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IN THE PAPER TODAY

Election 2000

Clarkston area prefers Bush

Although George W. Bush lost Tuesday's Republican presidential primary statewide, locally he pulled off a victory by a slim margin.

Voter turnout was heavier than expected, Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole said. In Springfield, 21 percent of the 9,647 registered voters went to the polls.

In Independence Township, voter turnout was not quite as high, at 18 percent. Independence has 23,421 registered voters. Clarkston has approximately 800 registered voters and 229 of them went to the polls, making turnout there 29 percent.

Here is how people voted Tuesday statewide, countywide and locally by precinct:

Michigan
Total voters: 1,319,876
John McCain — 646,620
George W. Bush — 547,773
Alan Keyes — 58,769

Oakland County
Total voters: 196,615
McCain — 91,337
Bush — 82,960
Keyes — 7,082

Independence Township
Bush — 2,800
McCain — 2,330
Keyes — 224
Pct. 1: Bush 159, McCain 139, Keyes 5
Pct. 2: Bush 62, McCain 56, Keyes 8
Pct. 3: Bush 227, McCain 187, Keyes 27
Pct. 4: Bush 291, McCain 275, Keyes 30
Pct. 5: Bush 152, McCain 151, Keyes 14
Pct. 6: Bush 128, McCain 115, Keyes 17
Pct. 7: Bush 223, McCain 194, Keyes 26
Pct. 8: Bush 79, McCain 63, Keyes 4
Pct. 9: Bush 90, McCain 79, Keyes 9
Pct. 10: Bush 110, McCain 100, Keyes 10
Pct. 11: Bush 106, McCain 76, Keyes 6
Pct. 12: Bush 192, McCain 134, Keyes 10
Pct. 13: Bush 195, McCain 136, Keyes 14
Pct. 14: Bush 183, McCain 132, Keyes 16
Absentee: Bush 603, McCain 493, Keyes 28

Springfield Township
Bush — 951
McCain — 892
Keyes — 100
Pct. 1: Bush 210, McCain 209, Keyes 34
Pct. 2: McCain 124, Bush 109, Keyes 17
Pct. 3: Bush 187, McCain 172, Keyes 19
Pct. 4: Bush 166, McCain 118, Keyes 8
Pct. 5: McCain 122, Bush 118, Keyes 6
Pct. 6: Bush 161, McCain 147, Keyes 16
Absentee: Included in tallies by precinct.

City of the Village of Clarkston
One precinct only: Bush 111, McCain 92, Keyes 14
Absentee: Included in precinct tally.

—Sally Slaughter

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(Editor's note: Vintage Clarkston will return next week.)



The first place to visit when you're looking for a new place to live? The Real Estate ads in today's **HomeTown Classifieds!**

Clerks report fewer election woes

■ Tuesday's election went more smoothly than the November 1998 vote in the Clarkston area, but the state voter list still caused a few problems. Local clerks have put in hours of extra work to get their lists in order.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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They were prepared for misplaced and maybe even missing voters, but Tuesday's election was not as stressful as local clerks had feared.

After having all sorts of problems during the last couple of elections brought on by a new, state-centralized voter record system, local clerks said most of the kinks seem to have straightened themselves out.

"Things went a lot better than the November 1998 election," Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary said. "But we still have the same underlying problem with the QVF."

The Qualified Voter File is a computerized system set up by the state that was supposed to streamline changes in voter registration information and make record keeping easier for local clerks. But what happened in the last major election, the governor's race in November 1998, was voters were misplaced on the poll lists.

According to the state records some people moved who never really moved. Some people who live on borders were listed as living in neighboring areas like Waterford when they really live in Independence Township. McCrary said one problem was with the state system saying a voter didn't move into Independence Township when he or she really had.

But instead of at least 200 voters having problems, only about 30 did this time around. McCrary said while she was disappointed that any problems existed, this election was much smoother than in 1998. Her staff has

Please see **ELECTION, A6**



STAFF PHOTOS BY GARY MALERBA

Resting: *Danielle Zaratzian, a student in Clarkston's new all-day kindergarten program, Kindergarten Plus, takes a break during nap time.*

Little learners

All-day kindergarten offers many pluses

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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When Kathryn Hoff's sons go to Pine Knob Elementary in the morning, she knows both of them will be in their classrooms until the end of the school day.

