeer East; 7. Mt. Morris; 8. Linden.

103 — 1. Justin Craft (Oxford) p. James Ranger (Lapeer West) 1:36; 3. Brad Gardner (Mt Morris) d. Eric Putnam (Lapeer East) 9-4.

112 — 1. David Schlaud (Lapeer West) maj. dec. Lambros Kottalis (Fenton) 11-2; 3. William Wolverton (Mt. Morris) d. August Romanski (Holly) 13-6.

119 — 1. Jason Fellows (Lapeer West) p. Adam Pushman (Fenton) 3:44; 3. Ryan Gall (Oxford) d. Toby Wright (Holly) 8-6.

125 — 1. Scott Pushman (Fenton) d. Jessie Reader (Lapeer West) 5-3; 3. Scott Pyke (Oxford) p. Casey Detrio (Mt. Morris) 4:39.

130 — 1. Charlie Myer (Oxford) d. Billy Domako (Fenton) 7-6; 3. Josh Freeman (Linden) maj. dec. Josh Cross (Lapeer West) 13-4.

135 — 1. Rory Medina (Lapeer West) tech. fall Steve Payne (Fenton) 18-2; 3. Nick Stevens (Oxford) d. Mitch Sackett (LakeVille) 15-13.

140 — 1. James Kish (Lapeer West) maj. dec. Josh Klumpp (Linden) 16-7; 3. Cameron Stiles (Oxford) dec. Scott Fox (Holly) 3-2.

145 — 1. Steve Mosley (Mt. Morris) maj. dec. Jesse Grenillo (Holly) 14-1; 3. Nick Slerakowsk (Lapeer West) d. Jason Eldridge (Oxford) 11-5.

152 — 1. Brett Fillmore (LakeVille) p. Jay Trumble (Lapeer West) 1:27; 3. Joel Vasquez (Oxford) p. Dave Pattan (Fenton) 4:03.

160 — 1. 1. Roger Kish (Lapeer West) p. Andy Emmitt (Holly) 5:01; 3. Mike Hiler (Linden) p. Clayton Wheatley (Fenton) 1:12.

171 — 1. Jim Shurlow (Fenton) dec. Robert Aikens (Holly) 11-4; 3. Dean Brazelle (Lapeer East) p. Tony Lyssiotis (Oxford) 2:39.

189 — 1. Willie Bryer (Oxford) maj. dec. Mike Foguth (Fenton) 16-3; 3. Kyle Kreiner (Holly) maj. dec. Justin Kane (Lapeer East) 10-2.

215 — 1. Brain Nicholson (LakeVille) d. Luis Gomez (Oxford) 12-5; 3. Chad Ewing (Fenton) maj. d. Joe Fick (Lapeer West) 13-2.

275 — 1. Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford) maj. dec. Jon Herstein (Fenton) 11-0; 3. Josh Johnson (Lapeer West) d. Jeff Harris (Lapeer East) 6-2.

OXFORD 70, OTISVILLE-LAKEVILLE 9 (2-9 at LakeVille)

103 — Justin Craft (O) p. Aaron roberts 3:31; 112 — Steve Storrs (O) p. Matt Roberts 1:31; 119 — Ryan Gall (O) p. Joe Lures 4:31; 125 — Scott Pyke (O) p. Jason Cooper), 0:43; 130 — Charlie Myer (O) p. Chris Welch 0:51; 135 — Mitch Sackett (OL) d. Nick Stevens 6-4; 140 — Cameron Stiles (O) p. Troy smith 1:36; 145 — Jason Eldridge (O) p. Matt Ferguson 0:51; 152 — Joel Vasquez (O) won by void; 160 — Brett Fillmore (OL) p. Scott Davidson 1:59; 171 — Mike Plontek (O) won by void; 189 — Tony Lyssiotis (O) p. Kyle Konieczka 3:31; 215 — Wille Bryer () d. Brian Nichelson 9-0; 275 — Eric Ghiaciuc (O) won by void.

OXFORD 78, Mt. MORRIS 4 (2-9 at LakeVille)

103 — Justin Craft (O) p. Brad Gardener 2:45; 112 — Steve Storrs (O) p. William Wolverton 5:32; 119 — Ryan Gall (O) p. James Toney 5:18; 125 — Scott Pyke (O) maj. dec.. Casey Detrio 16-4; 130 — Charlie Myer (O) won by void; 135 — Nick Stevens (O) won by void; 140 — Cameron Styles (O) p. Ryan gilbert 5:01; 145 — Steve Mosely (MM) d. Jason Eldridge 9-1; 152 — Joel Vasquez (O) p. Philip Mossendz 1:40; 160 — Mike Plontek (O) won by void; 171 — Tony Lyssiotis (O) won by void; 189 — Willie Breyer (O) p. Adam Lucas 0:33; 215 — Luis Gomez (O) won by void; 275 — Eric Ghiaciuc (O) won by void.

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LAKE ORION INVITATIONAL (1-29 at Lake Orion)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Rochester, 681; 2. Grandville, 672; 3. Lake Orion, 644.5; 4. Oxford, 586.5; 5. Hartland, 584.5; 6. Okemos, 556.5; 7. Port Huron Northern, 552.5; 8. Ferndale, 484.5; 9. Howell, 422.5.

Oxford *from page C1*

half, and went into halftime facing a 20-10 deficit.

In the second half, Oxford came out with much more spring in their legs, and Rayner led the way.

The 6-foot-1 Rayner made three straight buckets — including a twisting reverse layup — and made a steal that led to a 3-pointer by Inman that capped an 11-2 run for the Wildcats, closing the score to 23-21 East with 3:41 left in the quarter. Oxford scored more points in the first four minutes of the third than it did in the 16 first-half minutes.

Oxford remained in control through the fourth quarter, establishing 6-5 junior center Mike Spencer's presence in the post. Spencer's cutting layup off a nice dish by Joel Gallo gave Oxford a 37-34 lead with 40 seconds left.

The Wildcats held defensively and had the ball with 19 ticks remaining. But a turnover on the out of bounds play gave the Eagles a chance they wouldn't pass up.

East's 6-5 senior center Pat Coulter nailed a 3-pointer from the right wing with two seconds left to tie the game and send it to the extra session.

However, that bucket would be the closest East got to Oxford after that point. Inman opened the overtime with a 3-pointer, followed by a pair of free throws by senior guard Frank Boni, which gave the 'Cats a 42-37

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Volleyball *from page C1*

know, the game's over."

In the first game, both teams traded possessions six time before the first point was scored. But once Bethany (15-1-1) got untracked, the trio of sophomore outside-hitters Katie Snyder and Donna Jackman and senior middle-blocker Ligia Mosutan led the way.

Holding an 8-6 lead, it was the 5-7 Mosutan who reeled off eight straight serves, including four service points, while Jackman aided that run by slamming two kills to end game one.

It was Springfield senior setter Suzanne Rydman and 5-9 senior middle-blocker Sarah Robinson that helped the Eagles go up 12-6 in the second game as Rydman had three service points and Robinson three kills, two blocks and an ace in that surge.

But Bethany went on a 9-0 run to finish off the game and match as Snyder ripped two kills and Jackman had two service points.

"We are small, so we have to rely on our serving; it's definitely one of our strengths," said McIlwaine. "But we do have some girls that can hit. They know how to find the holes when they go for the (kill)."

While Bethany celebrated its second straight tournament title, Hughes reflected on her team's progress over the past couple of months.

"We were just as young as they were last year and we struggled," she said. "So I guess if you look at it this way, we've improved a lot. We made it to the championship match of our league, and last year we couldn't have even thought about that."

Senior Sarah Robinson was 7-for-7 serving with four service points and two kills to lead Springfield. Rydman added three assists and freshman outside-hitter Alicia Weiler had three digs for the Eagles.

The 5-7 Jackman was a perfect 15-15 attacking with 10 kills and was 10-12 serving with six service points to lead Bethany. Snyder was 7-7 serving with two service points and added four kills on 6-7 attacking, and Mosutan was 10-12 serving with five service points and two kills for the Bruins.

Both teams will participate in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I regionals this weekend, with Springfield traveling to Davison Faith Baptist and Bethany to Bridgeport Baptist.

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 15-14-15, Wixom Christian 3-16-5** — At Warren Antioch Baptist on Friday, third-seeded Springfield Christian upset top-seeded Wixom Christian in the semifinals of the FBAC tournament. Rachel Conner had seven kills, Suzanne Rydman had four kills and seven digs, and sophomore Amanda Vanaman was 21-for-23 serving with 16 service points, including three aces, for the Eagles.

Springfield *from page C1*

plied 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting with nine rebounds, four blocked shots and four steals, 6-2 senior guard Greg Irish had 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists, and senior forward Trevor Cole scored eight with four assists for the Eagles, who held a 32-22 advantage on the boards.

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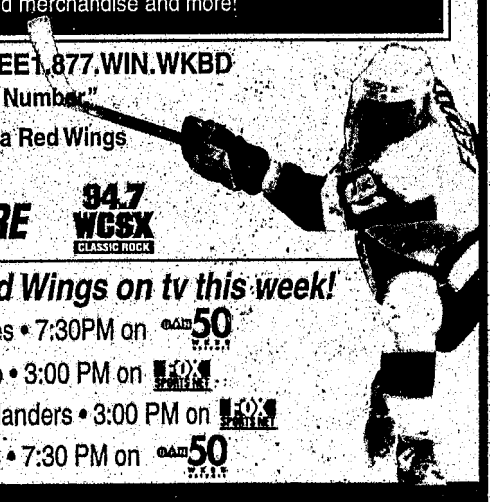

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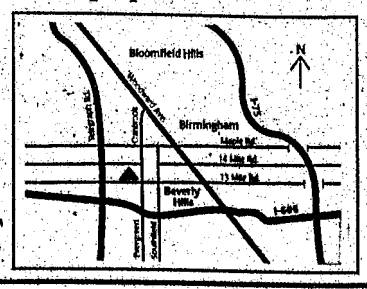

OUTDOOR CALENDER

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

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

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SHOWS

CAMPER & RV SHOW
The 34th annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive (south of I-96 at Novi Road). The show features all types of new recreational vehicles and accessories. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

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

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

SPRING BOATING EXPO
The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb.
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ARCHERY

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

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

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

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. Dennis Bidigare, well-known charter fisherman on Lake Michigan, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Feb. 29 meeting. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is $30 per person. Tickets will be available at the Feb. 29 DAS meeting or by calling Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789, Mary Karakas at (248) 545-1181 or Linda Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

BASS TOURNAMENT
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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

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

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

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Larry Ancypa, commander of the Metro Detroit Power Squadron, will be the guest speaker for the March 1 meeting. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

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

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lead.

East kept fighting, pulling to within three points on two other occasions, but Oxford's reliable free throw shooting kept it comfortably ahead.

"For the seniors, this is the first time we have beaten Lapeer East," Inman said. "We were 0-7 against them. Until tonight."

"Dave talked about that before the game," Heck said. "East was undefeated in the league, so it feels real good to beat them." East falls to 10-5 overall and 9-1 in the league.

Inman added six rebounds and two assists to a terrific all-around game. Rayner contributed 10 points and three steals. Boni had four points and seven boards, while Spencer scored nine and blocked a pair of shots.

Coulter led East with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Oxford's six-game winning streak — its longest in a decade — will be put to the test Thursday when it travels to Linden for a tough 7:30 p.m. league matchup.

Unified gymnasts fall to Groves

Birmingham Groves produced the top two all-around winners in this Wednesday and that helped the Falcons to post a 128.79-125.60 Oakland Activities Association Division II triumph over the visiting Clarkston/ Waterford Unified team.

Julia Richards, who won two events, and Megan Diviney, who won one event, were the top two all-around scorers with 34.40 and 32.30 points, respectively, for Groves. Unified's Katie Vitasinski placed in four events and was third all-around with a 32.65.

Richards, a senior, took the vault (8.60) and bars (8.55) competition. Diviney won the balance beam (8.75). Richards was second on both the beam and floor exercises.

Unified's Cassie Nelson registered the top floor routine with an 8.80. Vitasinski was second off the vault and on bars, and took third on the beam and floor exercises.

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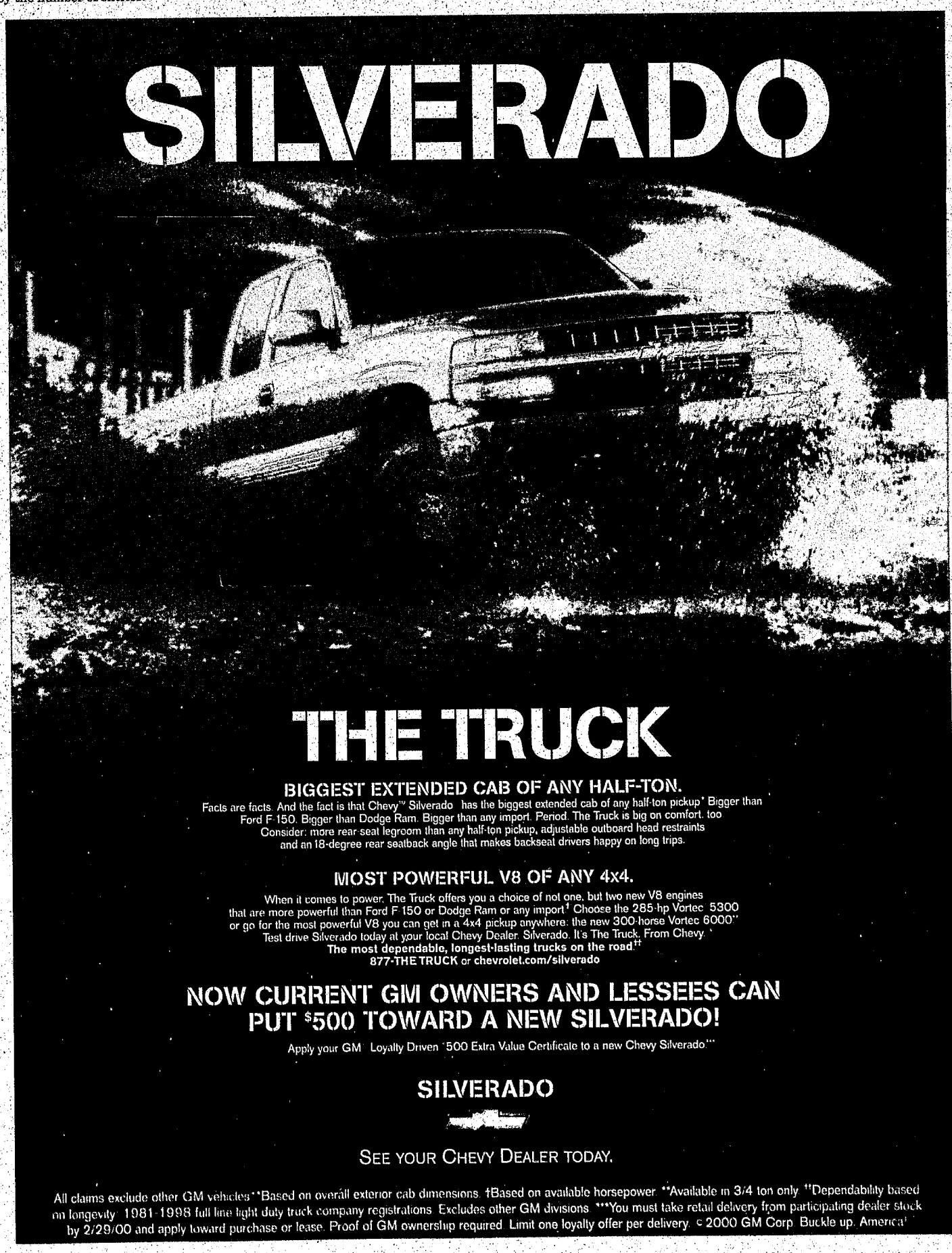

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MAINTENANCE
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Detroit, MI 48201
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Submit resume and salary requirements to:
The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
Job Code: 99-38, (Must reference job code)
36251 Schoolcraft Rd. • Livonia, MI 48150
Fax: (734) 953-2057 or, email: maryab@oe.homecomm.net EOE/DFW

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500 Help Wanted General

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- Proficient in R&M and FMEA

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Site Manager Leasing Agents Singh Management Co., Inc. is seeking highly motivated individuals for a new townhouse community in Canton. Successful candidates must be able to work well with the public, have the property management experience. Send resume: Marilyn P.O. Box 255005 West Bloomfield, MI. 48325 or FAX: 248-865-1630

SITE MANAGER Seeking highly motivated individual to manage and lease an upscale mixed-use (commercial/residential) development in Western Wayne county. Qualified candidate must have a college degree and be able to work well with the public, manage employees, work weekends and possess a minimum of two years experience. Position offers competitive salary and benefits package. Mail resume to Commercial Property Manager, P.O. Box 255005, West Bloomfield, MI. 48325 or FAX to: 248-865-1630

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Send your resume to: Kawasaki Robotics (USA), Inc., Human Resources, 28059 Center Oaks Court, Wixom, MI 48393. Fax: (248) 305-7618 E-mail: julie@kri-us.com or www.kawasakirobot.com

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501 Computer/Info. Systems

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTANT/CONTROLLER Northville based residential home builder/developer seeks highly motivated, competent accountant/controller to oversee computer/accounting department. Minimum of 5 years experience. Great opportunity for the right person. Send resume to: Controller, 41000 7 Mile road, Suite 200, Northville, MI 48167 or fax resume to (248) 449-4792

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Accounting firm seeks a full-time Accounts Payable Clerk who is dependable and detail-oriented. Must have prior computer experience. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume & salary requirements to: Office Administrator, 44744 Helm, Plymouth, MI 48170-6023.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/ PAYABLE person - Manufactured home dealer requiring a minimum of 3 years experience. Strong accounting background with experience in computer accounting programs. Benefits. Send resume to: Accts. Receivables, 41000 Seven Mile Road, Suite 200, Northville, MI 48167 or fax resume to (248) 449-4792

Accounts Receivable / General Office Automotive supplier seeking individual for immediate full time position. Knowledge of A/R & general office procedures required. We offer full medical benefits as well as a 401k. Please fax resume to Attn: Office Manager, 313-921-2426

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Entry level position for established motivational seminar company. Must be smart, fast, computer oriented & seeking a permanent home. $7.50/hr. to start. Call Michael Jeffreys (248)377-0200 ext. 202

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ACRO SERVICE CORP.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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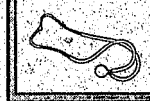

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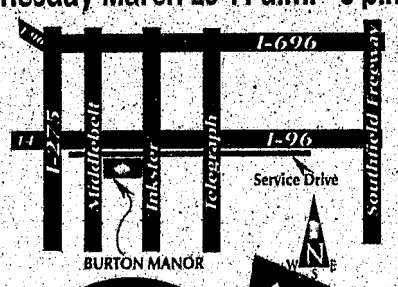

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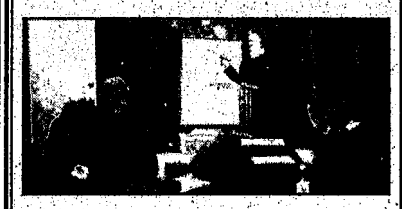

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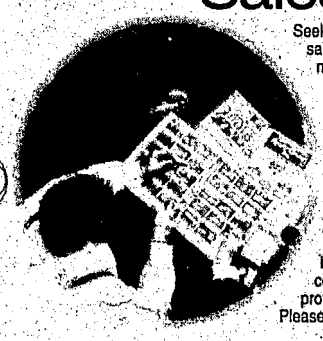

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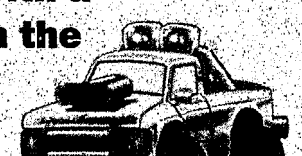

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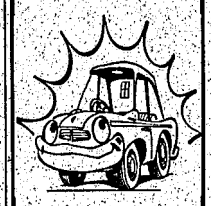

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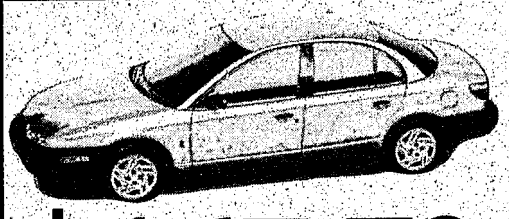

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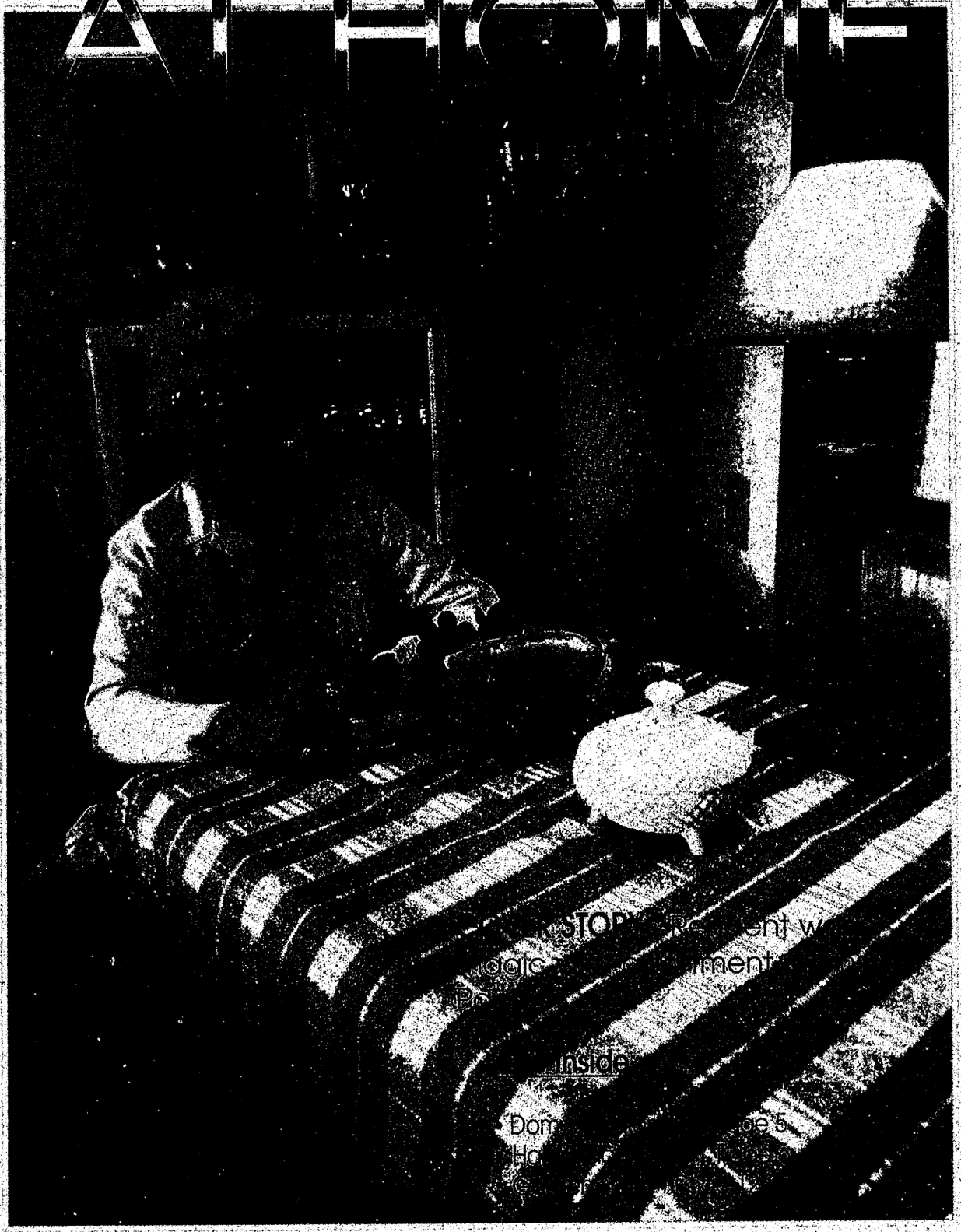

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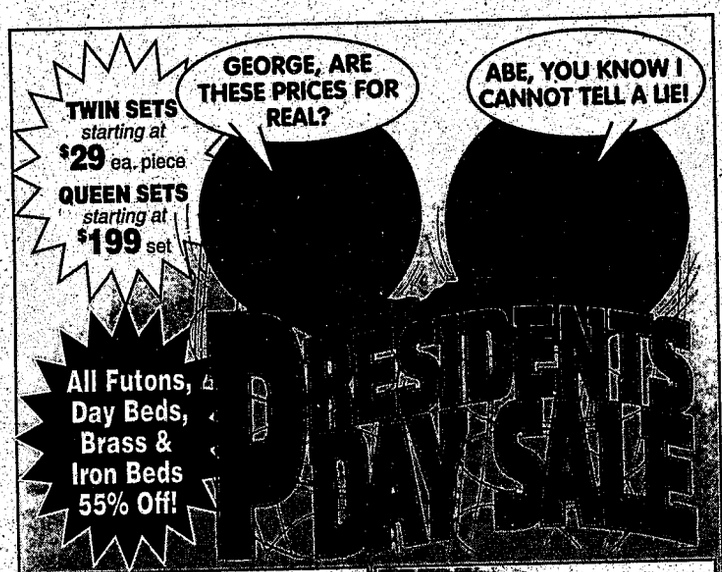

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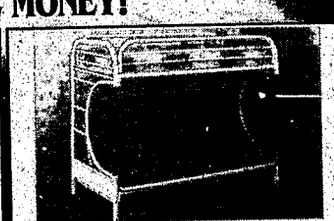

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Consumers can join class action

JOE GAGNON

I called a hot water tank manufacturer about a year ago to ask about a problem with my hot water tank. A plumber told me that the little white chips that plugged up my faucet aerators were caused by a defective dip tube inside the tank.