That wouldn't have been the case if her younger son, Anthony, weren't in the new program called Kindergarten Plus.

It's an extension of the traditional half-day kindergarten class and is offered at Pine Knob and North Sashabaw elementaries in the Clarkston Community Schools District.

While many people would say an entire school day is too long for a kindergartner, Anthony's mother says otherwise.

She's experienced both situations through her two sons and is pleased with the full-day kindergarten program.

"I would recommend Kindergarten Plus to anyone,"

Please see **KINDERGARTEN PLUS, A4**



Building basics: *Students look on as teacher Loretta Gagnon reads a story book to them.*



Hard at work: *Emily White draws a picture.*

Lutz managing well in school business post

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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The ascent to a lofty position at Everest Academy has been a twisting path for Independence Township resident John Lutz.

From construction supervisor to business owner, all his jobs have given him experience to help in his newest endeavor. Even though the end of Lutz' 12-year tenure as Independence Township treasurer was a little rocky, he has found his footing as business manager of the growing Catholic school at 5935 Clarkston Road.

"It's really been a challenge," Lutz

Please see **LUTZ, A6**



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

At work: *John Lutz says his previous jobs, including being Independence Township treasurer, prepared him for his new position.*

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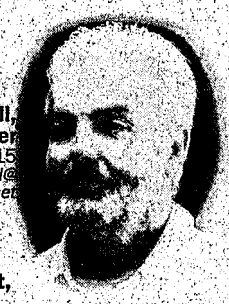

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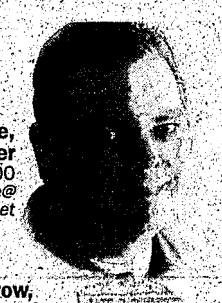

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You're a good man, Charles Schulz



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Tribute: *Clarkston High School art students created a unique tribute to cartoonist Charles Schulz, who died Feb. 12. They made ice sculptures of three of his most beloved characters—Snoopy, Woodstock and the most famous of all, Charlie Brown. Pictured are (L-R) Dustin Coleman, Beth Reatherford, Ashleigh Tate and Liz Koldinski.*

New sound system to aid board broadcasts

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Independence Township residents who watch board meetings at home should hear the proceedings better soon with the new sound system approved by the township board at a recent meeting.

"We get lots of complaints about people watching on TV and not being able to hear," Township Clerk Joan McCrary said.

The township will pay Pontiac Music and Sound of Waterford $5,702 for the new system, which will include wiring on three walls of the meeting room. The board meets in Independence Township Library. Gooseneck- type microphones will be installed on the board dais, and two hand-held microphones will be used for comments from the audience and other presenters.

Paul Krass of Pontiac Music and Sound said the cordless microphones work well because the public feels more comfortable with them. They don't have to come up to the podium to speak.

Krass sold the township its current system in March 1999. The board did not have to go out for bids for the new equipment because the expense was less than $10,000. The money was earmarked in the 2000 township budget.

Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin said the system currently in use was not meant to be permanent for board use. It was temporary until the board figured out the best system. The system was purchased primarily for use at the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park but also is used for many other functions besides the board meetings.

"It's still going to be used at the Carriage House and at other functions where the township needs a portable system," Conklin said.

Several other matters were discussed at the Feb. 15 board meeting.

■ Board members approved a Special Assessment District for phases seven and eight of the Deerwood subdivision, known as Deerwood VII and Deerwood VIII. The money will be used for street lighting. The lights were to be installed in phase seven last year, McCrary said, but Detroit Edison did not get the equipment in place. Now both will be installed at once. The cost of the lights for both areas is $24,303 and will be split between 50 units. Before interest is added, each unit will pay a total of $486 for the lighting. Residents can choose to pay off the assessment in either five years or 10. Four homes are occupied in Deerwood VII with more homes in progress. There are no homes built in Deerwood VIII yet.

The initial assessment will take care of installation of the lights. Maintenance costs will vary from year to year so the SAD will come before the board annually.

■ The township board authorized payment of $1,500 in dues to the Clinton River Watershed Council. The council works to improve water quality in the Clinton River watershed. The upper portion of the Clinton River runs through the township. The major waterway runs all the way to Lake St. Clair.