A spokesperson for a leading manufacturer of the tanks told me that they had a slight problem with some of their tanks. He said only about 11,000 complaints had been filed.

As most of you know, I didn't buy his response and I went on to investigate this problem even further. After spending this past year in the national spotlight, I must proudly profess that I haven't received a penny of profit, nor have I been reimbursed for the new hot water tank I had installed. I still have the original tank in the back of my Chevy van, which I use when doing seminars.

Recently a class action suit was filed in federal court in Missouri. This action takes precedent over any other class action suit filed anywhere on behalf of consumers. What is of interest to many of our readers is that many Michigan consumers who have filed with the legal firm of Ishbia & Gagleard in Birmingham now must file again with the legal firm in Missouri. Their telephone number is 1-800-329-0561.

The firm has a detailed three-minute telephone message on how to go about getting a claim form and what you need to do to become a part of this class action suit. They also have a web site for you advanced technicians who need information at www.diptubesettlement.com.

Excluded from this action are hot water tanks manufactured for Sears. The tanks in question and ones being taken to task were manufactured by American, A.O. Smith, Bradford White, Lochinvar, Rheem and State between August 1993 and October 1996. If you purchased a tank from these companies that was manufactured in that time span, you should be part of this action.

Also, here's some information you won't see in the literature you receive.

About one year ago I found my dishwasher wasn't washing the dishes worth prunes. There was hardly any water in the bottom of the machine. I removed the water valve thinking I probably would have to change it. Instead, the screen was plugged solid with these little white chips. I then checked the screen on the washing machine water valve and found the same condition. This allowed only a trickle of hot water to enter the machine.

I know many homeowners who experienced this kind of problem went shopping for a new product rather than call for service or try to fix it themselves. I, for one, purchased a new shower head to solve the slow pressure in the main bathroom. Many people bought new faucets to solve their water pressure problems while many other expenses were incurred by the American public.

As I wrote in previous articles, much of this didn't need to happen if only the manufacturers would have been up front and pro-active. It is reported that 24 million hot water tanks were produced, shipped and sold to homeowners with defective dip tubes.

The many dollars these firms spend to resolve these problems may be a just punishment. The class action should be a lesson to any consumer product manufacturer to start paying attention to the words "long life" and "quality." We just don't get enough of it these days. Stay tuned.

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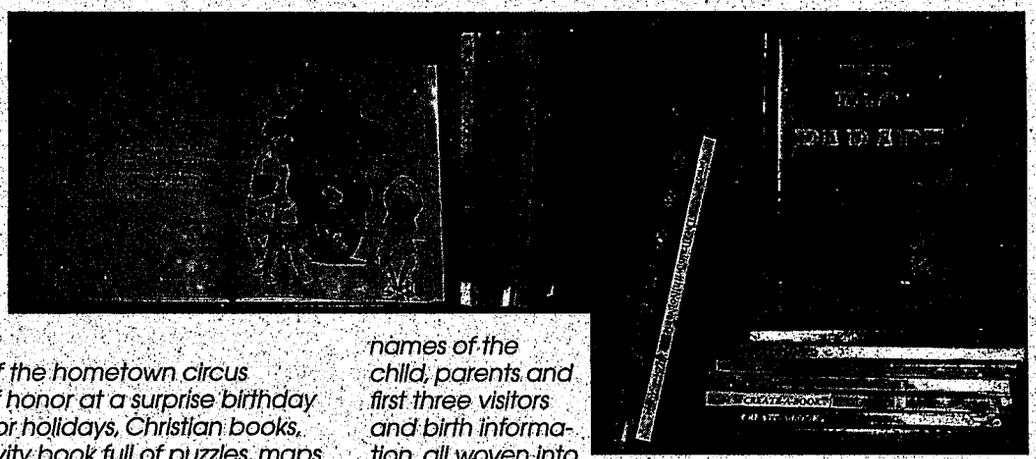
at home calendar

■ English Gardens conducts free weekly seminars on various gardening topics. The seminars, open to the public, take place 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Topics will be "Designing Outdoor Living Areas" by an English Gardens staff member, Feb. 17; and "Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers" by an English Gardens floral designer, Feb. 24. Call (248) 851-7506.

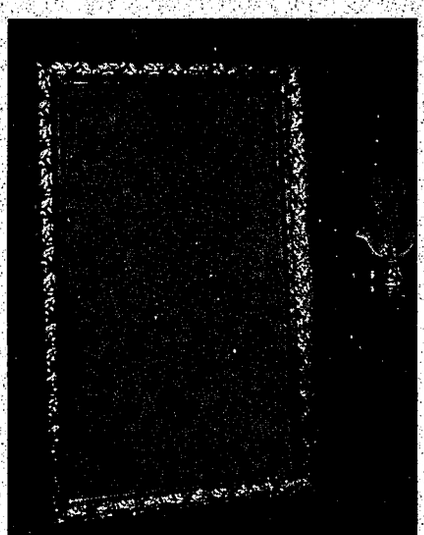
■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a variety of classes related to the home. Offerings include "Basic Knitting," four Thursdays beginning Feb. 17; and "Painted Floor Cloths," Wednesdays, Feb. 23 to March 1. Call (248) 644-5832.

Personal publication



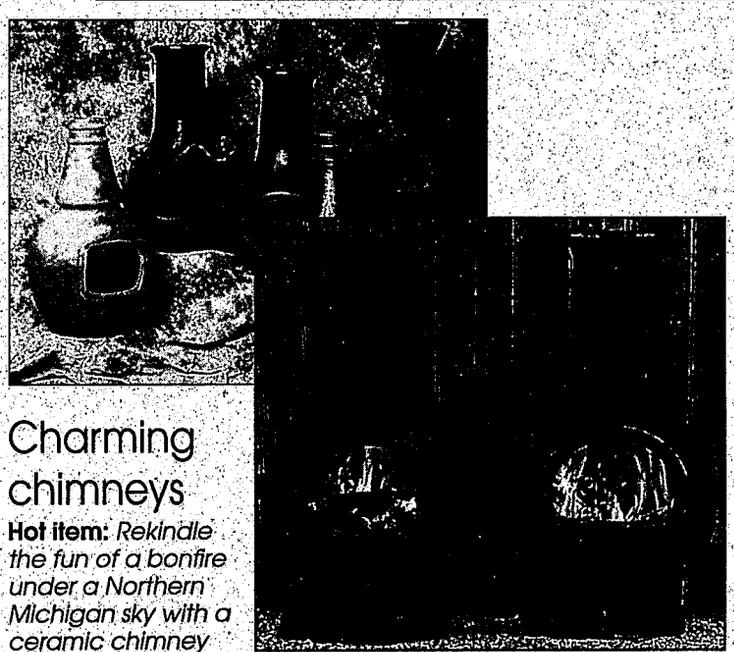
A little literature: *Make It Personal, a Southfield-based company, creates personalized storybooks for children, in which the youngster becomes the star of the story. Imagine a child's delight with a book in which he or she commands a visiting spaceship to a distant planet or is the grand marshal of the hometown circus parade or is the special guest of honor at a surprise birthday party. Also available are books for holidays, Christian books, sticker books and a special activity book full of puzzles, maps and games. Each personalized book includes the child's name and hometown and names of friends or relatives. The books are made one at a time using a computer, a printer and specialized binding equipment. Each keepsake quality book is hardcover, has colorful illustrations and 34 to 36 durable pages and comes with a photo-sticker (used to place the youngster's picture permanently in the front cover). Also offered is "Baby's Create-A-Book," which includes the names of the child, parents and first three visitors and birth information, all woven into a beautiful story about the new baby's arrival (Many people buy a giftlet – like a gift certificate– as a shower gift so the mother can fill in the information as soon as the baby is born and receive her finished book within a few days). All books are $14.95 and are ready about a week after an order is placed. Sometimes Make It Personal sets up at a location to make books while the customers wait. Several fund-raising programs are also available. Call (248) 352-8683.*

No mere mirror



Reflecting on decor: *Elegant, wood-framed leaning mirrors are available in ornate gold finish or contemporary gold leaf or silver leaf finishes at Art Van Furniture for $199. They come with fastening devices to hold them firmly in place and feature a 1-inch bevel. Available sizes are 43 by 67 inches and 46-1/2 by 70-1/2 inches. Call (810) 983-0800 for the nearest Art Van store.*

Charming chimneys



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Now's time to enjoy what you have

LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

■ Don't wait for a snowstorm to put your family's 'number' life into perspective. Look at the big picture from this moment forward.

Child No. 1 needs a ride to soccer practice right after school. Before dinner, you have to pick up Child No. 2 from his friend's house and Child No. 1 from soccer. Child No. 3 has mastered the art of conforming to the perpetual passenger seat. Family members Nos. 1 through 5 will eat carryout food for the third consecutive night.

The daily routine resembles a vast expanse of numbers you have to remember: what time to get up, drop off, pick up; which family member needs you for what number of tasks at what time of day; how much you will pay for this product or that service; what day of the month one child needs to be at this appointment while the other two children are at that event.

If a massive winter storm hit, you would be happy because no one would have to be anywhere other than at home. You would have hours on end to organize your family calendar, home and life.

Your family might actually experience a home-cooked meal and talk to each other while seated at the same table. You might actually eliminate chaos and emulate the storybook family you think you only see on television.

Real names would replace what you otherwise refer to as children No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. The word *husband* or *wife* would actually be substituted for your spouse's name.

You have no doubt had one of these number days before some force of nature came along and granted you solace from your busy lifestyle.

Maybe your children had a rough week at school, your spouse felt like he or she wanted to change jobs, or you wanted to run off to a deserted island. When one or all of these extraneous circumstances surfaces, stop what you're doing and think about what it all means.

Although it's sometimes gratifying to breathe a sigh of relief at the end of a busy day knowing your highly orchestrated schedule went off without a hitch, be true to yourself. How often does that really happen? What did you have to put your family through to make everything work in its designated time slot? Who suffered along the way? What did you miss out on?

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Put an errand off to spend time with your children away from the family vehicle. Save the mail pile for the morning over breakfast. Instead, schedule quiet time for yourself and your spouse when the children have gone to bed. Accept fewer invitations in lieu of several hours of weekend family time to work on a project together, jump into a sport or take a day trip to a fascinating place.

Don't wait for extenuating circumstances to dictate when your family makes changes. There's no time like the present to enjoy what's right in front of you.

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Make most of time with grandkids

DIANA KOENIG

Q: I want my grandchildren to enjoy the time we spend together. What activities can I plan with them that would be fun and memorable?

A: The activities you plan aren't as important as the time you spend with your grandchildren.

The grandparent role is very different from the parent. Grandparents (except for those who have had to take on the role as parent) don't have the primary responsibility of training and discipline.

Grandparents can bring a special dimension to a child's upbringing. Many grandparents have time and financial resources to invest in their grandchildren's lives. Even if you don't have time or money, you have the most important ingredient of all: love.

My children have wonderful grandparents who value the importance of grandparenting.

When our oldest child was a little girl, my father and she used to play the silliest game each time they were together. It started when she tried to grab granddad's nose. He responded to her and said, "You took my nose. What am I going to do?" She said, "Call the store and buy a new one." Then they would pretend to call several different stores looking for noses. They would take turns stealing each other's noses and buying new ones.

This went on, as often as they saw each other, for several years. It was a silly game but it encouraged her to use her imagination.

Grandparents often have more time than parents to listen to children, play games with them and take them places. Below are some suggestions and observations for grandparents:

■ Establish yearly traditions such as a New Year's Eve slumber party at your home. This gives parents a night out and offers grandparents the opportunity to bring in the New Year with someone important in their lives.

■ Attend school functions such as musicals, plays and conferences. Some schools host a Grandparents Day.

■ Go on school field trips and volunteer to help with classroom holiday parties.

■ Take time to listen and encourage your grandchildren to think.

■ Read books to grandchildren.

■ Play games such as cards, board games, house, dress-up, block building and Nerf war.

■ Take walks and talk.

■ Visit the park. Swing together and pick wildflowers.

■ Invite your grandchildren over to spend the day or spend the night. Give them undivided attention during their visit. Give them their own drinking glass, pillow or blanket to be used each time they visit. Buy them their own toothbrush to keep at your house.

■ Tell them stories about the past, especially about their parents.

■ Teach them the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic. It will give them a head start for school.

■ Teach them how to cook, and share your recipes.

■ Remember, you offer an example of wisdom that only comes with age.

■ Challenge their imagination.

■ Send them a note or card just to say you care and love them.

■ Take them shopping to buy a toy or clothing article they have been wanting.

■ Hire them to help with tasks at your house such as painting, cleaning or yard work.

■ Make them feel your home is like their second home.

■ Give them lots of hugs and tell them how special they are.

If your grandchildren live in a different city, you still have the opportunity to spend quality time with them. Have them stay with you for a week at a time. Visit them at their home. Write them special letters and call them weekly.

Distance shouldn't prevent you from grandparenting. My 90-year-old grandmother has always lived in another state yet we have a very close relationship. Domestic Planner is a result of her grandparenting skills.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Each time spent with grandparents is a golden opportunity!"

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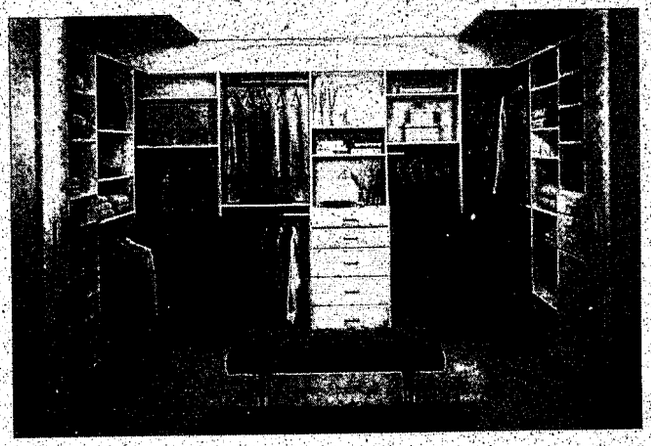
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Get an estimate on kitchen remodeling

FROM IMPROVENET

This week we are going to tackle the subject of kitchen remodeling. This seems to be one of the most requested items we have been receiving this month from consumers in the tri-county area. Several of our customers have expressed a deep concern about costs when making a decision on what to do.

ImproveNet provides a truly unique program for consumers who are on the Internet. Simply go to www.improvenet.com — there is a link that site will allow you to get an estimate for kitchen remodeling.

This link will ask you simple questions: What style is your kitchen? (Is it contemporary, country, traditional, eclectic or Euro?) How would you describe your budget? (Is it economy, standard or luxury?) What shape is your kitchen? (Is it galley, L-shape, U-shape, island or peninsula?) What size is your kitchen? What is your zip code? It this a complete overhaul or a partial remodel?

Once you have answered these questions, it will allow you to customize the remodel project that you'd like an estimate on. The final shape will give you an estimated cost for the project. You can modify the cost by making changes to the descriptions, and possibly, to save money. This is a service that takes a bit of the cost fear out of the equation.

A well-thought-out, detailed plan is a must for any kitchen project. Whether you design the kitchen yourself, work with a contractor or go to a kitchen designer; formulating a plan is the first step.

There are three basic kitchen functions to consider and arrange to create an ideal kitchen: storage, preparation and cleanup. There are several different shapes to a kitchen, but they all need to have a "classic work triangle." This triangle has a concept that basically positions the three major kitchen components: refrigerator, stove and sink.

Once you have decided on the design and plan of your kitchen, you'll need to spend some time on choosing the right finishing materials. This is another critical part of the kitchen remodeling process.

Here are some things to consider in four primary categories:

Cabinets: There are two basic cabinet styles. European-style (frameless) and face-framed cabinets. Either can be ordered from custom or semi-custom cabinetmakers or from stock suppliers. Make sure to go and see the product before ordering; make sure it's exactly what you want.

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Countertops: The choices range from very durable, yet very expensive materials like solid surface or granite to less expensive, but attractive choices of ceramic tile and laminates. Solid surface, marble and granite tops are not typical do-it-yourself materials unlike tile and laminate tops that are definitely within reach of do-it-yourselfers.

Flooring: Recently the top three flooring choices are sheet vinyl, ceramic tile and wood floors. It's truly a decision needed to be made by the consumer. It all depends on the durability needed and the designs that you'd prefer.

Kitchen sinks: Kitchen sinks are made of materials such as solid surface, cast iron, stainless steel and plastic. Mounting styles are either top-mount or under mount with a combination of sizes and features: single-bowl, double-bowl, deep or shallow. There is also the decision of faucets — take your time and make sure it is a perfect fit with the look your going for in your new kitchen.

Most importantly — once your have made all the decisions on what you'd like to spend on your project and what type of a "new" kitchen you'd like — make sure you know the contractor you're hiring. Be sure to find out about their business and what type of work the contractor has completed for other consumers in the past.

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

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Oliver: *"Hi! My name is Oliver and I'm a collie. I'm only 10 months old so I can be a little rambunctious at times. I have good instincts and like to herd, but I need someone to help me develop my manners. I thought maybe we could go to an obedience class I heard about called 'Manners for Life' and spend some time learning about each other. I'm a very lovable guy and I hope to see you soon at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills Shelter."* Oliver (No. R1408) and other pets are available at the shelter, 3600 Auburn Road. Call (248) 852-7420 between noon and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Natural gas generator sales up

Homeowners with workshops in their garages and retreats in their outbuildings are investing in natural gas generators.

An alternative to electricity, natural gas generators provided homeowners with a sense of comfort as the long, cold Michigan winter approached.

Michigan's largest natural gas distributor, Consumers Energy, has been busy the past few months installing natural gas fuel lines for generators.

"We are happy to be able to provide a reliable energy source to our customers," said Steve Unruh, Consumers Energy field manager.

"People who enjoy tinkering in their garage or out-building are finding that they don't have to give that up simply because of the falling temperatures."

Consumers Energy isn't the only company seeing a chill-induced sales boom. Wixom-based Gen Power Products Inc., a Kohler power systems sales and installation company, services 2,400 customers a month.

"Generators are an affordable way to bring heat to almost any location," said Donald Grau, Gen Power Products Inc. owner.

"Natural gas is a high quality and reliable fuel source for generators. Of available fuels, natural gas is the best choice environmentally. Also, since a fuel line can be run right to the generator itself, natural gas is the most convenient and low-maintenance choice."

"It's a simple process, start to finish," Unruh said of having a natural gas line run to a generator unit. "It'll be something that, down the road, you'll be glad you invested in."

For more information on generator units, call Gen Power Products Inc. at (248) 624-7230.

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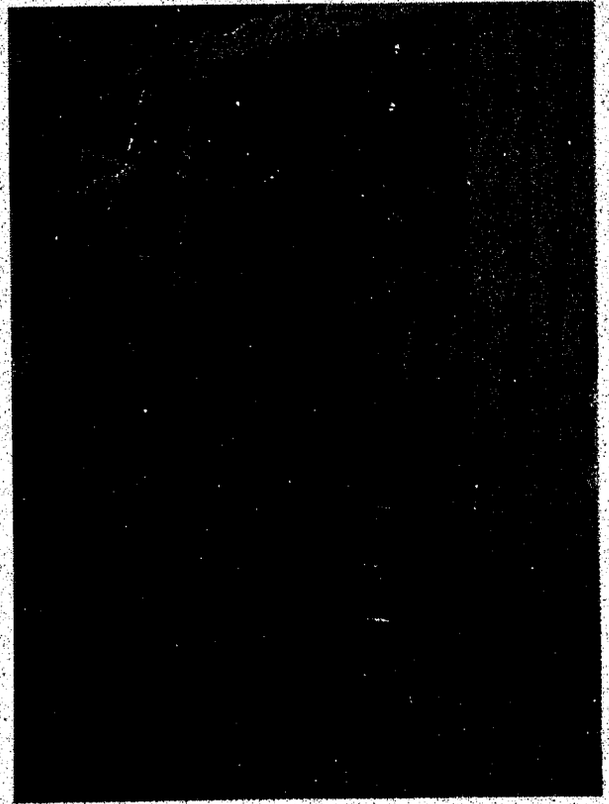
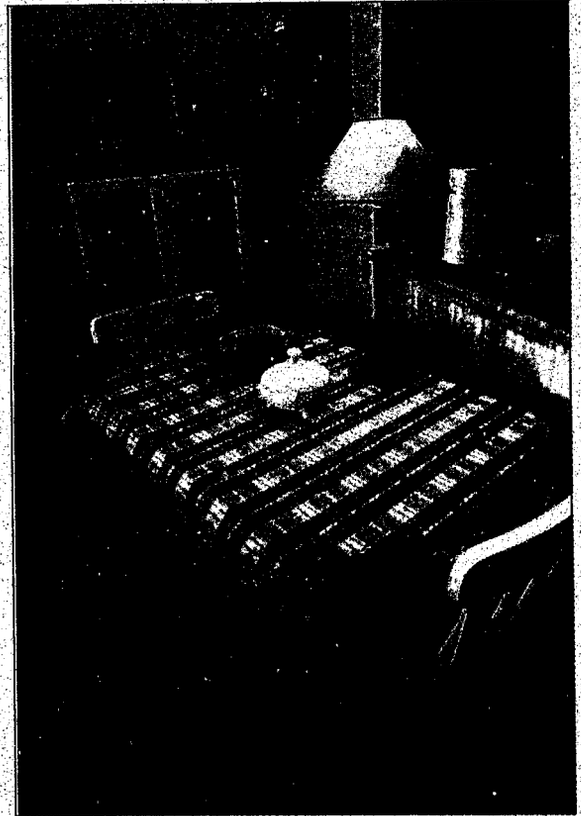
Great notions: *Bertha Rowden put creative ideas to work in her Westland senior apartment, including having chairs reupholstered for part of a sitting area (above), placing a wire shelf in the dinette space (below, right) and using a sheet to decorate the bathroom (below, left). Staff photos by Tom Hawley.*





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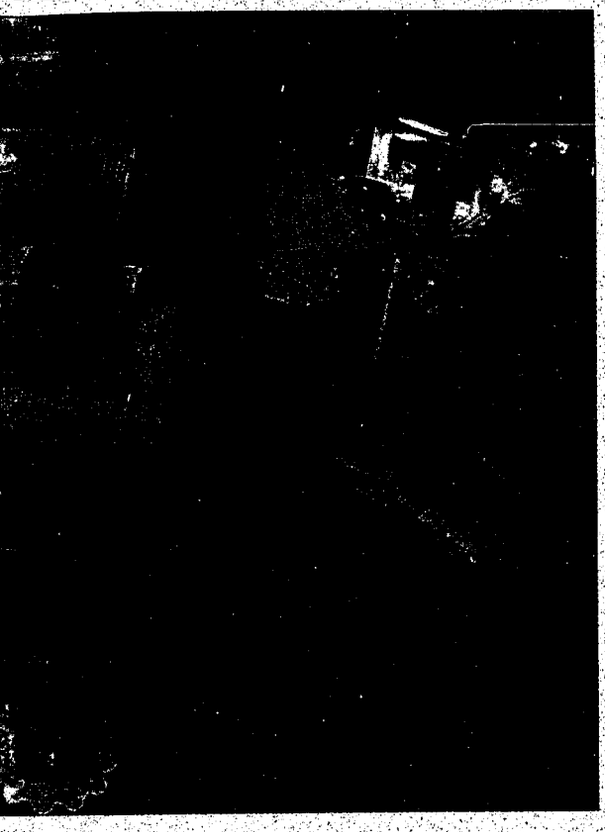

Arranging for room: *Rowden made three areas out of the living room – a dinette, a work place and a sitting room for five (at left). She can do quilting and other projects in the work area (above). A pillow (below) is one of the accessories.*

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s area includes a poster of a quilting show.