■ Several appointments to boards, commissions and committees also were made.

Township trustee Jeff McGee and planning commission member B. Jill Palulian were appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Their terms expire Dec. 31, 2002.

Robert Grimes and Rudy Nichols were appointed to the Cable Casting Board. Their terms expire in August 2002. Township trustee Daniel Travis was appointed to the planning commission. His term expires Dec. 31, 2002.

The Township Hall Steering Committee will be made up of B. Jill Palulian, planning commission chairman Steve Board, township trustees Neil Wallace and Daniel Travis, David VanderVeen, Bob Olsen, Forrest Milzow and township supervisor Dale Stuart.

Any township board members who choose not to run or are not re-elected in November would be replaced on the various boards.

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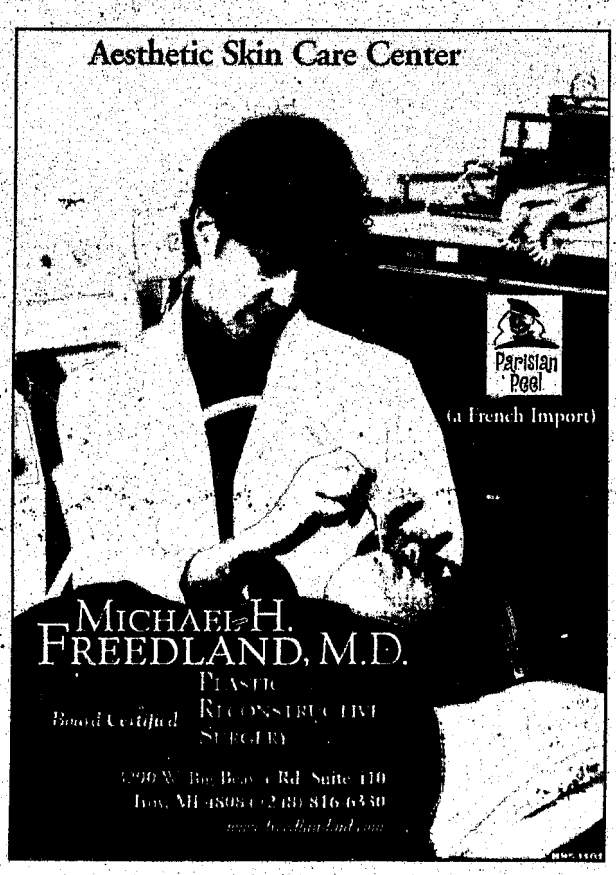

OBITUARIES

RAMONA M. BALLOW

Ramona M. Ballow of Clarkston died Feb. 18, 2000, at age 83.

Mrs. Ballow and her husband owned and operated Bluebird Auction in Groveland Township. She was a member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Ballow was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall. She is survived by a son, Paul D. (Wilma) of California, and a daughter, Nancy (Charles) Porter of Clarkston. Mrs. Ballow is survived by five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Robert Watt officiating.

Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

REV. EDWARD L. FERGUS, S.J.

Rev. Edward L. Fergus, S.J., of Clarkston died Feb. 14, 2000, at age 78.

Rev. Fergus was the parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul from 1988 to 1994.

He had been an amateur radio operator and licensed since 1951.

Rev. Fergus is survived by two sisters; Betty (William) Rupp of Bridgman and Rosemary Fergus of Mount Vernon, Iowa; and one brother; Raymond (Lois) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral Mass was held Friday in Colombiere Center, Clarkston, with interment at Colombiere Center Cemetery, Clarkston.

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW
SPRINGFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Springfield Charter Township Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan for the purpose of hearing appeals for the year 2000 assessments.

Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessor. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an appointment in advance. Appointments may be made from 9:00 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30 daily by phoning 248-634-6873 or 248-625-4802. All appointments should be made before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14th, 2000.

The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 7th,	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 13th,	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14th,	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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You may appeal by letter to the Board of Review, Springfield Charter Township, 650 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350-1038. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th, 2000. Anyone needing a special accommodation at a Board of Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-634-6873 or 248-625-4802.