Wallpaper used in the kitchen covers the doors of a cabinet here.

Another notion had to do with two blue chairs of Rowden's. She had them reupholstered in polished cotton by Waverly; now the chairs are dressed in material featuring a lively pattern and a soft sheen.

"I love the polished cotton," Rowden said.

"One of my dreams is to make a crazy quilt. That's what these chairs look like."

Rowden put the chairs in a corner of the room, across from the work space. Behind them stands a lamp, with a shade on which she glued strings the same colors as those in the chairs.

The resident pulled the sofa away from a wall and positioned it so anyone sitting there faces the balcony and can view the landscape beyond. She made a pillow for the sofa out of the same material as that on the chairs, and laid a small rug along the back.

In the dinette, the white table is placed on an angle. On a wall nearby is an ornate metal shelf that Rowden bought from Frank's, on sale from $69 to $29.

"I just enjoy every moment," she said.

Rowden's decorating ideas extend to other rooms.

For example, she used a sheet with a floral pattern as a shower curtain, and cut out patterns from the sheet and placed them on the wall around a mirror. A colorful arrangement of beads – a touch of New Orleans – hangs on another wall in the bathroom.

On the cover:
Bertha Rowden enjoys the dinette and other comfortable rooms she arranged in her Westland apartment. Staff photo by Tom Hawley.

Warm up to photography in winter

MONTE NAGLER

Don't let cold weather keep you indoors this winter.

Winter scenes are distinct and beautiful and have a mood all their own. Quite often, ordinary scenes in the summer take on a totally new dimension in winter light. Even you southerners ought to consider heading north in the winter to add to your photographic portfolio.

The minor discomfort you might encounter in the cold air is more than worth the picture possibilities that await you. Bundle up both you and your camera gear and head outside for some adventurous shots.

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In preparing for cold weather shooting, there are some things to consider. Begin by keeping your camera and film as warm as possible by storing them under your jacket and never leaving them in your car for a prolonged time. Make sure all batteries are fresh, as weak ones may become sluggish on a cold day.

Wear thin wool or cotton gloves under your regular gloves. When you're about to take a shot, remove the outer pair. The inner gloves will give adequate protection from the cold and provide needed flexibility to handle the camera controls.

Big Mac: *Mackinac Island, Mich., in January – What better place for winter photography? Monte Nagler created this photograph right after a crisp snowfall.*

If you plan to do a lot of winter photography, it would be wise to buy a special photography vest. They consist of many pockets providing convenient space for carrying film, lenses, a spare battery, etc. Because the vest is worn right next to the body, all items are kept warm by your body heat.

Here are some pointers to help you get good winter photographs:

■ Sun or very bright snow can cause flare in your shots. Always use a lens hood.

■ Back or side lighting gives dramatic effects. Your pictures will capture the sparkle of sunlight and reveal textures and patterns not obtainable from direct, overhead light.

■ On a blue-sky day, use a polarizing filter. The sky's blue hues will darken for added impact. For you black and white shooters, try a red filter to obtain a much more dramatic sky.

■ The abundance of white areas in winter scenes can fool your meter, which is always calibrated to read "gray." Open up a stop or two, and you'll get much better exposures.

■ For a special effect in color, try using tungsten balanced slide film outdoors without the correction filter. What will happen is that your pictures will pick up a romantic blue tint that can be quite unusual.

■ Keep your vision tuned for close-up possibilities. Frost patterns on a window, sun shimmering on an icicle, or snow delicately etching a tree branch will all reward you with a fine shot.

■ Don't restrict your winter photography to landscape and natural scenes. Winter can make its mark on faces and activities of people, both of which can produce striking pictures.

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

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Get fired up to mark Year of Dragon

RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

The Chinese New Year began on Feb. 5 and lasts for 15 days. There is still time to have your very own Year of the Dragon revelry with friends and family.

If sending out invitations, handmade, red lantern-shaped cards would do nicely, symbolizing the ending festivity: the Lantern Festival. U.S. Post Office branches even have special Chinese New Year (dragon) stamps for your envelopes (make sure to have your invitations weighed before stamping).

No time for snail mail? Make some quick calls, or promptly e-mail your online guests.

Decorations for your event can include red lanterns or dragons, but most importantly, flowers.

The Chinese firmly believe that without flowers, there would be no formation of any fruits. It is then essential to have flowers and floral decorations.

Whatever you do, don't do colored paper wreaths, even if they look like flowers.

While in China at an open-air market with my American chef colleagues, I tried buying a quilted, plum-colored, Mandarin-collared jacket and matching pants (with a drawstring waist) from a booth lined with beautiful bolts of fabric. The booth had no sign, just several colored paper wreaths. The gathered colored paper looked like flowers to me.

As I prepared to complete the transaction, a group of chuckling people peered out to see what I was doing.

Kathy, who spoke fairly good English, was accompanying us. She valiantly rushed to my aid and breathlessly said, "Ruth, do not buy – bad fortune."

I responded, "No, this will be great – good color for fall, it's quilted, perfect for October, and the pants actually look like they will fit."

"No," she insisted. "Bad fortune. These are funeral clothes."

Leave it to me to try to buy corpsewear, not cruise-wear!

In planning your menu, keep in mind some of the traditional New Year foods and their meanings, and large quantities (the vast amount of food prepared for this festivity symbolizes abundance and wealth for the entire household).

Traditional foods:

A vegetarian dish called jai, made of root or fibrous vegetables, is usually prepared for family and friends. It does carry some superstitions along with it. Keep the fresh tofu for another time – remember my wreath story.

Other foods are a whole fish, to represent wholeness (togetherness) and abundance; a chicken for prosperity (must be served with head, tail and feet to symbolize completeness); and uncut noodles, representing long life.

In different regions, different specialties are prepared. In the south, a favorite is nian gao, sweet, steamed glutinous rice pudding, and zong zi, glutinous rice wrapped up in leaves. In the north, steamed wheat bread/steamed bread loaf (man tau) and small meat dumplings are favored.

Your menu selections don't have to be traditional. Make this an event specific to your own tastes and favorites. Handpaint some bamboo chopsticks (use non-toxic paint) to give to guests for use at dinner and to take home as a party favor.

"The Chinese Kitchen: Recipes, Techniques and Ingredients from America's Leading Authority on Chinese Cooking," by Eileen Yin-Fei Lo, published by William Morrow and Co., 1999 (hardcover, $35), is a classic book of 250 recipes.

It includes a bevy of personal family memories, tips for shopping (great glossary) and photographs of specific cooking techniques. This is a great book for anyone who has a curiosity about the cultural and culinary roots of Chinese cooking and a necessity for those who are serious about mastering it.

LONGEVITY NOODLES
CHEUNG SAU JAI MIEN

Makes 4 servings

"The one constant reminder of long life in the Chinese diet is the noodle. The noodle is symbolic to such an extent that it often transcends its nutrition. Simply because of its length, the noodle represents longevity, and noodles are served at all occasions that relate to long life – birthdays, the Lunar New Year, anniversaries – and great care is taken at such feasts not to cut them. The longer the better."

Ingredients:

10 cups cold water

5 ounces soybean sprouts, washed and drained

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 pound egg noodles, pre-fried "longevity noodles"

1 tablespoon peanut oil

One 1/4-thick slice fresh ginger, lightly smashed

1/4 pound snow peas, strings removed

3 fresh large water chestnuts, peeled and cut into 1/8-inch slices

For the sauce:

3 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce

1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

1/4 cup chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

Directions:

1) Place the water in a large pot, cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Place the soybean sprouts in a mesh strainer and lower into the boiling water for 15 seconds. Remove the strainer, run cold water through the sprouts, drain, and reserve.

2) Add the salt to the pot and bring the water back to a boil. Add the noodles, loosening with chopsticks, and cook for 1 minute. Turn off the heat, run cold water into the pot, and drain. Repeat the rinsing and drain the noodles thoroughly, using chopsticks to loosen them. Reserve.

3) Combine the sauce ingredients in a small bowl and reserve.

4) Heat a wok over high heat for 45 seconds. Add the peanut oil and coat the wok with it, using a spatula. When a wisp of white smoke appears, add the ginger and cook for 10 seconds.

Add the snow peas, stir, and cook for 1 minute or until the snow peas turn bright green. Add the water chestnuts, stir, and cook for 30 seconds. Add the reserved sprouts, stir well, and cook for 1 minute. Stir the sauce mixture, pour into the wok, and bring to a boil. Add the noodles and cook, stirring well to combine all ingredients, until the sauce is absorbed, about 1 1/2 minutes.

Turn off the heat, transfer to a heated platter, and serve.

Cook's note: The Asian ingredients can be found at Asian Markets and at the Hiller's Food Emporium Shopping Center Market on Haggerty Road.

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.

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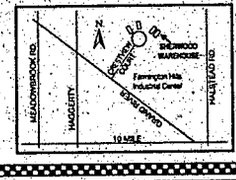

Plan to turn dream garden to reality

MARTY FIGLEY

There are many things to consider when making changes in a landscape. Look at your home and that will give a clue as to what type of garden, especially the entrance, would suit you best.

On the other hand, you may wish to throw out all the rules and just do your own thing. That's fine and you might start a new trend. One caution: Be sure of the restrictions, such as fence height and plant choices, that your community may impose.

Make a list of formal and informal materials and styles. For instance, list types of paving, furniture, fences, paths and building materials.

Under the formal heading you might list straight lines and paths; cement, interlocking bricks, regular bricks, smooth surfaces; wrought-iron furniture, fences, gates; teak, beautiful jardinieres, crisply edged beds.

Informal ideas are curved lines, bricks, stepping stones, gravel, casual furniture (log, rustic, weathered, painted), picket fences, stone walls.

I'm sure you get the picture. Of course, some of these materials work for either.

It's always fun to use a whimsical object, whether it's formal or informal. Something that is meaningful to you can hold a place of honor in the garden.

The choice of plants and layout of gardens also dictates the style. Cottage garden plants, grandmother's old favorites that grow along the walk, make us think of less structured times. Formal hedges that are precisely clipped evoke a more serious mood.

While the weather is cold and the snow is on the ground our thoughts turn to gardening; but knowing we can't work outside, what could be better than to plan and dream?

So gather your thoughts, make your lists, consult books, sketch your garden so you'll be ahead of the game when it's time to change your plans into reality. Whether you do the work yourself or consult a nurseryman, your time won't be wasted.

MARTY FIGLEY

Perfect pergola: *Gary and Estelle Bernot enjoy their cedar pergola.*

Those of you who are handy with tools might want to make a special arbor as Gary Bernot of Franklin did.

His wife, Estelle, wanted a metal arch with a swing. He had other thoughts, so in order to get ideas they drove around and looked at structures in other people's yards. That worked and they agree that their design is a collaboration that pleases both.

Gary constructed a cedar pergola with a swing and trellis they have placed in a corner of their back yard. It rests on a brick patio and is surrounded by the garden. A very informal stepping stone path, bordered by bricks, leads to the swing. A large rock that is shaped like a chair is placed in a nearby garden for the grandchildren to sit and wait their turn on the swing.

If you haven't a clue what to plant, Reemay Inc. now has a garden fabric called Typar Plant By Numbers Garden Fabric that lists which plants to buy and shows you exactly where to place them to create one of three flower beds – perennial or annual flowers, a sunny or shady garden. Then, because it's a landscape fabric, it prevents weeds from growing among your new flowers! Contact MSG at (800) 455-3392 or e-mail TMSG3@aol.com.

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Prairie preservation

"Prairies in Southeast Michigan: How to Find Them, Keep Them and Use Them" is the title of a workshop offered by the Oakland Land Conservancy 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 19. It will be at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. To register, call (810) 752-2496 by Friday. The $20 fee covers continental breakfast, light lunch and conference materials.

Three outstanding speakers will encourage participants to protect and preserve prairies. A panel presentation will follow. All participants will receive a Prairie Resource Directory. If you aren't able to attend and wish to have a copy, call the above number.

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

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Understand project before hiring

Americans are busier than ever, and that often means they are too busy to handle the simple home improvement projects a house requires from time to time.

Before you go out and hire a general contractor to repair a hole in some drywall or paint a room, consider today's popular alternative – a local handyman or handyman service.

With the boom in home remodeling in the United States, it is often difficult to find a contractor who has time to do small projects.

And often, a contractor's fees to handle small projects can be prohibitive for most homeowners. A handyman makes a living from small home remodeling projects and is often a better alternative.

Keith Paul, president of Home Advantage Services Inc. of Plymouth, said knowing exactly what your home project entails can help you make the proper decision whether to choose a handyman or a contractor.

"There are a few good rules of thumb people can use to determine which way to go and what to expect once they decide to hire a handyman," Paul said. "If they do a little homework, they can save themselves both time and money."

To determine if a handyman is needed, Paul suggests the following tips:

Determine the scope of the project.

You have probably heard that a handyman makes his living from "small jobs." But what is considered a "small" job?

"A handyman service considers a small job something around a home that can be completed in one to three days," Paul said. "If the job is going to take more than a week to complete, the homeowner should probably consider hiring a contractor."

Obviously, if you are going to remodel your kitchen or bath, you probably need to find a reliable contractor who specializes in these areas of home remodeling.

But if you just need to put in a new sink or faucet, or want to install a ceiling fan in the kitchen or a new mirror in the bath, most handyman services are fully capable of handling that kind of "small job."

How much does a handyman charge?

Like any contractor, a handyman should provide you with a free estimate before tackling your home improvement project. A homeowner should never hire a handyman until he or she knows the cost of the project, including parts. Typically, most handyman services charge an hourly fee of between $35 and $60 for labor.

How to find a quality handyman.

Finding a handyman is much easier today because more and more general contractors and home remodeling referral services also have a handyman division. And both handyman services, or the local handyman, usually advertise in your local yellow pages. You can also call the local chamber of commerce to find members who are listed as a handyman.

But once you find one or two names, you still need to do your homework before hiring one.

You should first ask for references and call other homeowners who have used the service to make sure it does quality work. You should also check with the local Better Business Bureau to determine if there are any complaints lodged against the handyman.

Once you have determined they are reputable, make sure they are licensed by the state of Michigan and are insured. If they aren't, don't use them, because you could be liable to pay for anything damaged while the handyman is working in your home.

■ Knowing exactly what your project entails can help you make the decision to choose a handyman or a contractor.

Make a list of all the "small" projects you need done.

When you finally decide on a particular handyman or handyman service, you should have a list of all the projects you need done around the house.

"We often tell homeowners we can handle their 'to do' list," Paul said. "Once the handyman is on site, moving from one small project to another is cheaper than having them come back two or three different times."

Home Advantage Services Inc. was founded in 1993 and is the parent company of Home Advantage Handyman Services and Home Advantage Contractor Referral Service. Headquartered in Plymouth, the company will begin franchising its Home Advantage Service nationally in February.

For more information regarding Home Advantage Handyman Services, call (800) 9-HANDY-4.

Photos of ugly bathroom can win renovation

It's time for the Ugliest Bathroom Contest, sponsored by Mathison Supply, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio.

To enter, homeowners can take photos of their ugly bathroom into any Mathison Supply store, or mail the photos to WJR, Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher Building, Detroit 48202.

They can also take them to the Macomb Home Improvement Show, presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan this weekend.

The show is Friday-Sunday, Feb. 18-20, at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center at the Macomb Community College South Campus in Warren. The center is at Hayes and Martin, south of 12 Mile.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $4.50, $3.50 for seniors and ages 6-12. Call (248) 862-1019.

The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new air masseur massage bathtub, sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed.

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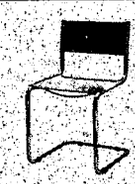

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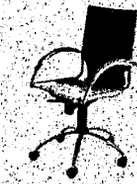

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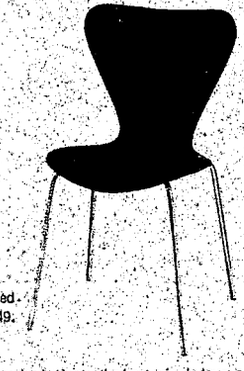

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Pros share hints for clean furniture

■ Metal furniture is tough, but it still needs to be cleaned to make it shine. And don't forget your wicker furniture.

Some cleaning jobs are simple. If the floor is dirty, sweep it. If the laundry is dirty, wash it.

But furniture care is a bit more complex. The experts at Furniture Medic have some hints that will help you care for all the furniture in your home.

For table rings, there is a variety of methods that work:

■ A paste of olive oil and salt can be applied and then wiped off after two hours.

■ You can also cover the water mark with mayonnaise and then sprinkle with salt. Rub the mixture until the stain disappears and then buff until dry.

■ The spot can be rubbed with non-gel toothpaste and baking soda. Buff the spot with a clean, soft cloth and then shine the spot with the meat from a pecan.

■ After using any of these techniques, check to see if the spot needs rewaxing.

With upholstered furniture, the real tip is frequent vacuuming using an upholstery or brush attachment. But for more stubborn stains, you can:

■ Clean washable fabrics after testing for color fastness in a hidden spot. The tag may indicate "W" for water cleaning or "S" for solvent cleaning. Don't use water on furniture that needs a solvent.

■ For water-washable fabrics, use a solution of 1/4-cup high-suds laundry detergent with one quart warm water, mixed in a blender. Apply just the suds with a medium-bristled brush and then use a wet towel to go over the whole upholstered surface. When the surface is dry, vacuum up any remaining dirt.

Metal furniture is tough, but it still needs to be cleaned to make it shine. Here's how:

■ Make a paste with 1/4-cup cream of tartar and baking soda, and then add 2 tablespoons powdered laundry detergent. Cover scratches with a permanent black marker.

Here's the secret to great looking glass surfaces:

■ Glass tabletop water rings can be removed with dry dishwasher detergent or silver polish.

■ Keep plastic furniture looking new with mild soap and water. Then rinse and blot dry.

■ Be aware that acrylic will scratch easily. To reduce static that attracts dust, wipe with a fabric softener sheet.

■ For vinyl furniture, an all-purpose cleaner can be used to clean all surfaces. Sticky spots can be removed with saddle soap.

And don't forget your wicker furniture:

■ It can be cleaned with warm, soapy water and then rinsed with salt water.

■ To keep wicker from yellowing, scrub with a stiff brush moistened with warm salt water.

■ To clean dust and dirt out of those hard-to-reach places, use a soft paintbrush.

Use these handy tips to keep your furniture beautiful. If you find yourself with more severe problems, such as water or fire damage, or in a situation beyond do-it-yourself tactics, contact the experts at Furniture Medic.

Founded in 1992, Furniture Medic has more than 500 franchise locations across the United States, Canada and Europe.

Furniture Medic is part of the ServiceMaster Consumer Services network which is headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., and includes nine market-leading companies that provide a wide range of residential and commercial services. The other companies include TruGreen-ChemLawn, Terminix, American Home Shield, Rescue Rooter, ServiceMaster Residential/Commercial Services, Merry Maids and AmeriSpec.

For more information on mobile furniture repair and restoration, call (810) 412-3330 or visit the Furniture Medic Web site at www.furnituremedic.com

Save trees from winter stress

Winter's heavy snow and ice, as well as frozen soil conditions, can damage cherished trees and shrubs in suburban landscapes.

Even areas without major snowfall experience high winds and huge fluctuations in temperatures during winter.

But homeowners can lessen the adverse effects of winter weather with preventive maintenance.

Heavy coatings of ice or snow can break the branches of trees. Proper pruning encourages the formation of the strongest possible branches and branch attachments. When pruning alone isn't enough, properly installed cables and rigid braces can add support to a weakened part of the tree.

Winter winds cause evergreens to lose moisture. Even some deciduous trees suffer from winter drying. If water isn't available, permanent damage will result.

The best prevention consists of planting only hardy species in areas of prolonged exposure, watering plants adequately in the fall, and mulching to insulate the soil and roots from severe cold.

On sunny days in winter, the tree's trunk and main limbs can warm to 15 degrees higher than the surrounding air. When the sun no longer shines on the stem, its temperature plummets, causing injury or permanent damage to the bark.

The two main types of injury are sun scald and frost cracking. The effects of sun scald and frost cracking can be reduced by sound arboricultural practices to maintain overall health and also by covering the trunks of young trees with a suitable tree wrap.

Most skilled arborists prefer pruning when trees are dormant. With no leaves on the tree, the arborist is better able to evaluate its architecture and spot dead or diseased branches.

Since the ground is frozen, falling limbs and tire tracks do little damage to the turf underneath the tree. This is also a good time to check trees for diseases and other damage.

Here are some other ways to improve the health of your living landscape:

■ Aeration around trees helps improve water and air movement in the soil. This strengthens the tree's root system and reduces soil compaction.

■ When planting, choose hardy trees as they have better chances for survival in severe weather conditions. Choosing the best location and following proper planting procedures should be your highest priorities.

■ Stop fertilizing trees in early fall to allow them to prepare for winter.

■ If a tree suffers moderate storm damage, fully restoring the tree to its former health and beauty may take some time, but it generally can make a full recovery.

Broken, hazardous limbs should be removed immediately. Pruning to remove broken stubs and restore the balance of the crown can be put off a little while but shouldn't be delayed more than one growing season.

If you are unsure of your tree's health or need more help to prepare your trees for winter, call the National Arborist Association at (800) 733-2622 for a list of your local NAA member tree care companies, or visit its Web site at www.natlarb.com

■ The Frank Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will conduct an auction of property belonging to estates and private collections 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Call (248) 332-1500. Among the items will be works by artists including de Kooning, Sepeshy, Frankenthaler, Calder and Appel; books and fine bindings; reproduction and antique furniture; a collection of Royal Doulton character jugs; Orientalia; jewelry; porcelain; silver; glass; and an unusual early 20th century folk art birdhouse.

■ Master gardener Gene Galley will lead a discussion on starting seeds indoors for outdoor planting noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at Smith & Hawken, 285 W. Maple at Bates in Birmingham. Call (248) 593-6010 or stop by the store to register.

■ "A Glimpse of Life in Other Places," featuring exhibits of foreignography by Bernadine Vida and multicultural decorative boxes, will open with a reception 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Galerie De Boicourt, 251 E. Merrill in Birmingham. The displays will continue to March 11. Call (248) 723-5680.

■ 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 Continuing Education Department of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, will present a class on landscape design taught by Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc. Call (734) 462-4448. The class, "Landscape Design I," will take place for four sessions, beginning 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Cost is $78. Learn how to enhance your home and increase its value with good landscaping. Discover the principles of landscape design, draft a site plan of your home and learn how to prepare the site.

■ The Macomb Home Improvement Show, presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, will feature products and services for the home Friday-Sunday, Feb. 18-20, at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center at the Macomb Community College South Campus in Warren. The center is located at Hayes and Martin, south of 12 Mile. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $4.50, $3.50 for seniors and ages 6-12. Call (248) 862-1019.

■ 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 the Detroit Garden Center at (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 to your advantage, 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.

■ The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will meet 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The topic will be "Billbergias." There will be a tour of the conservatory to inspect some unusual Billbergias, a bit too large and/or nasty for the average collector. Guests may attend. The seminar is free. For more information and directions, call Penrith Goff at (248) 380-7359. Visit the club's Web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/broms

Paint Smart Studio opens in downtown Walled Lake

Paint Smart Studio, the first off-site retail store for Detroit-based manufacturer Craigie Paint Company, has opened in downtown Walled Lake.

Paint Smart is at 546 N. Pontiac Trail, south of the Maple intersection.

The 1,500-square-foot store features premium coatings, custom colors, classic supplies, eclectic accessories, unusual gifts, books to inspire and a caring expert to help customers in the selection process.

In addition, Paint Smart will introduce its own color line, "Smart Tints," with colors such as Woodward, River Town Brick and Cork Town Tan.

"Choosing a paint in a traditional store can be overwhelming," said Leslie Craigie, Craigie Paint Company president.

"At Paint Smart Studio, we wanted to create an environment where a customer can come in with fabric samples and lay them out on a table and leisurely decide upon a color. Our computerized custom color system allows us to create an exact match to any shade and recreate it upon request, even years later."

"Most people will be surprised to find architectural elements, antiques and luxury soap at a paint store," said Tracy White, Downtown Development Authority director of business retention and recruitment.

"Paint Smart is the type of specialty destination retail the DDA has wanted in town and it fits well with downtown Walled Lake's mix of home decor retailers."

"We chose downtown Walled Lake because of the growth," Craigie said. "The completion of Maple Road makes the community more accessible and will make it even more popular."

The Craigie Paint Company is at Schaeffer and Grand River, off I-96 in Detroit.

The company has been owned and operated by the Craigie family for 80 years.

Robert Craigie, Leslie's grandfather, formulated two high-quality paint brands that established the business. His son, Leslie's father, Robert Jr., followed in his footsteps by creating a machinery enamel and other new products.

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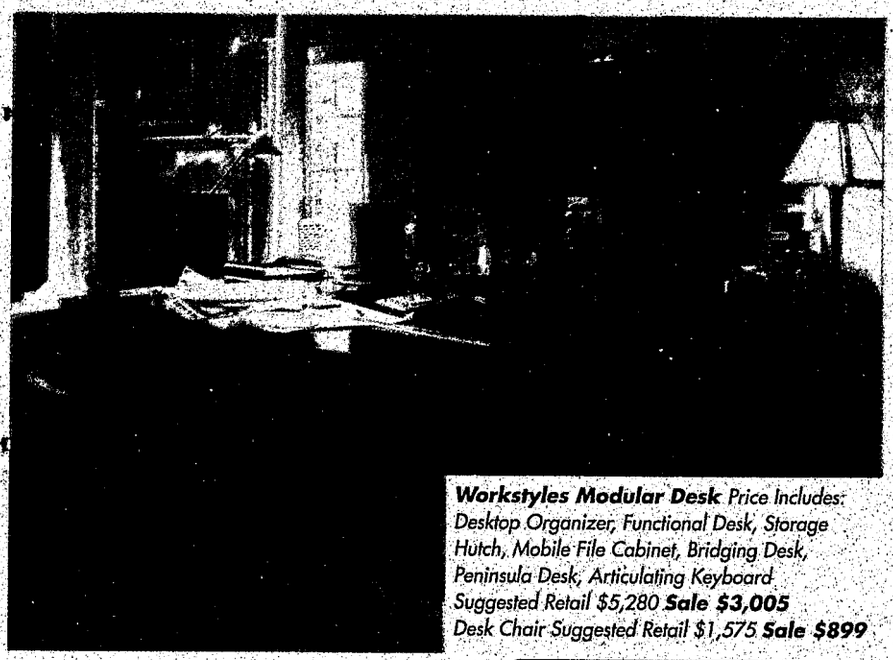

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

The Longhorn World Championship Rodeo returns to The Palace of Auburn Hills Friday through Sunday. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. All seats opening night are $12. Seniors 62 and over and children 12-under will receive half-off all tickets for the Sunday performance. Tickets at $20 and $14 reserved for the Saturday and Sunday shows are on sale at The Palace Box Office and all TicketMaster centers. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY

Birmingham Unitarian Church and Michigan Artists Music Alliance will host singer/songwriter Louise Taylor at 8 p.m. Saturday at Mama's Coffeehouse (Woodward and Lone Pine roads). $10 tickets at the door ($8 for seniors and children 17-under; children 12-under are free).

SUNDAY

The Phoenix Ensemble join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. with an instrument petting zoo, where children can touch and play orchestra instruments, in the lobby. Tickets $15 adults, $10 students/ children, call (734) 763-8587 or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET

The Martha Graham Dance Company will be on stage at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20. Tickets are $30-$40 and available by calling (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

Hang in there: *Lawrence Golay of Waterford holds a safety rope for his wife, Sherry, as she scales one of the larger walls at Planet Rock in Pontiac.*

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Get a grip: *Sherry Golay takes a firm hold on some simulated stone as she ascends a climbing wall.*

Planet Rock

Man-made cliffs challenge climbers

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Face it, pushing buttons on your television remote to flip through 500 channels of digital slop is not a sport.

And it's a little sad when the closest you get to any real action is wrestling your significant other over watching "Friends" or a Red Wings' game.

You need a little activity in your life, a little excitement.

How about rock climbing?

You know, one of those "extreme sports" you always see on soda commercials while you're parked on your Lazy-Boy. And you won't have to travel to Colorado or Montana to experience the excitement of scaling a vertical face to dizzying heights.

You just have to go as far as Pontiac. No, there aren't any giant rock formations you happened to miss the last time you were bar hopping or having dinner in downtown Pontiac.

That's because the "formations" are man-made and indoors.

Pontiac's Planet Rock, 34 Rapid Street, offers the thrill of rock climbing without the little annoyances mother nature sometimes supplies, like wind, rain, or sunburn. Situated in a cavernous building that formerly housed a General Motors power plant (the GM powertrain factory is right across the street), Planet Rock's huge walls will make you forget you're not climbing under blue skies.

There's a few basic pieces of gear that are necessities for indoor climbing. Once you've tried the sport and decided it suits you, shop at the following locations:

- Planet Rock, 34 Rapid Street, Pontiac.
- Eastern Mountain Sports, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.
- Moosejaw Mountaineering, 3405 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor.
- Benchmark Outfitters, 32715 Grand River, Farmington.

The staff at those stores should be able to tell you more about what equipment is right for you. The few things you'll definitely need to purchase are:

- A harness. This piece of gear fits snugly around the waist and the upper thigh and attaches to the safety ropes that catch a climber in case of a fall.
- Rope. Designed specifically to withstand the stresses of climbing, you'll need about 50 to 60 meters of it.
- Climbing shoes. You didn't think you were going to scale a vertical rock face in those high-top sneakers, did you? Climbing shoes are designed in various styles for different types of performance. They should fit very snugly, but not so tight that they hurt.
- A locking carabiner and a belay device. These are the little gizmos used to control the ropes which become the climber's lifeline.

For the inexperienced, Planet Rock has all the gear and instruction one needs to get started. There's no need to go out and spend a lot of money on expensive equipment before getting a taste of the sport.

"Occasionally we get someone who comes in here and makes a fool out of themselves. They look like they got a $300 gift certificate to some climbing store and they have no idea what they're doing," said manager Tim Griffen, who has seen his fair share of "newbies." Griffen's got his start more than five years ago, climbing hot spots throughout the western states of Montana, Utah and Colorado.

For about $30, Planet Rock's staff will suit you with a harness and the other gear you'll need, and give you an hour or so of instruction in techniques and safety precautions. Then, they'll turn you loose with a "day pass" to climb all the walls until your knuckles turn white and your legs quiver like half-frozen Jell-O.

Most people in decent shape won't have a problem jumping in to a day of climbing, although first-timers might notice they're a little sore the next day, according to Griffen.

"A moderate athlete could come in

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Scaling the wall: *Auburn Hills resident Louie Parrait, 11, proves that indoor climbing is a sport for all ages.*

RADIO

Crazy Al and Larry spin pure hidden gold

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He's shiftless and lazy. He collects bottles and cans and lives off the money he gets on the deposit returns.

When he's not living in a cardboard box, he tries to cheat his landlady out of the rent for his apartment.

He is the man kids in the '50s were warned by their mothers they would become if they listened to that godless, corrupt rock 'n' roll.

They'll floor you

Check out Crazy Al and Larry's antics for yourself.
They will be at the benefit floor hockey game to aid the Alzheimer's Association at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at Fun For Life, 4202 Pioneer Drive in Commerce Township.

But he has one redeeming quality: He loves oldies. And he plays them at Stinky Mazula's place, which is actually WPON-AM 1460, a tiny radio station on the fringe of Bloomfield Township.

And what a collection he plays. Forget about Elvis and The Four Seasons. This is where you're going to find The Torquays and Johnny and the Hurricanes.

He's crazy Al and from 6 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. weekdays he and partner Larry Matthews spin what may be simply the greatest collection of rock 'n' roll oldies to ever grace a turntable anywhere.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Good times: *Allyn (Crazy Al) Schmitz (above) keeps up a lively banter with partner Larry Matthews as they spin forgotten oldies.*

"We've got thousands and counting," said Crazy Al, who really is Allyn Schmitz, a 53-year-old sometime actor and all-time oldies lover. "We're constantly looking for records. We're discovering records every day."

Unlike most oldies radio stations, which play creaky collections of one-time top 40 hits, Crazy Al and Larry unearth lost treasures like *Driftwood*, a awesome do-wop number from Buzz Clifford.

Remember him? Probably not. But the flip side of *Driftwood* is Clifford's big hit *Baby Sittin' Boogie*.

Remember that? Probably not. Nor are you likely to recall such other classics as *Sea of Heartbreak* by Don Gibson, *Trickle, Trickle* by the Videos or Lee Bell and the Chimes. And there literally are thousands of others, each a rock 'n' roll gem.

"We never play a bad record," Schmitz says.

"Some of them even charted in the top 20," adds Matthews. "It may have been a big hit in 1961, but you never hear it any more — except on WPON."

"There were thousands of records that were played on the air, but you haven't heard of them since they were hits. We make them hits all over again," chimes in Schmitz.

There's more. Schmitz and Matthews, who actually is Larry Stroh, 42, have pioneered their concept of "comic strip" radio. Listeners aren't just treated to scores of oldies, they get to follow the continuing adventures of Crazy Al and Larry. One day Crazy Al might be trying to scrounge up some money for the rent. It's funny and the jokes are corny to the extreme. Songs, like *Get a Job*, tie the story together.

Please see CRAZY AL, E2

Hit discs: *Stacks of old 45s are piled on the desks at the Crazy Al show. He also frequently has guests live on the air and keeps in contact with such voices from the past as Gino Washington and the British group, The Association.*

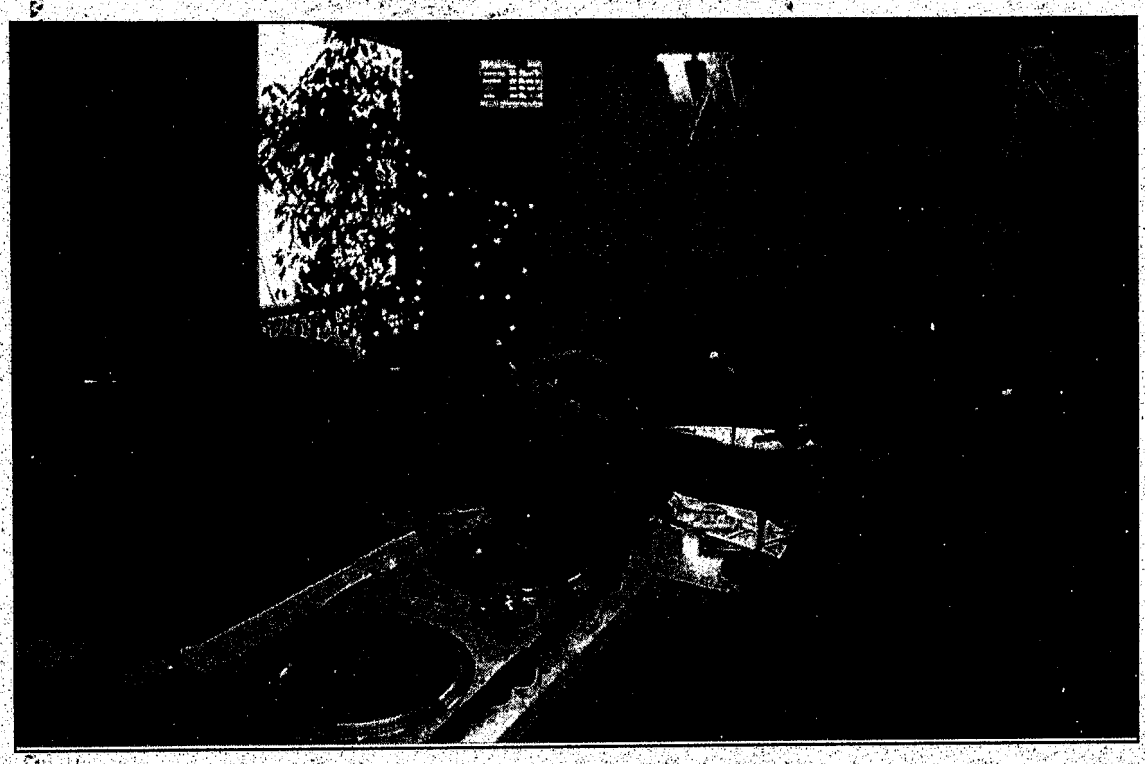

PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

On the air: *Larry Matthews (left) and Crazy Al exchange good-natured barbs during their oldies morning show at WPON in Bloomfield Township.*

Crazy Al *from page E1*

Matthews acts as kind of a rudder for the show, balancing Crazy Al's antics with sensible advice and words of wisdom that carry absolutely no weight with Crazy Al.

"He's a two-bit scam artist," Schmitz says of his alter ego. In one adventure he stripped some old green shutters from a house and tried to sell them as Tiger Stadium memorabilia. But the scheme went awry when he misspelled Tigers.

Larry tries to steer Crazy Al onto the right track. "But he always screws up," Larry says.

Schmitz and Matthews take their show on the road, appearing at oldies shows and making personal appearances. Matthews even is the drummer for Moose and the Sharks, one of the top oldies groups. They dress for their parts. Crazy Al wears resale shop treasures like Hawaiian shirts and coats of way too-many colors. Larry is conservatively dressed.

"He can spend $5 for his clothes," Matthews says. "I will have to spend $200 for a suit."

Since teaming up three years ago, Schmitz and Matthews have formed a professional and personal bond. They were a match from the beginning. Schmitz was hosting a half-hour show to sell a musical telegram and Matthews had his own Saturday evening show. When the morning man left the station, Schmitz stepped in to do a show. He needed a producer, and Matthews was tapped for the job.

■ 'We've got thousands and counting. We're constantly looking for records. We're discovering records every day.'

Allyn (Crazy Al) Schmitz
—Disc jockey

Their love of oldies made for a perfect match and they easily slip into their character roles on air, ad lobbing lines like they were rehearsed.

"This is like '60s radio," Schmitz notes.

They use turntables and mostly spin vinyl. Some of these oldies have made it onto CD but most are old 45s acquired from a specialty store in Flint.

Schmitz and Matthews exchange barbs throughout the show and their banter seems off the cuff. It's all live so if there's flub, well, there it is. No retakes. Some of their records hiss and skip, but so what?

Both have an appreciation for the quality of the music. As a musician, Matthews especially prizes the raw sound of the early rockers. "I like to hear people playing real instruments," he says.

Most records are processed electronically to make them perfect. And somewhere along the way they lose their spirit.

"Music has to come from the heart and soul," Matthews says.

Schmitz and Matthews take pride not only in the quality of the music they play but also in their good, old-fashioned fun approach to radio. It's clean. No obscenities or off-color jokes, just pure groaning humor.

And it works. Although WPON is a low-power radio station — the last local radio station left in the metro area — Crazy Al and Larry have developed a loyal following. They constantly receive letters from listeners who supply their own top 10 lists.

And they are swamped at public appearances.

"People love us," Crazy Al says.

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here and climb almost any one of our walls," he said.

Experts note that, with a little practice, almost anyone can become a proficient climber.

"It's really more about technique than strength," Griffen said.

The highest "routes," as they're called, will take you 55 feet above the gym floor, strapped in to what seems like a wire-thin lifeline. Of course the gear Planet Rock supplies will keep you safe, if used properly.

There are basically two types of climbing in the gym — top roping and lead climbing. The first is for the novice: the climber relies on ropes affixed at the top of the wall for his or her safety. The second type is for the more experienced — it has the climber affixing a lifeline to points along the wall as he or she ascends.

"Lead climbing brings a more mental aspect to the sport, you have to plan your route and think about your next move," Griffen said.

Then there's the bouldering cave, a smaller room with a maze of toe and hand holds that take the climber upside down, suspended from the ceiling like Spider Man.

The indoor gym is perfect for those hard-working weekend adventurers that don't get a chance to jet-set off to Colorado for climbing trips. Eric Rambo, of Clarkston, is one of those.

Rambo's been climbing for two years but he owns a business and finds it hard to get away. Still, he loves the sport and doesn't take the opportunity to climb indoors for granted.

"I like (climbing) better outdoors, but I can't travel. I love climbing because it promotes numerous strengths, balance and endurance," Rambo said.

Reservations for climbing aren't needed at Planet Rock, which can be reached at (248) 334-3904.

'A Comedy of Errors' perfect winter escape

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

I've always found the dead of winter to be the time that the mind is most receptive to new ideas. Could it be the succession of dreary days that generally occur in February that has us looking for a bit of escapism?

For those who like to escape with laughter, the Planet Ant Theatre offers "A Comedy of Errors." Royal Shakespeare Company alumna Gillian Eaton directs the production, that brings an on-line twist to the bard's beloved comedy. Set in the virtual world of ephesus, "A Comedy of Errors" is a quirky diversion worthy of the always unique cultural center of Hamtramck. The production begins Thursday, Feb. 24 and runs through Sunday, March 19.

Film

Maybe you'd like to immerse yourself in perverse perspectives on reality. As a maker of non-fiction films, Errol Morris may never be a household name. His works, however, rank with the most unforgettable films of the past quarter-century. Critic Roger Ebert calls his 1978 masterpiece "Gates of Heaven" one of the 10 greatest films ever made. *Newsweek's* David Ansen describes him as a "true original."

Now there's "Dr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.," showing Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Detroit Institute of Art's Detroit Film Theatre. It's the story of a self-styled "execution technician," who repaired and designed prison execution equipment – only to become part of a movement of "revisionists" who claim that the Holocaust never happened. Compare "Dr. Death" to the current film "The Green Mile," which also uses a death row setting to illuminate the extremes of human nature. What you get with Morris is less of the "Hollywood" feel, but not necessarily less style.

Another example of his mastery is "The Thin Blue Line," a much-acclaimed 1988 film. Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* called the work "brilliant...a vision that is both poetic and perverse." Morris describes it as the only movie ever made that solved a murder. It's showing Monday, Feb. 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

Exhibit

If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The show features several prominent figures on the contemporary art scene in China, which has seen an explosion of avant-garde art in the past twenty years. Hu Jie Ming, a painter and video artist, uses his talents to examine the distortions and expectations about Chinese culture in the Western media.

Hu Jie Ming's fresh perspectives are also revealed in a segment on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. It's an edition that includes an interview with Errol Morris, and a look at Planet Ant's "A Comedy of Errors."

New ideas? They happen all the time in theater, film, and the visual arts.

Welcome them like the first breath of spring.

OCC hosts dance ensemble

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Building on the momentum of its successful June debut at the Dance Theater Workshop in New York City, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is focusing on developing its local audience.

On Friday, the Rochester Hills based company perform at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The program of repertory favorites, titled "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium," will include works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower and internationally known choreographers Colin Connor and Billy Siegenfeld.

Eisenhower will present a section of a work in progress that takes a look at aging, and will lend her voice to "Moon Dances." This work, set to a Robert Moran composition, blends ensemble symmetry with lyrical virtuosity.

Started in 1991, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble has been dedicated to the performance of a diverse range of contemporary dance works, and showcasing the work of talented choreographers. The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble returns to the area at 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

General admission tickets to the show at OCC cost $16. Call (248) 471-7667.

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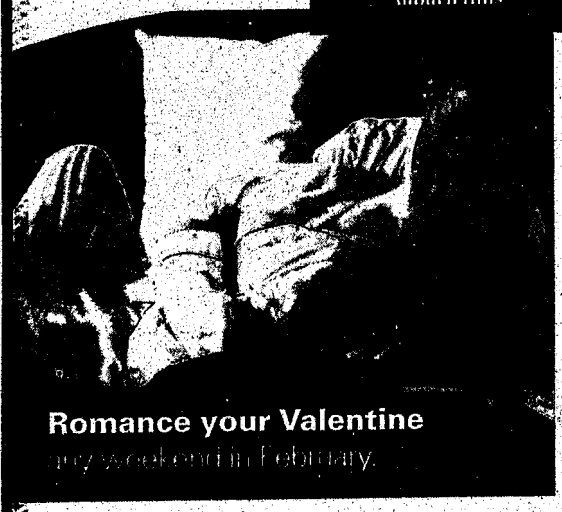

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'All My Sons' theme prophetic, timeless

By Frank Provenzano
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By the middle of act one in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "All My Sons," the notion that contemporary theater is foremost about providing mindless entertainment and appealing to the masses is resoundingly dismissed.

By then, the audience is fully wrapped into Miller's morality play, and the result is a rekindled hope that the stage can be a social laboratory, whereby the great issues of life are contemplated and dramatized.

Choosing Miller's play couldn't have been easy. On the one hand, Miller is among the most revered playwrights of the 20th century. On the other hand, his work requires intense focus and an ability to navigate the torrents of powerful storytelling with characters often standing at the moral abyss.

And perhaps most telling about the state of theater, Miller's work deals with heavy, unfashionable themes like responsibility, morality and the meaning of life. Not the kind of subject matter that attracts blockbuster crowds.

To their credit, Meadow Brook hasn't flinched from the challenge. Director Henry Woronicz, making his Meadow Brook debut, clears a path so the storytelling remains front and center.

And the storytelling in Miller's 1947 play unfolds with a tautness that reveals a master craftsman at work.

"All My Sons" was Miller's first critical and popular success. Two years later, he wrote "Death of a Salesman," followed by "An Enemy of the People," "A View From The Bridge," and "The Crucible."

"All My Sons" is set in post-war America, whereby idealism fostered by war heroes and practical realities faced by war profiteers are finding an uneasy alliance.

On the broadest level, the play is a moral dilemma created by two partners in a machine shop that sent out defective airplane engine parts causing the death of 21 men.

The guilty and more resourceful partner, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), pins the crime on his business friend. Like a cancer, the crime continues to eat away at the fundamental relationships of his family.

What: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller.
When: Through March 5.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus. Times vary.
Tickets: $19.50-$35. For information, (248) 377-3300.

Meanwhile, one of Keller's two sons was killed in the war in an airplane crash, and his surviving son, Chris (Raymond L. Chapman), has returned home to work alongside his father, who has profited greatly from the war effort.

The drama is further complicated by Chris' love for his deceased brother's former girlfriend, Annie (Robin Lewis).

Eventually, the truth is revealed to all, and the consequences laid bare to all those who fail to live up to their own moral responsibility.

Like the works of Shakespeare and Ibsen, Miller's words are prophetic and timeless. The challenge is to root his profound observations within the everyday lives of the play's characters. While several actors have yet to fully discover the subtler nuances of the emotional terrain of their characters, there's no discounting their effort.

Miller's layered play offers a universal theme, but is clearly set in the late 1940s. The scenic design by Peter Hicks and costume design by Barbara Jenks creates a compelling backdrop that invites audiences to peer over the wall into the Keller's backyard that soon turns into a moral quagmire.

The cast dons the restrained mannerism of the time, and invokes the intimacy of a compelling family drama. By the play's climax, the ensemble is indeed a representation of the family of man, twisted in an utterly strangling moral problem.

REVIEW

Moments between father (Robertson) and son (Chapman) are chillingly magical, as are the exchanges between brother (Raymond Schultz) and sister (Lewis), and mother (Mary Benson) and son (Chapman). Even the stargazing Frank Lubey (Scott Crownover), and the wise neighbor, Dr. Jim Bayliss (Geoffrey Beauchamp) elevate the relevance of the play.

While it's not easy to sustain the indignancy at the heart of the play, Chapman's restless energy, and Robertson's calm duplicity infuse each scene.

Director Woronicz proves repeatedly that he knows how to wring drama from the dynamic relationships in Miller's play.

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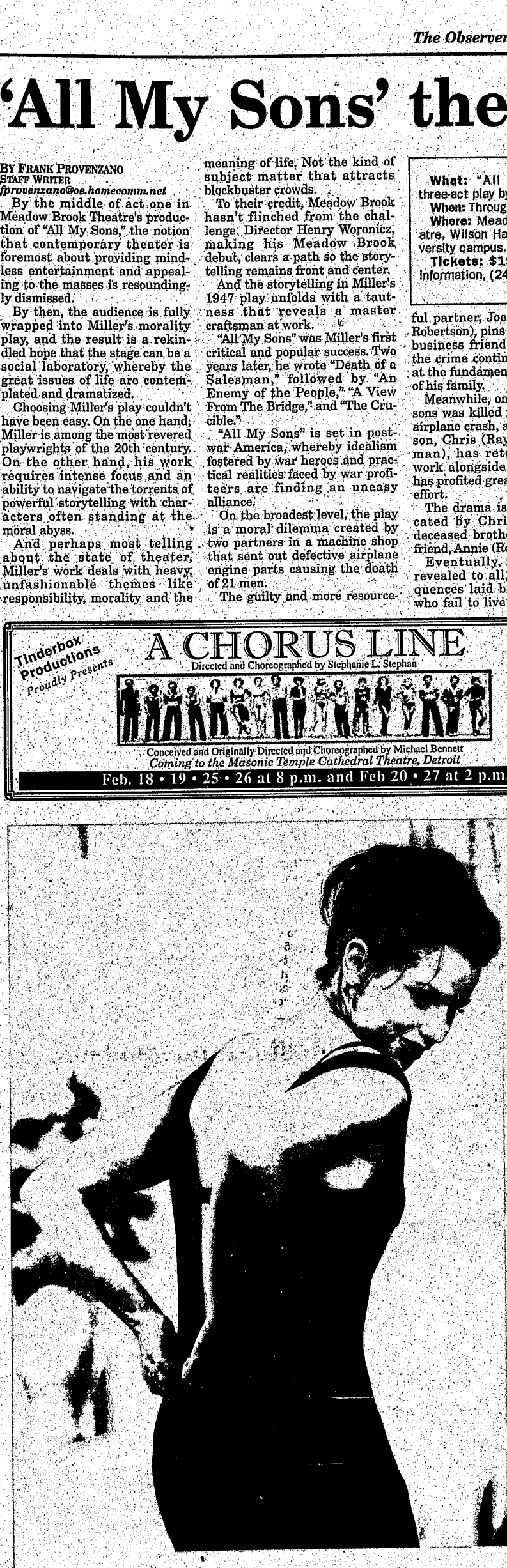

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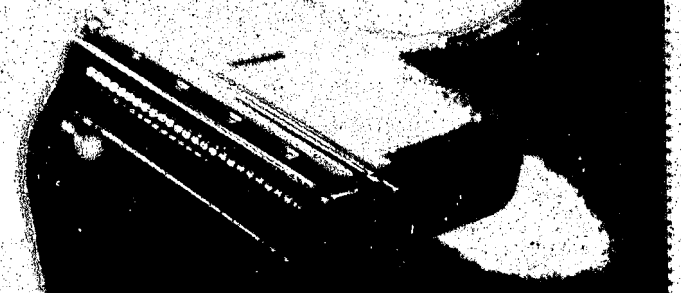

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba In da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. $15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. $10, $2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. $12. (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 25-25; March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. $15-$18. (313) 872-0279

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

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets $10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. $9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" opens Friday, Feb. 18 and continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. $12. (313) 531-0554

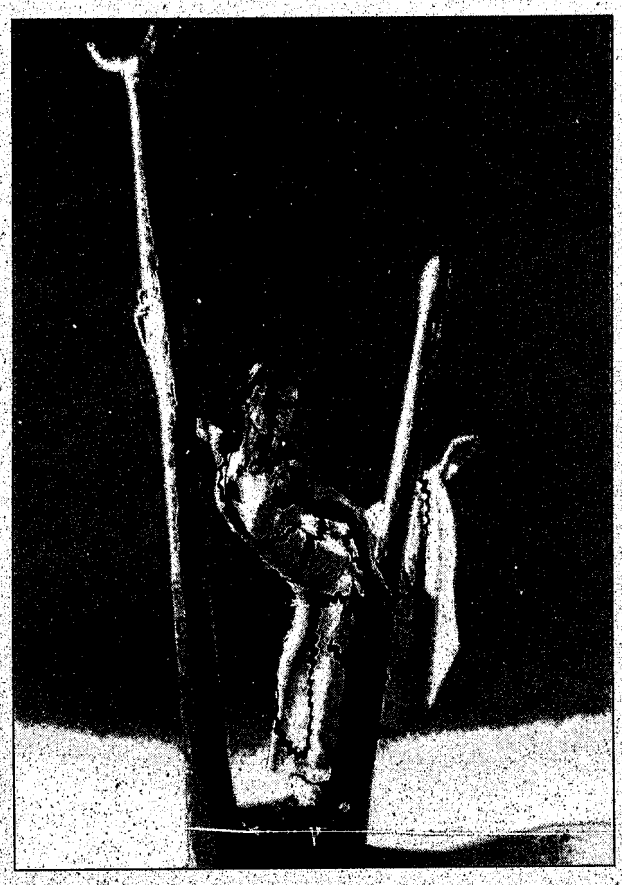
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays ($25 Thursdays and Sundays, and $30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. $29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. $25. (248) 544-0283



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Graham Tribute: *Christine Dakin is one of the featured dancers in the American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets $30-40, available at the box office, (313) 963-2366 or Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666.*

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS KONCERT: "Desparado," one of Michigan's best contemporary Black cowboys, takes kids on a journey through the Old West 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $3.25. (248) 424-9022

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET EVENING: Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. $35, includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-5330

"COLLAGE" CONCERT: Henry Ford Community College concert spotlights more than 250 musicians in HFCC's music program Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15. (313) 845-6470

DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Novi Expo Center. $6.50, $4.50 seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 16 only. (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org

FORD FREEDOM AWARD: Installation 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, dinner at 6 p.m.; Scholar's Lecture 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. $30 if purchased before Friday, $35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435

ONE WOMAN SHOW: Eva Black performs "The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman" 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $15, $10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. $12, $8 students/seniors. (734) 995-4242

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Mendelssohn Meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $22. (313) 576-5111

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. $5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $16-$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. $12, $10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

OPERA

CANTON PROJECT ARTS: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m.; an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. $15. (734) 397-6450

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple; Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for "Sweeney Todd" 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 19-20, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13 and 18-20. (810) 781-8270

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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for 5 male parts for "Kiss Me Kate" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the barn, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 & 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay $125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Auditions for the world premiere of Jeffry Chastang's "Full Circle" Monday, Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m. (equity) and 8-10 p.m. non-equity, at the Holistic Development Center, Detroit. (313) 872-0279

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.

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-4, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestants singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

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

CHORAL

BRAZEAL DENNARD CHORALE: And the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $19-$50. (313) 576-5111

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets $13 for Friday's performance, and $15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

ST. THOMAS CHOIR: Of Men and Boys from Thomas Church in New York City performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. $12 general admission, $6 students seniors at the door or call (248) 626-2515

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-5580

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

DAVID WAGNER: Presents "Music For Meditation" part 3, the organ music of Felix Mendelssohn, noon Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Features Janet Tenaj and the Sven anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Chruch, Birmingham. Free.

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elle's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500

TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

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ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $14. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $24, $19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY: American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $30-40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Bill Hildebrandt with Kevin Zeoli and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the club, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets $27.50-$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Norm Stulz Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, also the Real John Kind and Bill Bushard; Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Wilson and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. $25, (248) 553-2955

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ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

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DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Royal Oak. $7.50, $5.50 seniors/students. $4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

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on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12; members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a $5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

LORI AMEY: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.

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.

THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring

Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, $20. (248) 645-6666.

JMARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Greektown, Detroit. (313) 965-4600.

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Westland. www.benny andthejets.com

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter, 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/$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

BRANDED: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. No cover. 19 and over. (734) 996-8555.

JAMES BROWN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. $25-$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket office or Ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets $150. (734) 647-2278.

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JOHNNY DILKS: Thursday, Feb. 24, Velvet Lounge, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411.

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

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CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

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FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540.

THE FLATLANDERS: Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666.

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. $7 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. (249) 645-6666.

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JEFF GRAND AND JIM MCCARTY: 10 p.m. Tuesdays, The Music Menu, Detroit. No cover for a limited time.

GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pig-music.com

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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.

IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856.

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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.

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KINSEY REPORT: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues-funk).

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KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. See Landis and Rick Matle every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details (jazz).

LFO: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. All ages. Tickets $19.31 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

LIT: 22 Jacks, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and older. Free. (734) 721-8609 (blues).

MAZINGA: With The Triggers and Cobra Youth, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pigmusic.com

DAVID MEAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.

PAT METHENY TRIO: With Larry Grenadier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. $37.50. (248) 645-6666.

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $16.50 advance/$18 day of show. On sale Feb. 19. www.ticket master.com or (248) 645-6666.

METROPOIX: With Cloud Nine and Liquid 9, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pigmusic.com

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M80S: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.

STEVE NARDELLA BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

NEW BOMB TURKS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $10 advance. (313) 833-9700.

ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE: 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

PERPETUAL HYPE ENGINE: CD Release Party with Forge, 500 Ft. of Pipe and Riot in Progress, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.

PLANET E PARTY: Carl Craig and Paperclip People sound sketches and vocal lines, also DJ Recloose unveils a new live PA system and debut cuts from his new single, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Motor, Hamtramck. 18 and over. Ticket price to be announced. (313) 369-0090.

POWERMAN 5000: With Chevelle,

Friday, Feb. 25, Harpo's, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

THE PRETENDERS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, The State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

PRIME NUMBERS: With Paradime and Diverse, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pig-music.com

PT'S REVENGE: With Few & Far Between, Out by Tuesday, Wrist Rocket, Crutch, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

RAEKWON: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $18 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE REEFERMEN: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

ROTATION: With Thik, Flowmind, Loco Tribe and Wound, 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, The Shelter, Detroit. $8. (313) 961-MELT.

RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (alternative)

STEPHANIE SCHINDLER: 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (jazz).

SMASHMOUTH: With Luscious Jackson, 22 Jacks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, EMU Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. (248) 645-6666 (alternative).

SOOT: With Friction and Vietnam Prom, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $34.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticket master.com

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEEL PULSE: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and over. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666.

STROKE 9: With Vertical Horizon, Radford, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SUBLIMATION: With Strut and Rhudabega, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pig-music.com

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SUN MESSENGERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

THE TEMPTATIONS: With The

Spinners, Sunday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $32.50-$40. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticket master.com

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THIRD EYE BLIND: With Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $23.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666.

3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE: Ani DiFranco, Gillian Welsh and Greg Brown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for June show $85.25, $55.25, $35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

TURMOIL: With Jericho, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7 advance. (248) 645-6666.

TWITCH: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067.

TYPE O NEGATIVE: With Coal Chamber, Full Devil Jacket, The Deadlights, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: With Half Looking, Simple Neptune, Lori Amey, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 7th House, Pontiac. $7. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

VIETNAM PROM: With Soot, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT or http:// www. mp3. com/ vietnamprom.

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THE VOLCANOS: 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. Free performance follows War of the Pour bartender competition, open to public. (313) 833-9700.

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THE WHITE STRIPES: With The Lolitas, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $8. (313) 833-9700

THE WHITLAMS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (248) 645-6666.

THE WHY STORE: With Rooster, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $8. (248) 544-3030.

HANK WILLIAMS III: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance/$18 day of show. www.ticket master.com for details.

WILLHAVEN: Featuring Turmoil, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $8 advance. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. $15, on sale March 11. (248) 645-6666.

DAVID WOLFENBERGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. $3. All ages. (248) 399-3946.

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WARREN ZEVON: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $20. (248) 544-3030.

20 MINE: With Landstrider, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (pop).

70S SOUL JAM: The Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Ray, Goodman and Brown and Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $27.50-$35 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

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'The Beach' is hardly a paradise for film-goers

By Jon Katz
Special Writer

The groans of the girls said it all. Not moans of desire, mind you, but groans of bewilderment and disappointment. This is the project the "Titanic" one waited two years to make? "What was Leo thinking?" said one young film-goer, hurrying off as if the memory would fade more quickly that way.

Well, what, indeed, was Leonardo DiCaprio thinking when he committed to "The Beach"? And why such reaction from its audience?

After all, they'd just seen Leo as Richard (no one has a last name in this movie), an aimless American who, by a stroke of luck, winds up traveling in the company of a beautiful girl and her companion. In due course, his natural charm wins the girl away from her jealous beau. And not long after that, he and the girl end up underwater together.

Sounds like an unsinkable story, doesn't it? It worked for Leo once before, didn't it? "The Beach," however, is anchored down by its vapid characters, senseless plot and lame humor. Charm alone can get you just so far.

In this hybrid of "Apocalypse Now," "Lord of the Flies," "Blue Lagoon" and, if unintentional, "Titanic," too, Richard runs away (from what?) to Bangkok, seeking "something more beautiful and exciting and dangerous." Before his first night in town is over, he drinks snake blood with some local lowlifes, checks into a fleabag motel and smokes pot with the guy in the next room, a flamed-out druggie named Daffy, as in the duck.

Daffy tells Richard about a hidden island paradise. The next morning Daffy slashes his wrists, but not before he's taped a map to this super secret hideaway onto Richard's door. Not slipped it under the door, you understand, but right there out in the hall. You can't expect anyone called Daffy to think of such things.

Richard persuades the young French couple two doors down to go with him: the beautiful Francois (Virginie Ledoyen) and boyfriend Etienne (Guillaume Canet). Swimming through miles of shark-infested waters, they reach the island and discover its secrets. On one side: cannabis fields forever, guarded by Uzi-wielding Thais right out of Central Casting. On the other side: two-dozen descendants of Gilligan, Ginger, the Professor and Maryann.

Paradise, they come to realize, is good for maybe a week, ten days tops. DiCaprio's descent into his own personal "Heart of Darkness" includes imagining himself in a video game and imagining he's as good an actor as Martin Sheen in "Apocalypse Now." Delivering narration lines like, "I tried to remember the person I used to be, but I just couldn't" doesn't help his cause.

DiCaprio as action hero still seems a stretch, but he does have a convincing way as an international girlfriend-stealer. British actress Tilda Swinton is the strongest presence on the screen as Sal, the commune's despotic leader.

But even her character is ridiculous; Sal refuses to let anyone go for help when one of the flock needs serious medical attention, but she has no problem jumping into a boat and making for the mainland when they need batteries for their Gameboy.

It's hard watching the screen when you're so busy rolling your eyes.

Paradise lost: *Etienne (Guillaume Canet) and Francois (Virginie LeDoyen) watch Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) burn the map to a secret island paradise in "The Beach," now playing in theaters.*

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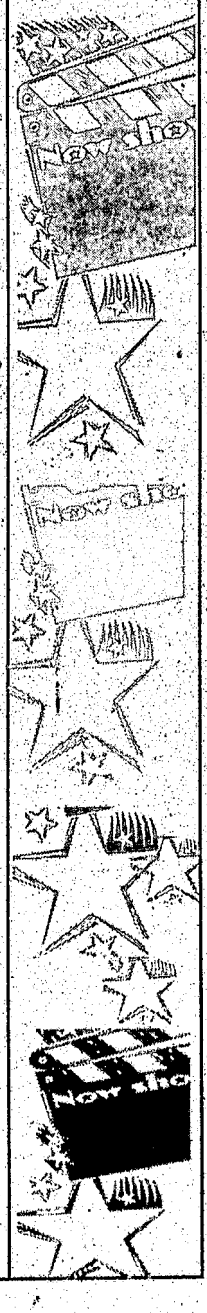

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Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrate. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

Pitch Black: *Stars (left to right) Keith David, Rhiana Griffith, Rhada Mitchell and Vin Diesel.*

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A newly-released convict sets out to start a new life when he finds himself against a team of criminals who believe he has information on a job they're planning. Stars Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and Charlize Theron.

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WONDER BOYS
Film adaptation of the Michael Chabon novel stars Michael Douglas, Francis McDormand and Katie Holmes. Douglas plays English professor, and novelist Grady Tripp who is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a dead dog and an unfinished 2,600-page novel.

'Boiler Room' a wild journey into unethical money-making scam

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■ 'Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any.'

"Boiler Room"

Midway into the "Boiler Room," an arrogant gang of money-crazed stockbrokers guzzles beer, and together recite lines from the movie "Wall Street" as it plays on a big screen television.

The scene initially makes sense that unethical stockbroker/telemarketers hold Michael Douglas' seedy "Wall Street" character as their inspiration to scam a quick million bucks. But a later scene in "Boiler Room," where the movie's main characters ruin a restaurant's pleasant atmosphere ala "Goodfellas style" — with loud profanity, Mafia-style suits and even a Joe Pesci character who's ready to beat up anyone at any moment – gives a cheap twist to a script with a fascinating concept: the fast world of illegal, fly-by-night-stockbroker firms.

While it's true that a group of young, wild, disrespectful, money-grubbing men willing to suck anyone of their life's savings could in fact behave as rudely as a "Goodfellas" character, most of "Boiler Room's" characters seemed too predictable.

But Giovanni Ribisi, who plays lead character Seth Davis, not only adds depth to the movie, but also makes it enjoyable.

Ribisi portrays Seth, a college-dropout who runs an efficient illegal casino from his small Queens apartment. His clients are neighborhood teenagers whom Seth treats with sympathy while sucking their meager college funds and lunch money (frustrated blackjack losers are comforted with free falafel sandwiches and Cokes.) His business infuriates his judge-father (Ron Rifkin). To win his approval, Seth decides to become a stockbroker.

Instead of working his way slowly up the corporate ladder, Seth lands a job at the smarmy J.T. Marlin company, where his boss (Ben Affleck) tells the new crew of telemarketing/brokers that they will earn a cool million dollars within three years.

"Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any," is the line Affleck uses to woo his new employees.

What he doesn't tell them is the business is illegal – and unethical – and forces Seth to make a moral decision, on behalf of his father and the people he scammed, on the heels of an FBI bust.

Those attending New Line Cinema's "Boiler Room" because of Ben Affleck will be disappointed as his role in the movie is minimal.

Written and well directed by Ben Younger, the movie takes viewers on a wild ride into the immoral lives of get-rich-quick scam artists who care more for new Ferraris than the families they destroy. The romance between Seth and Abby (Nia Long) is undeveloped and unnecessary, but the plot of the lucrative brokerage scam – and the well-shot fast scenes of the scam artists working their cruel magic – is intriguing.

A huge illegal business, the struggle for approval between son-and-father, and charismatic characters like Seth and sneaky mentor Chris (played by Vin Diesel) make "Boiler Room" worthwhile.

'Uncut Detroit II' showcases blues, the Detroit way

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Go ahead, call Steve Schwartz a die-hard bluesman. He won't mind.

"I was only 12 years old when I heard this music," said Schwartz, a Farmington Hills resident. "It took a hold of me. This is all I listen to. It's music from the heart, music from the soul."

As guitarist for The Alligators, he's one reason the Detroit blues scene remains vital. It's that sort of passion that keeps the blues alive, even if it doesn't get the recognition it deserves. Schwartz said Detroit blues has never really gotten its due. In the 1940s and '50s, people associated the blues with places like Chicago, not the Motor City – never mind Detroit legends like John Lee Hooker, whose influence is felt today. "Detroit continues to influence music as a whole," he said. "There are a lot of great artists in the city still."

A collection of six such artists can be heard on "Uncut Detroit II," a compilation recorded live last October at Henry Ford Community College's Pagoda Room. The Venture Records release is a follow-up to the 1997 "Uncut Detroit: Live Blues in the Night."

The CD benefits WHFR 89.3 FM, an independent, non-commercial radio station which supports emerging local talent. It features soulful blues by Priscilla Price and the Kenny Miller Band, Detroit's own "Queen of Blues" Alberta Adams, more modern sounds from Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty. All artists donated their performances for "Uncut Detroit II."

The Alligators: *Mark Seyler, Dave Krammer, Steve Schwartz, Wailin' Dale and Pete Kiss play the blues*

Jo Ann Korczynska, blues director at the station, said she's "always been a really good friend" to local music and the blues community. A coordinator from the beginning, Korczynska is a firm believer in the idea that "Detroit blues needs more recognition."

"We have a wonderful blues scene in Detroit," she said. The new CD reflects what's going on in and around the city. "I was always looking for the most diversified look at the blues," added Korczynska. "Every one of (the artists) is completely different. That's what I like."

Executive producer George Bednar came up with the idea to create a series of "Uncut Detroit" CDs. He's a member of the foundation board at the college. "Part of the purpose of the CD is to raise money for the station," said Bednar, of Venture Records. "I believe there's so much good talent in Detroit that doesn't get the recognition they deserve nationally. This second CD has already gotten national distribution. We're getting requests from all over the country."

The money raised by the sale of the CD will fund future recording projects for the station.

Alberta Adams said she thinks the CD came out beautifully. "Everywhere you go it's the blues. Blues done took over.

"I'm thankful they picked me out," added Adams. "I love what I do." And it shows, but Adams is only part of the story.

"It gives you a nice feel for what's coming from Detroit," said Bednar.

Order "Uncut Detroit II" for $10 by calling (313) 845-9676, or buy it at area record stores including Harmony House.

Stroke 9 hits big with 'Little Black Backpack'

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Stroke 9

Drummers. They don't often get the attention they deserve. Sometimes we just can't see them behind that drum kit. But Eric Stock isn't about to let anyone forget about him.

Not only is he responsible for the heart-pounding back beats that keep San Francisco-based Stroke 9's songs soaring for the top of the modern rock charts, he's also got a sense of humor.

While on tour with vocalist Luke Esterkyn, guitarist John McDermott and bassist Greg Gueldner — Stock gave us the low-down on California's next big thing:

O&E: How is the tour going?

Eric Stock: "It's going great. This is the second month of this outing. We're co-headlining. The whole West Coast has been sold out."

O&E: "Little Black Backpack" is getting a lot of attention. (*Now at number six on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts*) Do you feel it represents Stroke 9's sound?

Stock: "I think so, it's definitely one of the more unique songs, the time signature changes. The label definitely felt strong about it. It's pretty catchy, probably our best (song) live."

O&E: As the newest member of the band, how did it feel joining a group of high school friends?

Stock: "It was hell," he laughs. "We had chemistry even before I joined. I came in with the inside jokes and obscure references that would generally annoy anyone. It was meant to be. A lot of bands have trouble on the road. It's hard enough to make this happen. It's nice knowing these guys have a good history together."

O&E: Do you pay much attention to the music charts?

Stock: "We're psychos about that. Every week we call our manager to get the percentage. It's like little businessmen watching the stock market."

O&E: Tell me about working with producers Jerry Harrison (The Verve Pipe) and Rupert Hine (Duncan Sheik), on the album "Nasty Little Thoughts"?

Stock: "It was really cool working with Jerry — we originally wanted him to do the whole thing. He worked with Live. We did six songs with him. So musically, the stuff just explodes. He's got great ideas...Rupert had a whole different approach. It was more organic. He let us do our own thing even more."

O&E: Do you have a favorite track on the album?

Stock: "'Tear Me In Two.' We tweaked it. There's a little jam in the middle that bursts and explodes. It's something we added, little nuggets, little treats for the people who come see us live."

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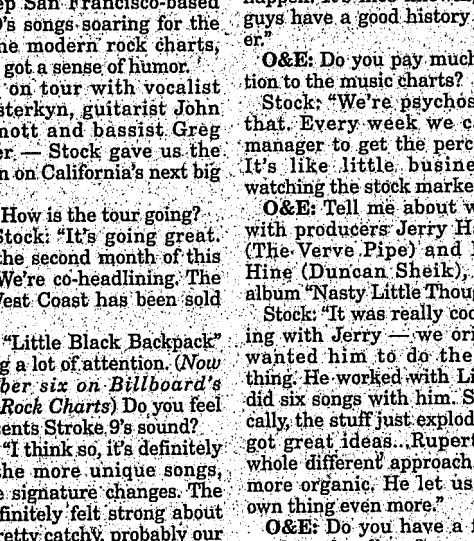

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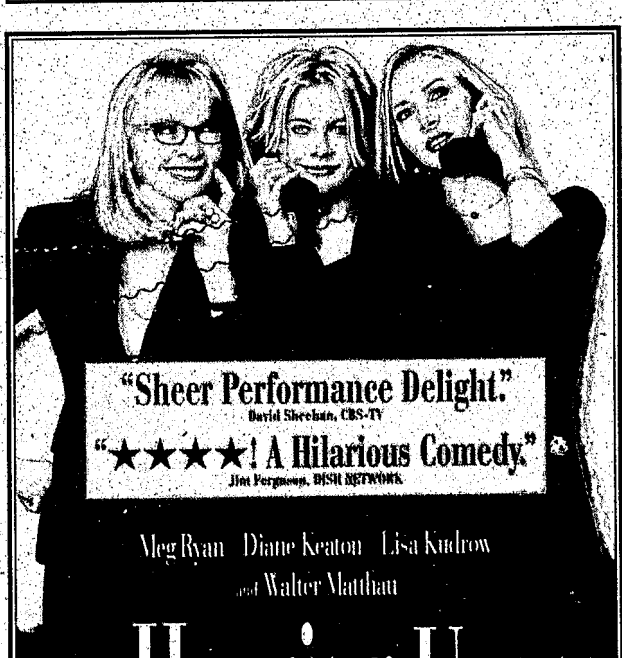

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Joe Weber and his mother, Joan, were enjoying lunch and each other's company in a booth at the newly opened La Shish Livonia.

"It's very nice; we came here last week, too," said Weber, a La Shish fan for "at least five years." He's eaten at La Shish restaurants in Dearborn and Farmington Hills and was happy when one opened in Livonia.

Quality, variety and freshness are the reasons he keeps coming back. "The service is polite; it's always good," he said. Weber enjoyed the chicken shish kabob he ordered, and his mom, a Livonia resident, had her favorite, chicken shawarma with salad.

Customers like the Webers are one of the reasons Talal K. Chahine decided to expand his growing chain of Lebanese restaurants to Livonia.

Eleven years ago, a sense of responsibility, and pride in his homeland, prompted Chahine to open his first restaurant on Michigan Avenue in East Dearborn. He soon opened a second in West Dearborn, and then began following customers to other metropolitan Detroit suburbs.

In the nine years since he left a career in engineering to open his second La Shish restaurant, Chahine has been satisfying a growing hunger in metro Detroit for good Middle Eastern food.

"I trust my taste buds," he said. "I can't be steering the public wrong."

Now, as he approaches 400 employees, Chahine looks to the future, and "Inshaa Allah" (God willing) to more opportunities to expand his trademark "La Shish," which translated means "the skewer."

"If I can humbly state, I always envisioned a chain of restaurants," he said. Chahine has two potential growth patterns in mind: Entering franchise agreements with people in other states, and developing a new line of restaurants, La Shish Express, that would offer quick, top quality, healthy, value-oriented meals to go. He's actively looking for sites, and plans to open La Shish Express in the near future. "I have great hope and expectations for La Shish Express," he said. "Fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy."

The opening of La Shish Livonia was a much anticipated event. "People kept knocking on the door asking us when were going to open," said Charles Saad, vice president of operations.

"Every time we open a new location there's a half hour to an hour wait for dinner, 5-10 minutes for lunch," said Saad. "Weekends have been crazy." If you don't want to wait, order a carryout, or visit between 3-5 p.m. which is the slow, steady time.

The new Livonia La Shish is a beautiful restaurant, twice the size of the new Canton location. There's a mixture of comfortable booths and tables of four. Helping to create an Arabian Night atmosphere are custom arched windows, a gigantic brass chandelier, and fabric draped across the ceiling. Adding to a warm and welcoming feeling is a La Shish trademark, the scent of fresh-baked bread from the on-premise oven served warm at your table.

Executive Chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid is responsible for all of the food, and trains the chefs. "Before you taste the food with your mouth, you taste it with your eyes," said Eid explaining his philosophy about food. "Cooking is an art and I love cooking."

New items he recently added to the menu include Hummus with veggies, Mediterranean chicken wings, Shish Tawook (chicken kabob) with lemon and oregano, quail, and salmon fillet.

If you want to wow your friends, order the Flaming Tower — a spectacular Las Vegas-style showpiece of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish and vegetables, served with a large salad platter.

La Shish

Where: 37367 Newburgh, corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-8200.

Open: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Middle Eastern specialties including shish kabob, shish tawook, lamb chops, kibbee, hummus, tabbouli, spinach pie and grape leaves. Freshly squeezed juices, soups, salads and sandwiches. Combos and party trays also available.

Surprises: Some items you'll find on the menu, but wouldn't expect to are a Caesar turkey salad, chicken kabob with lemon-oregano, quail, whole red snapper, and salmon fillet.

Seats: 250 people, semi-private area available Sunday-Thursday for parties of 40-50 people. If you're planning a party, call the restaurant for information. They're flexible, and will make every effort to accommodate your request.

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Eateries benefit from 'fresh' approach

BY JILL HOCKMAN
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Latin, American-Asian and French bistro restaurants are all the rage in New York and Chicago, and Detroit-area residents can expect to see similar hot spots cropping up the next few years.

Meanwhile, Italian restaurants aren't quite as popular as they were five years ago, although Italian cuisine remains the top ethnic food among diners. The food and cigar trend has also lost some of its steam.

That's the word from Bill Roberts, a Birmingham and Beverly Hills restaurateur who last month was elected president of the Michigan Restaurant Association.

"More than anything, I think that people are looking for fresh food," Roberts said. "There's an awareness of what is good for them and what's not."

With a membership of about 2,000, the association represents some 3,000 restaurants throughout the state. Roberts is charged with heading up the organization for one year. The association tracks government issues, lobbies state legislators, offers benefits and training to its members, organizes an annual tradeshow and promotes careers in the restaurant industry.

Roberts, who with his wife Judi owns 220 Merrill, Streetside Seafood, Beverly Hills Grill and Edison's, makes it his business to keep track of what's hot in the restaurant industry. He recently returned home from a trip to New York where he gathered menu ideas with one of his company's top chefs.

The first signs of a new restaurant trend start on the coasts, then hit Chicago a year or two later, Roberts said. Detroit usually lags a few years behind Chicago, he added.

If that pattern continues, area diners can soon expect to see new Latin restaurants serving foods like seafood and poultry seasoned with salsas, fruits and spices.

Roberts also predicts an increase in fresh American-Asian fare featuring more vegetables, less beef and and a healthier, Americanized flair unlike their Chinese counterparts. Sushi bars will also gain popularity, he said.

"People are eating more healthy during the week and less-so on weekends," Roberts said.

Still, French bistros serving less healthy foods like rich foie gras and bernaise sauce-laden meats are also popping up in New York and Chicago, Roberts said.

"People are treating themselves a little bit," he said.

And that's part of a dining-out trend that has already hit the Detroit area, according to Roberts. Diners are choosing more fillet mignon than porterhouse steaks, in addition to high-end wines and liquors. Today's guests order a glass of top quality Pinot Noir instead of several glasses of a cheaper wine, he said.

STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

In place: *Birmingham restaurateur Bill Roberts is the newly elected president of the Michigan Restaurant Association.*

Detroit residents can also expect to pay more to eat out, Roberts said. While food prices haven't risen drastically over the last five years, the region's extremely-low unemployment rate has driven restaurant labor costs higher than ever. But that's not necessarily a bad thing, he said.

"I think our industry needs to take care of its staffs," Roberts said.

"The wages and benefits are what's skyrocketing," he said. "You've seen (restaurant) prices go up, and I think they're going to continue to go up."

After more than 25 years in the food industry, Roberts should know.

He landed his first job with the Machus restaurant chain after graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in hotel and restaurant management. That's where he met wife Judi, former personnel director for the company.

Roberts went on to a nine-year stint running the Silverdome's restaurant and banquet facilities for Elias Brothers.

About 14 years ago, the couple bought Richard and Reiss, a downtown Birmingham restaurant that's now home to Streetside Seafood. They expanded the breakfast and lunch menu to include dinner after the restaurant obtained Birmingham's last available liquor license from the city commission.

Two years later, they bought Jaxon's, a Southfield Road restaurant, and turned it into Beverly Hills Grill, a California-American restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The couple expanded their company again about six years ago when they bought 220 Merrill and changed its German-American menu to an Italian one. Once that was up and running, they jumped on the seafood bandwagon and switched Richard and Reiss to Streetside Seafood.

Most recently, they bought the 220 Merrill building and opened a jazz bar in the basement space about three years ago. Edison's is open Thursday through Saturday, and features live bands, specialty drinks like martinis and champagne and a small menu of appetizers.

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You can't sue builder for stress

REAL ESTATE QUERIES

ROBERT M. MEISNER

I need to know whether my contractor, who has done a negligent job of building my home, can be sued for the emotional stress I've suffered as well as, of course, the economic damages?

I can certainly appreciate the problems you are experiencing but, unfortunately, even if you were "carted away in an ambulance" because of the stress caused by the negligence of the contractor, you can't collect.

The California Supreme Court said that unless the contractor acted intentionally, a claim for negligent breach of contract isn't sufficient to support "tortious damages for violation of an independent tort duty."

A contractual relationship about construction won't support a recovery for mental suffering where the defendant's conduct has resulted only in economic injury.

In the case at hand, the court indicated that the negligent construction of the plaintiff's house didn't cause physical injury. No one was hit by a falling beam. The plaintiffs claimed the house was structurally unsound and might collapse in an earthquake, they lived in it for five years.

The only physical injury was the husband's heart condition from the emotional distress, not directly from the negligent construction, said the court.

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Lights, camera, action?

Open houses.

Some Realtors feel they're beneficial, others a less-productive use of their time

"I find them most effective when it's in the first-time-buyer price range, under $175,000," said Frank Gozdor, a Realtor with RE/ MAX Professional in Rochester Hills and a 28-year veteran in the field.

"At higher prices, people are lookers and go into a neighborhood to see what people have," Gozdor added.

And sightseers don't necessarily make good buyers.

An open house is when a seller sets a specific time period for prospective buyers to walk through the home without an appointment. Most are held Sunday afternoons.

A 1998 nationwide poll of Realtors by the National Association of Realtors found that just 7 percent of all home sales went through traditional open houses.

"Holding an open house is just one phase of your marketing strategy, but not the only one," said Richard Roll, president of the American Homeowners Association.

"The multiple listing service (computer listing of homes available for sale), buyer referrals from real estate agents, yard signs, advertising and other techniques all contribute to a successful selling strategy," Roll said.

Realize that an open house isn't designed only to sell a specific house.

Sellers, buyers and Realtors sometimes have different reasons, and in the case of Realtors, more than one reason, for getting involved in open houses.

"It's a way to pick up buyers," said John Delaney, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington Hills.

Delaney said he's sold only one or two open houses in 10 years, but subsequently sold several buyers he's met at open houses other homes.

"Maybe they didn't like the home, or didn't qualify (financially) for the home," Delaney said of the open house.

As long as those folks aren't represented by another Realtor, and they obviously weren't suited for the open house for one reason or another, he'd help them search for other possibilities.

Which brings us to buyers.

"The purchaser should know what they're looking for," Delaney said. "Go through homes to get ideas if you're not familiar with a neighborhood. See differences in styles and prices.

"The best way is to go to open houses, then go to a Realtor to help focus in that area. It saves everyone time," he said.

And sellers?

"You never know. Somebody could come in and really like it," said Wanda Schafer, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia.

More likely, though, it will be a neighbor curious about the asking price or floor plan, she added.

Targeted open houses – perhaps to Realtors or people who already live in the area – maybe a relative or friend wants to move in – can be effective.

"I'll put fliers out to other agents, especially those with clients in that price range," said June Lauer, a Realtor with Morgan, Moreno & Milzow in Clarkston.

"People who have already viewed the house, I'd let their agents know," Lauer said of publicizing an open house. "If they're interested, they may want to wander back and have another look." And maybe prompt fence-sitters to take some action, she agreed.

Directional signs, newspaper advertisements and advanced postcard mailings can be effective open house marketing tools the day of the big event.

There's a certain style to hosting an open house, the professionals say.

■ First off, have the sellers take off.

"People have to feel free to discuss the home, (mentally) place their furniture, get a feel for it," Delaney said. "They don't need the sellers hovering around, describing the home.

"Even if they (sellers) are just sitting there, they (buyers) don't feel free, they won't linger. There's an uneasy feeling."

■ Be safe. Try to work with a partner. Have visitors sign in and show identification.

"I wouldn't hold an open house alone," Schafer said. "I'm fortunate. My husband is retired and won't let me host an open house without him.

"When you get five or six (visitors) at the same time, you can't watch them all. My husband will stay with them and hold them back while I take one or two at a time."

■ Sellers should make sure the house is clean and uncluttered with all valuables locked away.

"I want a house in tip-top shape," Schafer said. "I tell people don't leave anything of value out and don't put it in a top drawer. If people are there to look for something (to steal), they will open top drawers."

■ Preferably, no pets on the premises. If there's no way around it, cage them.

The American Homeowners Association contributed to this story.

Mortgage rates high or low?

MORTGAGE SURVEY

DAVID C. MULLY

Part 1 of 2

Now that the scare of a giant computer glitch is over, is it time for you to think about buying that new home? If your a first-time home buyer, are mortgage rates favorable in your eyes? If your a repeat home buyer, are you reluctant to give up that low fixed-rate you may have on your existing home?

Over the last few years, many of you refinanced your mortgage to a lower rate. Home equity loans have become much more popular in the last several months because people simply do not want to lose that low fixed-rate. Instead of refinancing to access the equity in your home, many have opted for home equity loans at a higher interest rate and left their current mortgage alone. This has been good news for loan servicers. Mortgages were turning over so rapidly when rates were dropping that lenders were losing money if they failed to retain their customers. The question today is are mortgage rates high or low?

If you are one of those who believe rates are high, let's look closer and compare how much difference it makes in your monthly house payment with lower rates.

Today's 30-year fixed-rate is around 8.5 percent (with zero points), if rates were a half to one percentage point lower than that, what would your house payment be?

Let's use a $125,000 loan amount in the following examples. For a 8.5-percent rate for 30 years the principal and interest payment would be $961.14.

If the current rate were 8.0 percent, the principal and interest payment would be $917.21, a difference of $43.93 per month.

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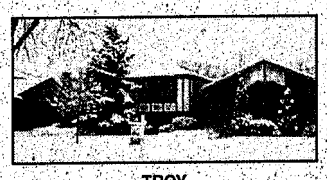

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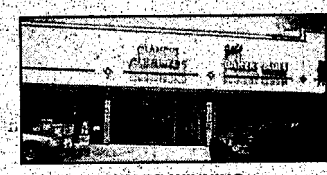

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on the Commons. 2 car garage, partially finished basement, large deck with gas grill. Enjoy large completely kitchen, family room with fireplace, newer carpet and ceramic tile. $184,900. (1471-0)
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3 bedroom, 2½ bath contemporary with fireplace in family room, doorwall off breakfast nook to 2 tier deck. Nice master suite with 2 walk-in closets. Garden tub and separate shower. Hurry! $254,900 (F6851)
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$129,900	Newer Livonia ranch, huge kitchen, 3 BR	12001 Haller	Livonia
$314,900	4 br, 2½ ba, in Ply. Ridgwood Hills	48660 Chambury Ct.	Plymouth

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$74,900	2 br. brick ranch, 1 car garage	13514 Artesian	Detroit
$90,000	3 br. bungalow, basement	8614 Gary	Dearborn
$176,900	3 br. brick Col., above gr. pool	29869 Linda	Livonia
$323,900	4 br. Cape Cod, 4 baths	28397 Six Mile	Livonia

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$399,900	3300 sq. ft. Col., huge kitchen	563 Torrington	Canton
$339,900	Gorgeous 4 bdrm frwys Col., neutral	46990 Mornington	Canton
$399,900	4 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath, study, sunroom	8816 Quail Circle	Plymouth
$325,000	Cape Cod! Hdwd floor, Must See	48130 Gyde Rd.	Canton
$184,900	Col., crafted fieldstone accent	645 Worthington	Canton
$164,900	Quiet sub. 3 br ranch.	9063 Adams	Livonia
$359,900	Impeccable 4 br Col. Garden rm	31256 Country Ridge	Canton
$369,400	Col. on 2.6 acres. Home warr.	4364 Mario Dr.	Canton

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$114,900	3 br brick ranch	32311 Avondale	Westland
$299,990	Beautiful Glengarry Colonial	45194 Lothrop	Canton

REMERICA SUBURBAN REALTORS (734) 261-1600

$349,900	Colonial, 4 br. 2960 sq. ft.	4717 Hawkview	Brighton
$189,000	5 acres, 3 br., 2 baths	9070 Robb Rd.	Fowlerville
$239,000	Wooded lot, Open space, Jacuzzi	11320 Tall Shadows	Pinckney

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$169,900	2,000 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms	18530 Freemont	Livonia
$274,900	'94 built stunning Colonial	7107 E. Fox Creek	Canton
$324,900	Elegant, 4 br, Cape Cod	28821 Hearthstone	Novi
$109,900	Updated 3 br. ranch, gar.	18675 Floral	Livonia
$219,000	4 br. brk Colonial, large lot	15721 Woodside	Livonia
$183,000	Clean, 4 br. Quad w/2 car gar.	44353 Harsdale	Canton

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$274,900	Fabulous 4 br, 2 1/2 bath brick Col.	3974 Timberline Ct.	
$67,900	Nice updated 3 br, 1.5 bath bun	9251 Westwood	

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$47,700	Vac. lot, approved bldg. plans	21128 Springhill	Huron
$69,900	2 br. alum. ranch, 1 1/2 car gar.	8024 Oak	Taylor
$69,900	Vac. lot, wooded 5 AC, trailerhm, polebarn, shed		St. James
$125,000	4 br, alum. bung. 2 ba, new roof	24112 Calvin	Dearborn

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$244,900	3 bedroom Colonial	4302 Arden Pl.	Royal Oak
$174,900	3 bedroom Ranch	18165 Autumn Ln	Macomb Twp.
$259,900	5 bedroom/3bath Colonial	816 Grace	Rochester Hills
$254,900	3 bedroom Ranch	2851 Hylane Dr.	Troy
$74,900	2 bedroom Ranch	2924 Paxton	Ferndale
$174,900	3 bedroom Colonial	3142 Prairie	Royal Oak
$124,900	3 bedroom Colonial	378 E. Saratoga	Ferndale
$112,000	3 bedroom Ranch	21820 Stratford	Oak Park

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 11 - 15, 1999, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
3709 Auburn Rd $190,000
842 Bloomfield Vill. Blvd $72,000
2361 Hempstead Rd $148,000
3559 Leyland Ct $232,000
3549 Leyland Ct # 12 $241,000
2664 Williamsburg Clr $133,000
2055 Willot Rd $138,000

Beverly Hills
15950 Beverly Rd $227,000
18118 Buckingham Ave $211,000
32008 Cross Bow St $450,000
31690 Glencoe Dr $335,000
21915 Riverview Dr $270,000
32495 Sheridan Dr $175,000
32275 Verona Clr $250,000

Bingham Farms
30950 Bristol Ln $245,000

Birmingham
1664 Cole St $182,000
1462 Fairway Dr $287,000
820 Hazelwood St $540,000
1352 Holland St $139,000
777 Purdy St $696,000
590 Smith Ave $175,000
564 Wellesley St $388,000
1072 Wimbleton Dr $315,000

Bloomfield Township
4483 Ardmore Dr $455,000
5057 Echo Rd $458,000
274 Eileen Dr $245,000
3023 Heron Pointe Dr $1,700,000
1237 Lone Pine Rd $349,000
1907 Long Lake Shr Dr $565,000
1966 Sherwood Gln $725,000

Bloomfield Hills
2681 Covington Pl $745,000
2539 Crofton Ct $345,000
4336 Far Hill Dr $350,000
6125 Gilbert Lake Rd $285,000
4671 Hedgewood Dr $295,000
880 Ivy Ln $209,000
1936 Kingsmith Rd#52 $111,000
2383 Mulberry Sq #67 $128,000
1722 S Hills Blvd $174,000
915 Tartan Trl $372,000
6355 Thurber Rd $185,000
388 Tilbury Rd $508,000
1205 Timberview Trl $262,000
676 Upper Scttsrgh Wy $314,000
140 Vorn Ln $429,000
3800 W Maple Rd $345,000
4049 W Maple Rd #a105 $88,000
6905 White Pine Dr $200,000

Clarkston
7220 Bluewater Dr #35 $84,000
7220 Bluewater Dr #38 $95,000
429 Bristol Ln $272,000
5422 Bristol Parke Dr $410,000
6451 Clintonville Rd $34,000
7770 Cobblestone Ln $110,000
5156 Glenwood Crk $262,000
6926 Hubbard Hills Dr $183,000
7560 Little Walters Ct $170,000
4936 Paula Ave $265,000
5787 Pine Breeze Dr $285,000
4790 Riview Dr $130,000
6452 Waters Way $285,000
6472 Waters Way $50,000
5363 Winell St $161,000

Commerce Township
4645 Achilla St $174,000
4670 Achilla St $128,000
1790 Alton Clr $168,000
9012 Gittins St $330,000
3145 Greenlawn Ave $120,000
4655 Kara Ct $340,000
4930 Knollcrest Ct $294,000
3115 Massena St $124,000
2330 N Pontiac Trl $139,000
4385 Rebecca Clr $220,000
3148 Roselawn St $106,000
1495 Spruce Dr $216,000
3134 Terry St $110,000
1970 Twin Sun Clr $276,000
3223 Twinleaf St $123,000
4966 Winewood Ln $184,000
313 Winslow Clr $266,000

Davisburg
818 Broadway $55,000
9962 Creekwood Trl $353,000
10940 S Holly Rd $191,000
10365 Eagle Rd $27,000

Farmington
23086 Floral St $120,000
23136 Floral St $127,000
32718 Grand River # C $79,000
22116 Hawthorne St $103,000
22905 Hayden St $171,000
22948 Hayden St $174,000
30757 Shiawassee #19a $82,000

Farmington Hills
30247 Astor St $129,000
37175 Birwood Ct $378,000
21034 Colwell St $91,000
35933 Congress Rd $269,000
32020 Coronet Dr $185,000
38880 Country Clr $132,000
29924 Eldred St $79,000
24130 Elizabeth Ct $568,000
30145 Fox Club Dr $303,000
28282 Gettysburg St $212,000
22975 Gill Rd $208,000
26178 Greythorne Trl $200,000
21760 Hancock St $240,000
28885 Herndonwood Dr $315,000
25760 Hunt Club Blvd $309,000
23405 Inkster Rd $388,000
21703 Jacksonville St $75,000
37965 Lancaster Dr $229,000
35812 Lone Pine Ln $222,000
35862 Lone Pine Ln $240,000
39300 Mdln Ct #6201 $301,000
23414 Middlebelt Rd $70,000
24056 Middlebelt # 13 $74,000
29652 Middlebelt # 140 $118,000
30286 Nantucket Dr $107,000
34970 Old Hmstd Dr $335,000
20925 Ontaga St $114,000
28701 Petersburg St $241,000
30810 Rockdale Ave $240,000
38172 Saratoga Clr $168,000
38176 Saratoga Clr $173,000
38397 Saratoga Clr $225,000
30571 Sequoia Clr $310,000
30739 Shiawassee #38 $76,000
29509 Sierra Point Clr $193,000
22433 Springbrook Ave $146,000
23161 Tulane Ave $55,000
29266 Valley Bend Ct $315,000
34918 W 8 Mile Rd $443,000
27580 W Ech Vly #244 $107,000
36221 W Lyman Rd $225,000
25380 Wessex St $218,000
31006 Westwood Rd $369,000
39243 Wilton Ct $350,000

Franklin
30055 Forest Dr $714,000
26515 W 13 Mile Rd $580,000
32725 Wing Lake Rd $324,000

Keego Harbor
1675 Cass Lake Rd #b $85,000
3158 Summers Rd $89,000
2451 Willow Beach St $103,000

Lake Orion
1109 Bald Mountain Rd $177,000
900 Cronkite Dr $174,000
131 Detroit Blvd $117,000
2482 Eaton Gate Rd $181,000
858 Esther Dr $215,000
118 Franklin Wrght Blvd $268,000
2837 Glenwood Ct $79,000
1129 Golfview Dr $180,000
3668 May Center Rd $404,000
3994 May Center Rd $297,000
251 N Conklin Rd $170,000
306 N Washington St $175,000
324 Orion Ter $157,000
227 Schick Dr $130,000

Lathrup Village
18160 Wiltshire Blvd $185,000

Novi
41609 Blair Dr $181,000
25800 Buckminster Dr $230,000
21964 Clover Ln $192,000
23402 Cranbrooke Dr $157,000
22074 Edgewater $143,000
47570 Edinborough Ln $130,000
24048 Elizabeth Ln $386,000
46481 Galway Dr $512,000
47501 Greenwich Dr $330,000
31240 Kingswood Blvd $325,000
22480 Mill Rd $225,000
217 Monticello St $85,000
23418 Mystic Frst $380,000
24900 Nottingham Dr $417,000
44751 Roundview Dr $307,000
45077 Roundview Dr $321,000
47130 Sunnybrook Ln $540,000
22905 Telford St $125,000
22936 Telford St $97,000
21115 Wheaton Ln $433,000

Oakland Township
2604 Invitational Dr $135,000
2572 Lake George Rd $280,000

Orchard Lake
5100 Deer Run Clr $625,000

Orion Township
2212 Maple Ct $249,000
4425 Morgan Rd $164,000
3897 Queensbury Rd $107,000

Oxford
3655 Brauer Rd $150,000
893 Gill St $140,000
458 Gleneagles Ct $230,000
5020 Granger Rd $246,000
90 Great Pines Dr $245,000
957 Keith St $122,000
5800 Ludwig Rd $45,000
340 N Lapeer Rd $90,000
340 N Lapeer Rd $200,000
235 Ora Rd $108,000
106 S Washington St $180,000
117 S Washington St $175,000
459 Sunset Blvd $55,000
422 Thornehill Trl $165,000
1881 Twin Lakes Blvd $263,000
974 Wise St $128,000

Rochester
129 Albertson St $178,000
655 Charlesina Dr $180,000
500 Elizabeth St #201 $65,000
990 Hollow Corners Ct $378,000
281 Mead Rd $85,000
451 Miller Ave #111 $82,000
1144 Miners Run $90,000
1171 Miners Ruin $90,000
111 N Helen Ave $40,000
803 Plate St Unit 209 $52,000
433 Rewold Dr $224,000
3871 S Creek Dr $350,000
3871 White Tail Dr $414,000
604 Wilcox St # 606 $221,000
4169 Wincrest Ln $364,000
3647 Windy Knoll Dr $285,000
2913 Woodcock Ct $195,000
279 Wyngate Dr $520,000

Rochester Hills
736 Augusta Dr $326,000
2109 Avon Lake Ln $70,000
3140 Baypoint Dr $275,000
3917 Beechcrest $290,000
3311 Bendelow St $124,000
3405 Bendelow St $159,000
495 Bollinger St $224,000
2627 Bridget Ave $98,000
1167 Cobridge Ct $350,000
650 E Auburn Rd $150,000
2143 Elkhorn Dr $218,000
3279 Fairgrove Ter $218,000
457 Farmridge Ct $174,000
3891 Greenwood Ave $387,000
3094 Hedgewood Ln $437,000
2138 Kennedy Dr $337,000
898 Lion St $235,000
2963 Meadowbrook Dr $132,000
1490 N Pine St $156,000
1973 Pondview Ct $135,000
3087 Primrose Dr $239,000
1934 Rainbow Dr $469,000
1692 Ridgecrest $230,000
1700 Ridgecrest $228,000
2632 S Christian Hill Dr $245,000
2645 S Christian Hill Dr $238,000
3772 Sleepy Fox Dr $495,000
725 Snowmass St $247,000
3942 South Blvd W $245,000
870 Spartan Dr $275,000
130 Stratford Ln $120,000
132 Stratford Ln $128,000
1110 Thames Dr $119,000
1223 Valley Clr $240,000
3089 W Auburn Rd $110,000
304 Willow Grove Ln $124,000
26 Wimpole Dr $170,000

Southfield
18131 Adrian St $135,000
20810 Avon Ln $89,000
23151 Beech Rd $110,000
23655 Brandywynne St $158,000
30020 Brentwood St $109,000
18554 Capitol Dr $285,000
18115 Cornell Ave $148,000
17200 Evans St $156,000
29708 Everett St $92,000
30161 Everett St $119,000
24319 Lathrup Blvd $140,000
28045 Marshall St $119,000
28408 Marshall St $89,000
28457 Marshall St $72,000
19289 Melrose Ave $165,000
22620 Nancy Ave $124,000
24085 Rockingham St $165,000
21717 Rose Holw $177,000
20945 Sherman Ave $77,000
20965 Sherman Ave $76,000
30540 Shoreham St $193,000
21429 Southfield Rd $159,000
5000 Town Ctr $95,000
21160 Van Buren St $96,000
23822 Villg Hs Dr N #4a $88,000
18301 W 13 Mile #b1 $135,000
21235 Winchester St $203,000

Troy
4315 Allegheny Dr $218,000
3926 Anvil Dr $170,000
1101 Ashley Dr $177,000
2874 Borden Dr $163,000
1444 Brentwood Dr $139,000
2950 Briarwood Dr $306,000
983 Brooklawn Dr $163,000
4137 Cherrywood Dr $227,000
1794 Elm Ct $379,000
1863 Enterprise Dr $219,000
275 Falling Brook Dr $326,000
166 Ingram Dr $130,000
133 Kirk Lane Dr $195,000
767 Kirts Blvd $127,000
1215 Kirts Blvd $133,000
354 Lesdale Dr $151,000
301 Lyons Dr $126,000
3932 Meadowbrook Dr $191,000
1436 Milverton Dr $168,000
6900 Montclair Dr $150,000
1477 Oakcrest Dr $190,000
3416 Pasadena Dr $175,000
4527 Riverchase Dr $590,000
5173 Serena Dr $200,000
1197 Shadow Dr $236,000
2027 Stratford Dr $160,000
3296 Troy Dr $123,000
3164 Weathervane Dr $215,000
6845 Woodcrest Dr $438,000
1738 Woodgate Dr $215,000

Walled Lake
1853 Ashstan Dr $227,000
279 Lake Village Dr $100,000
1444 Mariner Dr $105,000
1382 S Commerce Rd $106,000
1237 Woodcrest Ct $219,000

Waterford
3165 Alco Dr $440,000
2466 Anders Dr $125,000
6540 Andetsonville Rd $268,000
1327 Bielby St $141,000
2699 Bonita Dr $172,000
5477 Brookhaven Ct $190,000
6918 Chesterfield Dr $185,000
7022 Colonial Oaks Dr $121,000
4175 Crocus Rd $136,000
3050 Detroit Dr $189,000
6035 Eldridge Dr $400,000
4029 Elmhurst Rd $148,000
1709 Elsmere St $132,000
6842 Fox Ln $167,000
2612 Fruitwood Ct $158,000
129 Garland Way $195,000
5884 Glenview Ct $167,000
6610 Hatchery Rd $326,000
6652 Hatchery Rd $196,000
3165 Hidden Ridge Dr $114,000
3876 Iris $240,000
3909 Iris $157,000
938 Iroquois St $119,000
2117 Jones Rd $38,000
7743 Lake Ridge Dr # 24 $91,000
585 Lakeside Dr $34,000
1160 Lakeview St $80,000
3810 Lakewood Dr $212,000
4356 Lotus Dr $72,000
100 Marion Ave $95,000
7901 Meadow Dr $150,000
965 Myrtle Dr $28,000
1144 Myrtle Dr $100,000
995 N Cass Lake #118 $45,000
141 N Tilden St $95,000
2196 Oakdale Dr $142,000
6575 Oakridge Dr $133,000
1575 Parkway St $124,000
374 Pine Creek Ct $187,000
5986 Pleasant Dr $195,000
3559 Port Cove Dr #25 $140,000
3565 Port Cove Dr #75 $190,000
377 Quail Ridge Ct $50,000
4925 River Crest Dr $126,000
526 River Ridge Dr $179,000
1328 S Hospital Rd $275,000
4360 S Meadow Dr $146,000
101 S Tilden St $118,000
5025 Saybrook Dr $95,000
4373 Sedum Glen St $125,000
5536 Sunwood Dr $126,000
5772 Sutherland Dr $134,000
7419 View Ct $154,000
7029 Villa Dr $91,000
2412 Woodbourne Dr $186,000
3476 Yarney Rd $153,000

West Bloomfield
6215 Andrea Ln $165,000
7442 Azalea Ct $101,000
5336 Cambourne Pl $180,000
5638 Carol Ct $130,000
5415 Carol Run W $175,000
7210 Colony Dr $334,000
7294 Colony Dr $300,000
4033 E Hanover Ct $290,000
7255 Edinborough Dr $255,000
5203 Forestdale Ct $256,000
7084 Green Farm Rd $159,000
3899 Green Lake Rd $388,000
6630 Hearthside Ct $151,000
6835 High Ridge Rd $130,000
3609 Highview St $223,000
7141 Hillside Dr $597,000
7063 Leg Crest Dr $207,000
7078 Locklin $190,000
4165 Middlebelt Rd $189,000
2912 Moon Lake Dr $173,000
7300 Muerdale St $252,000
6715 Nashway Dr W $185,000
4242 Normanwood Dr $240,000
1650 Oldtown Ave $140,000
2782 Parkwick Ct $294,000
7170 Pebble Park $245,000
4884 Pelican Way $263,000
6861 Post Oak Dr $253,000
4888 Rolling Ridge Ct $500,000
4551 S Ridge Dr $570,000
7334 Silver Leaf Ln $304,000
7047 Springridge Rd $183,000
7287 Village Square Dr $425,000
7418 Village Square Dr $457,000
2890 Walnut Lake Rd $907,000
5107 Watergate Rd $275,000
4713 Wendrick Dr $1,200,000
7086 Winding Brook Ct $419,000
7154 Yarmouth Ct $100,000

White Lake
9045 Buckingham St $191,000
10211 Cedar Island Rd $160,000
1357 Cooley Approach St $48,000
362 Decca Dr $118,000
10221 Elizabeth Lake $157,000
9490 Garforth St $290,000
21 Hulbert $20,000
9363 Mandon St $125,000
123 Willards Way $140,000

Wolverine Lake
900 Adelaide Dr $136,000
2284 Darnell St $156,000
1050 Lakeview Dr $190,000
1682 Lauder Ln $126,000
2375 S Commerce Rd $768,000

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Birmingham Community Education offers a 40-hour real estate license-preparation course 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 at West Maple Elementary School, 6275 Inkster Road just north of Maple.

Cost is $195. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

BUY HOME CLASS

Approved Mortgages sponsors a free, no-obligation seminar for first-time home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at GreatLand Title, 6044 N. Sheldon, Canton.

For reservations, call Ben Hendricks at (734) 455-5091.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Intercounty Title, 38705 Seven Mile, just west of I-275, Livonia.

Topics include down payments, monthly payments, interest rates, closing costs and best values.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, associate broker and CPA with ERA Banker's Realty, presents a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

Topics include setting price, target marketing, financing options and purchase documents.

Cost is $30. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

ARCHITECTURE TALK

Lawrence Technological University hosts Peter Pran, AIA, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the architecture auditorium on campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, as part of its free ArchiLecture series.

SELL HOME CLASS II

Approved Mortgage sponsors a free, no-obligation seminar, "For Sale By Owner," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

To register, call (734) 455-5120.

REMODELING CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour basement-remodeling class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 29-March 14, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include building codes, estimating materials and the basics of construction.

Cost is $85, plus a textbook fee of $8. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

BUILDING OWN HOME

Clarenceville Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 6-15, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Topics include blue print reading, codes and permits, estimating materials and financing.

Cost is $160, plus $25 for two textbooks. To register, call (248) 473-8933.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Consumers may obtain materials describing the importance of a reputable home inspection or receive a copy of the National Association of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

For information, call the NAHI hot line at (800) 448-3942.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, is conducting a membership drive.

Individual membership ($10), family ($20), organizational ($35), supporting ($50) and sustaining ($100) are available. For information, call (313) 963-1274.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

Michigan National Bank offers a free pocket-sized consumer handbook, House Smarts: the Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity Loans. Phone (800) CALL-MNB for a copy.

SALES WEB SITE

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared new and improved maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free at www.homevaluemap.com

MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black-and-white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

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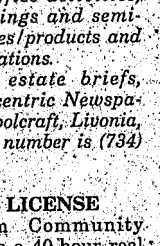
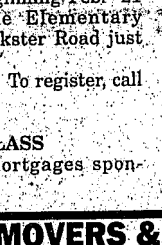
Robertson Brothers Group, a residential development and building company in Bloomfield Hills, announces three appointments.

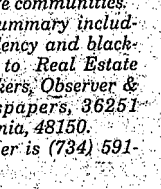

Kaafaranl

Amira Kaafarani is director of sales at The Meadows, the final phase at the Crossings of Oakland in Oakland Township. She has 12 years experience in sales and lives in Farmington Hills.


Jordan

Jim Jordan is director of sales at the Shores of Long Lake, village and lakefront homes in Lake Orion. He has nine years experience in residential and commercial real estate.

Jordan, a Troy resident, has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arizona.


Cox

Michael Cox is director of sales at the Links of Northville Hills. He's a Michigan State University graduate and a Canton resident.

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Duce Simmons Associates, an architectural and planning firm in Troy, has been selected as architect for a technical conference/ training center at Montcalm Community College in Sidney, Mich.

Construction of the $3 million, 14,000-square-foot facility with seminar rooms and computer labs is scheduled to begin this summer.

Janice Suchan will be project manager. **Anthony Duce** and **Marjorie Simmons** are the principals.

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Adler Building & Development has committed $25,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Livingston County, a non-profit organization that builds houses for low-income people.

Adler will donate proceeds from closings at the Fairways of Whispering Pines in Hamburg Township.

"Adler Building & Development takes great pride in helping people fulfill their American dream of ownership," said **Mark Adler**, vice president. "By assisting Habitat for Humanity, we hope to allow people less fortunate to own a home.

Home builder targets aging baby boomers

Champion Enterprise Inc. introduced the Target 2000 Developer Series of homes specifically designed to fit the needs and desires of one of the fastest-growing segments of the housing market – aging baby boomers.

The Target 2000 Developer Series was designed as a collaboration between Champion and Palatine, Ill.-based Bloodgood Sharp Buster Architects and Planners Inc. Many of the features of the home were incorporated into the design based on findings from a recent Aging Baby Boomer Survey of consumers conducted by Professional Builder magazine and National Family Opinion. These features include main-floor master bedrooms, open entertainment areas, and adaptable spaces that can be used as home offices, recreation rooms, play areas for children or grandchildren, or guest rooms for live-in parents – a common concern for those in the so-called "sandwich generation."

The six Developer Series plans are reminiscent of charming cottages and arts and crafts bungalows. The plans range from 1,246 square feet to 2,624 square feet and, despite their sophisticated floor plans, each home is builder-friendly, arriving on site in no more than three sections.

As factory-built homes, the company says Target 2000 Developer Series offers significant advantages over site-built homes. The Developer Series costs an average of $40.30 per square foot including installation, excluding land. Compare that to the average site-built home in the Dallas area, which would cost $80 per square foot., excluding land. Prices for the Developer Series will range from $49,000 to $99,000, excluding land.

Another major advantage is time. One of the biggest frustrations homeowners have is the delay that occurs in site-built construction due to weather, builders' scheduling difficulties and labor shortages. Factory-built housing eliminates those problems, reducing the building cycle time from months to weeks.

Champion's new homes online at HomeBuilder.com.

Champion Enterprises Inc., headquartered in Auburn Hills, is the world's largest home builder. In addition to more than 300 company-operated sales centers, its homes are sold by 3,500 independent retail stores, including more than 880 Alliance of Champions locations. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.championhomes.net

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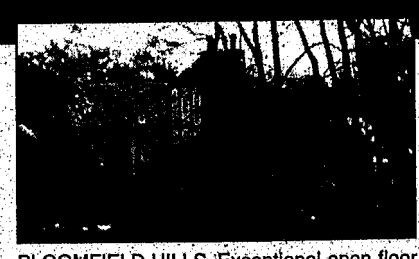

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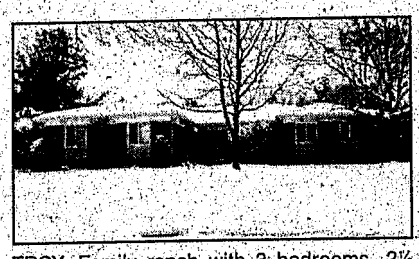

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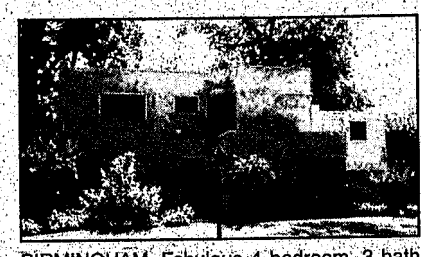

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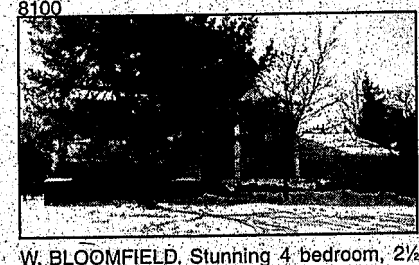

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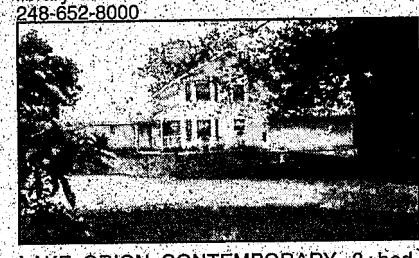

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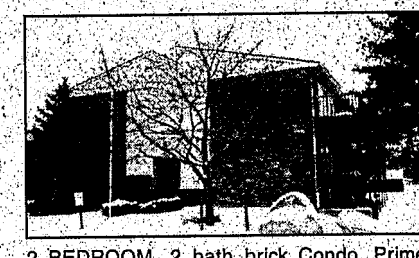

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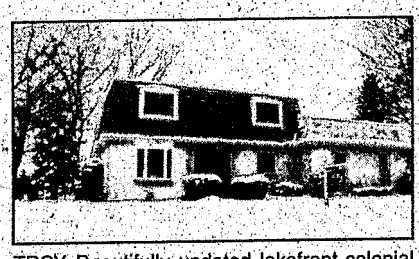
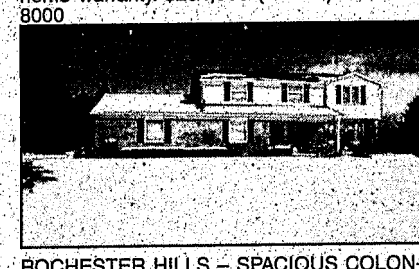


TROY. Beautifully updated lakefront colonial in Emerald Lakes. Newer kitchen, roof, deck, floors and windows. Finished walk-out basement. Four BR's, 2.5 baths, den. Neutral decor throughout. $312,000 (54LYS) 248-524-1600



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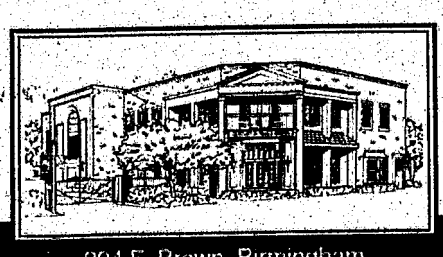

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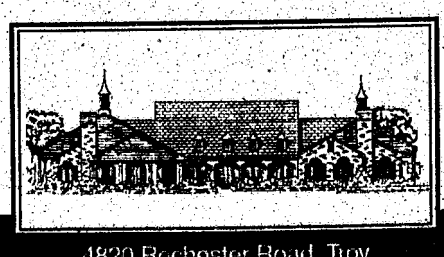

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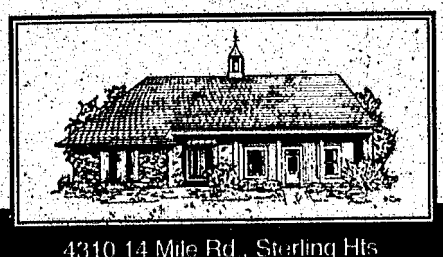

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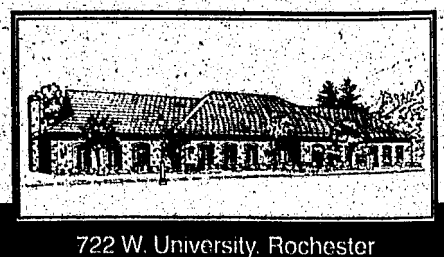

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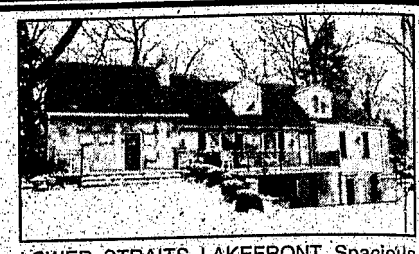

LOWER STRAITS LAKEFRONT. Spacious Cape Cod just made for entertaining, 3 BR, 2½ BA, DR, LR, FR, GR, rec room, large deck, brick paver patio, 2 gas log FP, circle drive w/extra parking, golf course out back, all sports private lake outfront, large lot! Must see! $725,000 (05EDG) 248-363-1200

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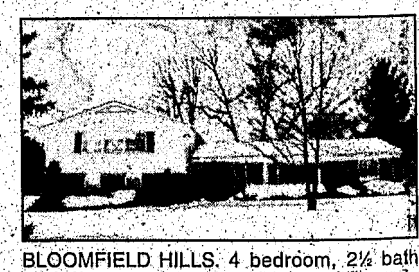
BIRMINGHAM. Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow! Lots of updates. Features include MBR suite with vaulted ceilings and skylights, HW floors and enlarged kitchen, finished basement with exercise room. $279,900 (40VIL) 248-642-8100.



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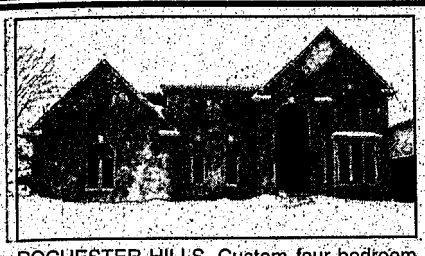

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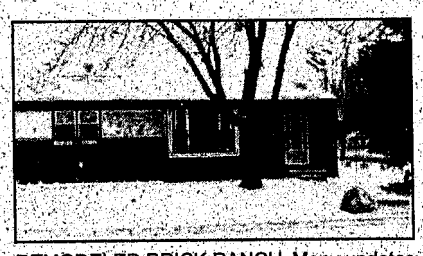

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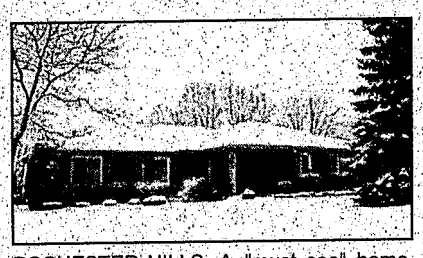

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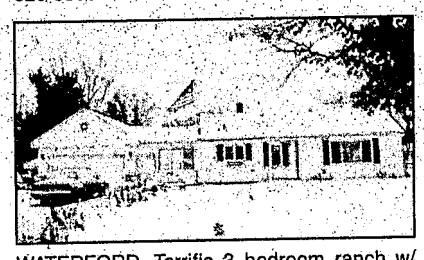

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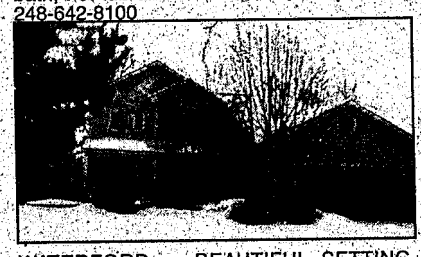

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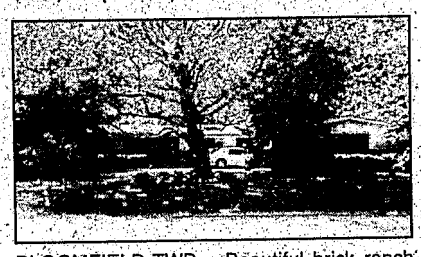

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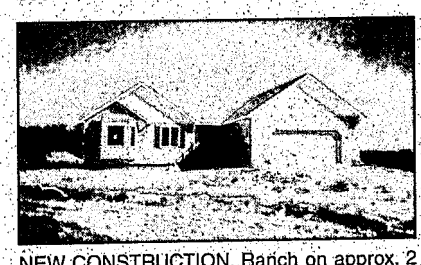

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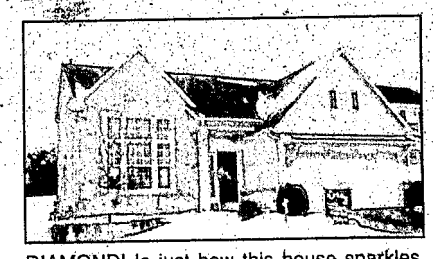

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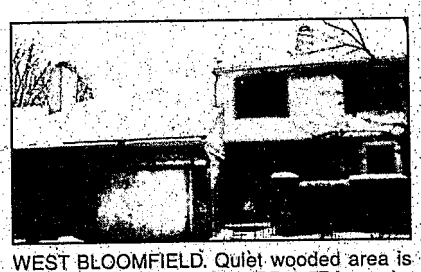

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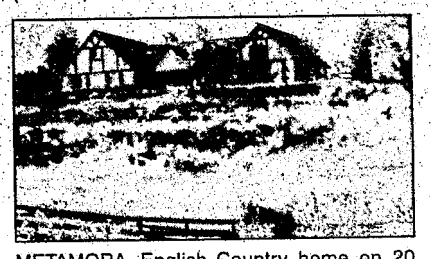

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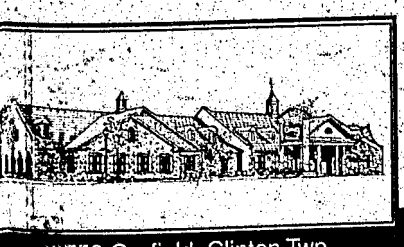

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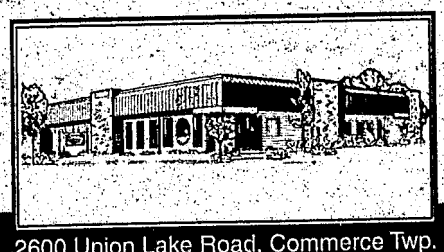

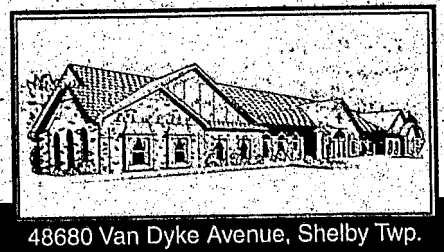

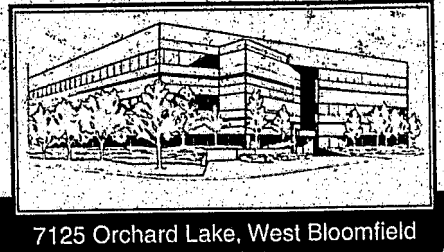

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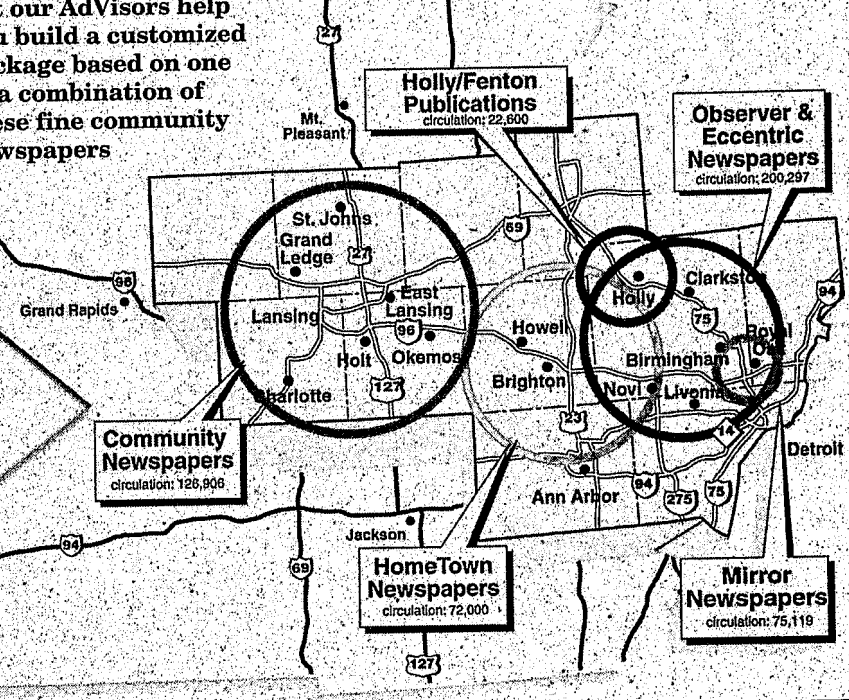

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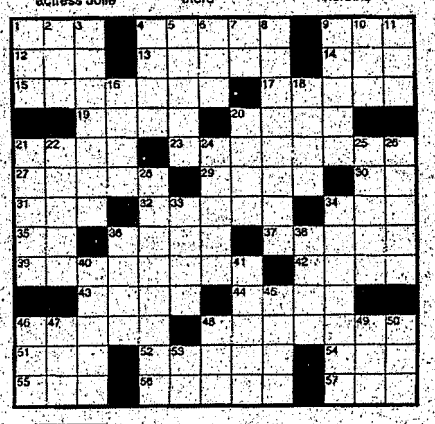

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WESTLAND - detached condo, 2 large bedrooms, walk in closet in master, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, full basement, attached, 2 car garage, close to library and mall $163,900. 734-326-4597

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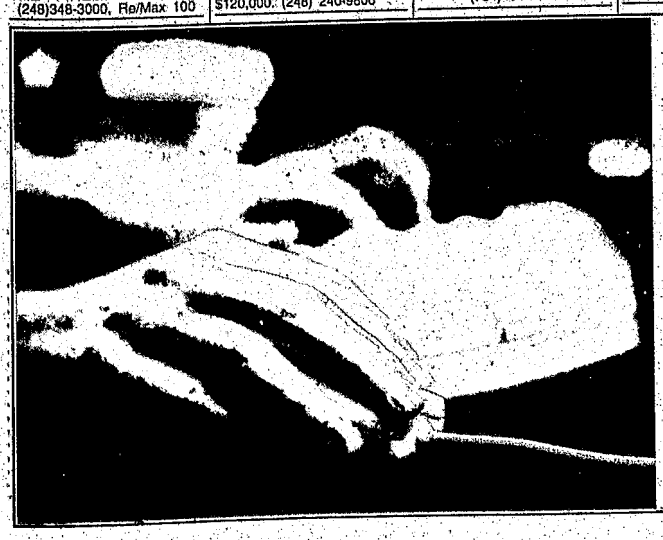

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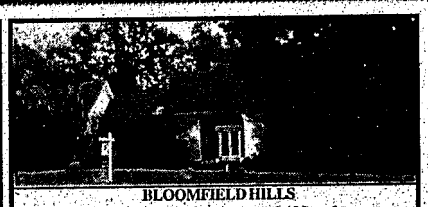

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
- Dynamite contemporary ranch, approx. 6,400 sq. ft.
- Nestled on a private treed site
- Three steam showers and jetted tubs
- Thermador appliances, exercise room. (WA457)

$1,049,000 • 248 324-3800

CASS LAKEFRONT
- Orchard Lake Village - West Bloomfield Schools
- Spacious rooms, two Florida rooms, four bedrooms
- Large lot - water - front & back of home
- Fabulous sunrise and sunset views. (WA367)

$680,000 • 248 624-3015

BIRMINGHAM ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4

690 N. Glenhurst ~ N. of Maple, E. of Cranbrook
- Vintage four bedroom, 3 bath brick home on premier street in the "Heart of Birmingham"
- This unique home is well maintained
- Large lot offers potential to expand. Bring all offers! (GL690)

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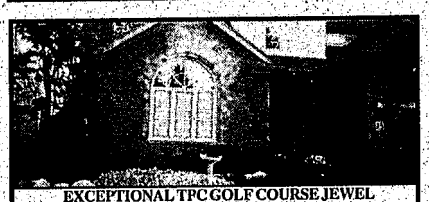

EXCEPTIONAL TPC GOLF COURSE JEWEL
- Exquisite amenities, first floor master, distinctive library
- On the 8th hole! Finished lower level
- Marble flooring, custom granite fireplace, gourmet kitchen with white cabinetry. (TU13)

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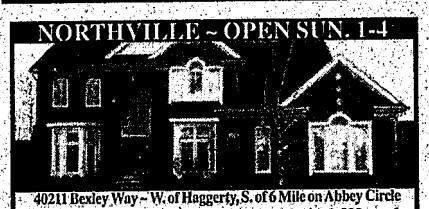
NORTHVILLE ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4

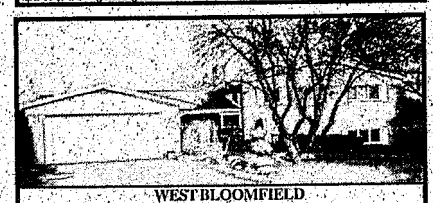


40211 Bexley Way ~ W. of Haggerty, S. of 6 Mile on Abbey Circle
- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 19 month old Colonial with 3,500+ sq.ft.
- Custom, stunning & dramatic detailing, open floor plan
- 2 story entry & great room, oak library, formal dining
- Gourmet island kitchen & master suite to die for. (BE402)

$575,000 • 248 647-6400

PREMIUM GOLF COURSE LOCATION
- Select home overlooking TCP fairway
- Gorgeous patio home with finest of amenities
- Two fireplaces, library, white marble flooring
- Finished lower level. Two kitchens. (TU44)

$574,900 • 248 324-3800

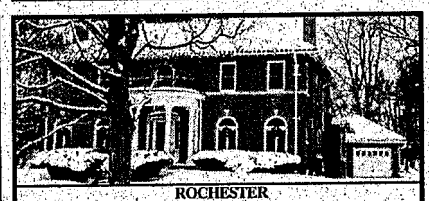


WEST BLOOMFIELD
- Beautiful lakefront & sandy swim area with this spacious 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath quad-level home
- Multiple decks & walkouts, 2 large family rooms, 2 fireplaces, Florida room, & many updates including windows & shingles! (HA208)

$570,900 • 248 641-1660

WEST BLOOMFIELD FREE STANDING CONDO
- Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 story brick with contemporary flair
- Only 2 years new in desirable cul-de-sac setting
- Dramatic entry with soaring ceiling, quality use of ceramic tiles, whirlpool tub in master suite, 3-car attached garage & more. (MA458)

$554,900 • 248 851-4400

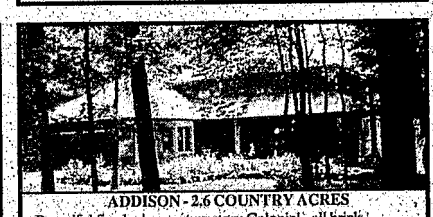


ROCHESTER
- Classic in-town home on 2 lots, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 fireplaces, beveled glass doors, wet plaster
- Sculptured moldings, hardwood floors, tile roof, copper gutters, updated to fit your 2000 lifestyle! (MA131)

$550,000 • Cecelia Brown • 248 656-4401

ROCHESTER HILLS - BETTER THAN NEW!!
- Open floor plan with great room & 1st floor master suite
- Over 3,800 square feet
- Sun room overlooks wooded lot
- Easy access to M-59 & I-75. (SL374)

$499,900 • Nancy Ritter • 248 656-4420



ADDISON - 2.6 COUNTRY ACRES
- Beautiful five bedroom, two story Colonial - all brick
- Finished basement & walkout with in-law quarters
- 4.5 baths, 7 sided solarium, hot tub/spa
- Wooded area, security alarm, pond, two pole barns. (PI432)

$439,900 • 248 651-8850

ONE ACRE IN BEVERLY HILLS
- Ideal for entertaining & functional for family living
- Grand 2 story foyer, brick hearth & fireplace in family room
- Hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen w/ doorwall to deck
- Large living room, master w/ walk-in closet & updated bath. (MA310)

$397,000 • 248 647-6400

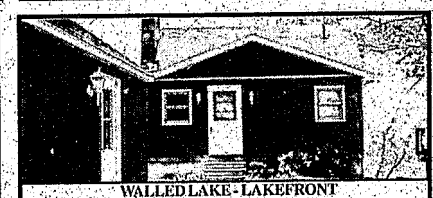
TROY - SUPERB SETTING AND AMENITIES
- Lovely Beach Road area; end of cul-de-sac lot
- Site with beautiful yard and cedar deck
- Huge cathedral great room with wall of windows
- Many updates-furnace, central air & windows. (RI538)

$390,900 • 248 641-1660

CLARKSTON ~ OPEN SAT. 2-4

7879 Deerhill Drive ~ W. M-15, W. on Miller, N. on Holcomb, W. on Dark Lk.
- 1.7 acre private paradise with view of Deer Lake
- 4 bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, formal living & dining
- Finished walkout basement, dual 2 car garage
- Minutes to downtown Clarkston & I-75. (DE787)

$369,900 • 248 625-5700

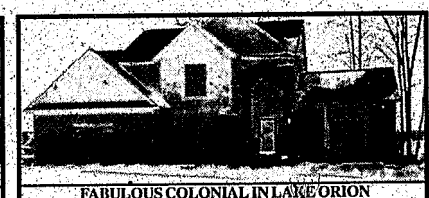


WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
- Two story Cape Cod on east side of lake
- Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
- Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)

$350,000 • 248 624-3015

CAPTIVATING BLOOMFIELD TWP. TUDOR
- Premium amenities include 2-way fireplace, built-in bookshelves in family room, ceramic foyer & deck
- Kitchen with breakfast nook plus formal dining, partially finished basement, side entrance garage. (QU482)

$324,900 • 248 851-4400

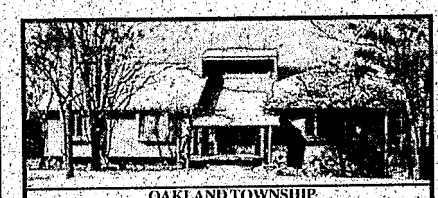


FABULOUS COLONIAL IN LAKE ORION
- Nice wooded corner lot professionally landscaped
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Upgrades throughout, maple cabinets, crown moldings, and finished basement with full bath
- Master suite w/ his & her closets, Jacuzzi, & shower. (BA410)

$319,000 • 248 651-8850

GROSS POINTE FARMS
- Charming traditional brick Colonial with bay windows
- Great location - walk to school and shopping
- Many updates. Immediate occupancy
- Four bedrooms and two baths. (FI176)

$314,900 • 248 641-1660

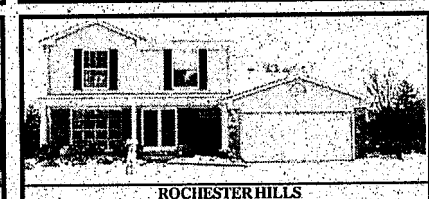


OAKLAND TOWNSHIP
- 4 bedroom contemporary with 3 car garage, gas fireplace, wet bar, and finished lower level walkout
- 3 full baths, newer carpet & decking. Family room, new kitchen in progress, large master. (WA315)

$299,900 • 248 641-1660

ROCHESTER HILLS CLASSICAL COLONIAL
- New kitchen cabinets, appliances, and flooring
- All new carpeting, foyer accented by Wilson-Art tiling
- Enclosed sun room & deck face private yard
- Excellent value. (WI276)

$269,000 • 248 651-8850



ROCHESTER HILLS
- Charming 4 bedroom, 2 story brick Colonial
- Huge family room with walk-in wet bar & fireplace
- Private backyard, access to pool & tennis courts
- Sharp home with exciting decor throughout. (HA875)

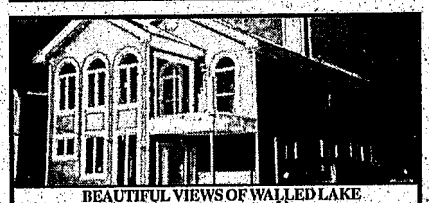
$249,900 • 248 651-8850

WOLVERINE LAKE - SPECTACULAR VIEW!
- This darling lakefront 2 story home is a joy to live in
- Two bedrooms, great room opens to a bi-level deck
- Two car garage, skylights & recessed lighting
- Move-in condition. A real gem! (WO814)

$249,900 • 248 851-4400

CLARKSTON - NEW LISTING!!
- Nestled deep in Lake Waldon Village on large corner lot with extensive landscaping. Cedar deck,
- Family room with natural fireplace, formal dining room
- Crown moldings, granite island, hardwood floors. (LA615)

$249,900 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF WALLED LAKE
- Brand new 1,900 sq. ft. contemporary offers three bedrooms, three full baths, library, & custom kitchen
- View of lake from every room!
- Short walk to beach, playground & downtown. (WA585)

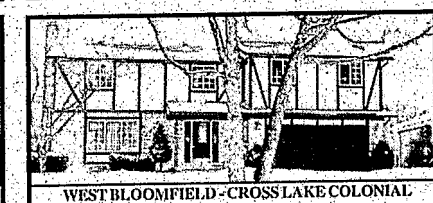
$249,900 • 248 624-3015

MACOMB - CLASSIC 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL
- Open foyer & stairway, great room with natural fireplace
- Formal dining, large kitchen/eating area, hardwood floors, large master, 3 walk-in closets, 2.5 baths, central air
- Large lot, brick patio, sprinklers. Security alarm. (DE528)

$244,900 • 248 651-8850

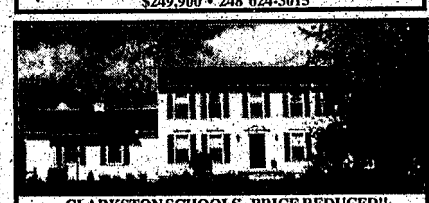
ROCHESTER HILLS - PRIME GOLF COURSE VIEW
- Wonderful four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial in lovely setting!
- Breakfast room, formal dining, rec. room, family room with natural brick fireplace. Many updates!
- Club recreation, 2 car garage, home warranty. (BA654)

$239,900 • 248 651-8850



WEST BLOOMFIELD - CROSS LAKE COLONIAL
- Beautiful views of lake from balcony off master suite, partially finished lower level with walkout
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, numerous updates throughout
- Water frontage with boat facility. (WE205)

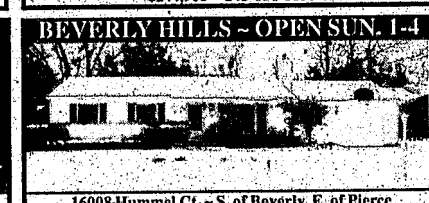
$237,000 • 248 851-4400



CLARKSTON SCHOOLS - PRICE REDUCED!!
- Immaculate Colonial on 1.97 acres
- Natural fireplace with mantel in family room
- Multilevel deck, gazebo, above ground pool
- Shed and 2 car attached garage. (SP651)

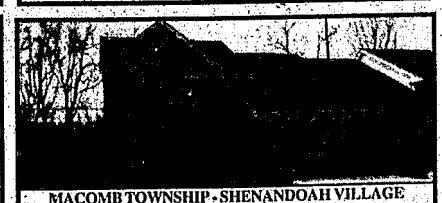
$234,900 • 248 625-5700

BEVERLY HILLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



16008 Hummel Ct. ~ S. of Beverly, E. of Pierce
- Extra charming 3 bedroom and 2 bath ranch
- Beautiful fireplace in living room & lots of hardwood floors
- Open & large kitchen with dining area & doorwall to patio
- Master with dual closets & many additional updates. (HU160)

$199,900 • 248 647-6400



MACOMB TOWNSHIP - SHENANDOAH VILLAGE
- Beautiful custom brick Colonial - sellers must relocate
- Crown moldings, plush carpeting & ceramic/parquet floors, central air, raised fireplace in great room
- Awesome lot (private yard), play house, & deck. (PI183)

$188,888 • 248 641-1660

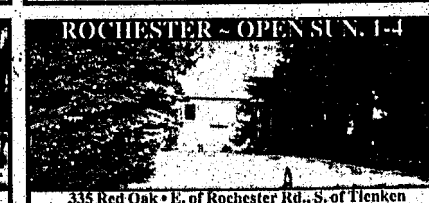
BIRMINGHAM
- Totally updated large, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath bungalow
- Newer furnace, central air, hot water heater, vinyl windows, carpeting, storm doors, & copper plumbing
- Four year old kitchen. (SH156)

$180,000 • 248 547-2000

SPECIAL WEST BLOOMFIELD HOME
- 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath single family Cape Cod
- Updated kitchen on 1st floor, partial kitchen on 2nd floor
- Fireplace & hardwood floors in living room
- Heated 3.5 car garage & large parking area. (OR179)

$175,000 • 248 647-6400

ROCHESTER ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4

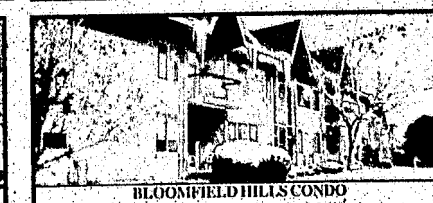


335 Red Oak • E. of Rochester Rd., S. of Tienken
- Minutes from downtown & walking distance to schools
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, country kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Updated roof, furnace, central air, hot water heater, & bath
- Lovely large lot. Newer gutters, electrical, & deck. (RE335)

$158,950 • 248 647-6400

OXFORD
- Handsomely restored turn-of-the-century Colonial
- 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Living room with window seat & fireplace, library/study, formal dining, & bonus room
- Fenced yard with fruit trees & grape arbor. Garage. (FI38)

$155,000 • 248 625-5700



BLOOMFIELD HILLS CONDO
- Wow! First floor ranch with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths
- Large open floor plan, oak kitchen with snack bar & pantry
- Doorwall to patio & living room w/ beautiful view of commons
- Private basement, garage, appliances, & alarm. (KL200)

$118,900 • 248 851-4400