COLLIN W. WALLS, Supervisor
Springfield Charter Township

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Moving in: *Media Specialist Bob Devereaux and Media Paraprofessional Denise Brewster organize the 13,000 volumes that were moved recently into the new media center at Bailey Lake Elementary School.*

School's new media center to open soon

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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For 12 years, Bailey Lake Elementary School media specialist Bob Devereaux has been helping students pick out books from a media center that was squeezed into a multi-purpose classroom.

That is soon to change.

Thanks to the $57.6 million bond issue voters approved June 1997, Bailey Lake students will be streaming into a media center built specifically as a media center. The bond issue paid for renovations and technology improvements at other Clarkston schools as well.

"It's wonderful," Devereaux exclaimed as he arranged some of the 13,000 volumes moved recently into the new center.

He's looking forward to working with students in the new environment.

■ 'We hope to have things ready for some time in March, which is National Reading Month.'

Bob Devereaux
Bailey Lake Elementary School media specialist

It welcomes them in with carpeting that looks like confetti of numbers and letters. The large pyramid-shaped window and skylights let in an abundance of natural light. Two classes can fit comfortably into the space as compared to the former media center that could only hold one class of kids. There's a mini-stage by the window—a perfect place to read stories to children or give presentations. There also is space for computers, he said.

New furniture has yet to arrive, and construction workers have plenty of work to do, but the look of the room is evident. The soft blue-purple and beige add warmth to a room already colorful from the multi-colored bindings on the books and other items in the media center.

"We hope to have things ready for some time in March, which is National Reading Month," said Devereaux, who lives in South Lyon on his family's centennial farm.

Bailey Lake's students and staff also hope to be able to use the new cafeteria and kitchen area by late February and the new art, science and music rooms are under way.

"We're almost done with the first phase of construction on our building," said principal Martin Chaffee. "It's been really exciting to see all of these changes take place, and there are more coming."

He expects the school to be completed and ready for an open house in September.

$10,000 raised to buy materials for new library

■ SPRINGFIELD

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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The Springfield Township Library will have more new materials than it expected to help fill the shelves in its new building.

The library was issued a challenge by developer Barry Stulberg in June to raise $5,000 for new materials. The goal was met recently, and Stulberg has made good on his promise to donate another $5,000.

Stulberg is developing the 112-home Westwood Hills subdivision on the northeast corner of Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake Road. He received a Planned Unit Development zoning for it and is readying the lots so that builders can start construction this summer.

"The township has been good to me, and I wanted to show my appreciation in a meaningful way," the Farmington Hills-based developer said.

He said the township has been "splendid" to work with throughout the long process of getting the PUD approved and that although he doesn't live in Springfield Township, he will be around for a long time.

"A good education is one of the best things a community can offer, and I think the library is a big contributor to the quality of life for all ages," he said.

He hopes other businesses and developers will copy his idea and contribute to the library or other community organizations.

Library Director Cathy Forst said this is the first time in her 20-year tenure someone has issued such a challenge. She is grateful to the community members who donated toward the $5,000 goal and to Stulberg.

"We really appreciate him thinking of the library. When I got the phone call that day, I was speechless," Forst said.

The library is in a 1,800-square-foot former school house. Forst said officials hope to break ground on the township's new civic center on Davisburg Road near Ormond Road in April. It will include a new 12,000-square-foot library on the second floor. Some money will be set aside to buy materials, but the book budget is never what the staff would like it to be, Forst said. She added the plan is to open the library by spring or early summer 2001 at the latest.

And when it does, the $10,000 will buy lots of materials. Forst said purchases will likely include both children's and adult non-fiction as well as maybe more books on tape and CDs, which are popular with patrons.

"We didn't let ourselves think about it too much," Forst said.

The staff was concentrating on ways to raise the $5,000. They started by sending out a mailing to Friends of the Library members. Staff members made donations, and many local businesses also contributed.

"We had a big canister in the library if people wanted to donate," Forst said.

A big motivator was the message on the local cable channel. Forst said they put an update on TV and thanked people who contributed by name.

"They wanted to see their name up there," she said.

Now the canisters have been replaced by a thank-you sign and festive balloons.

Police seek suspect in bank hoist

Oakland County Sheriff's Department is hoping someone will call the Oakland County Crime Stoppers Tip Line and help them find the suspect who allegedly robbed an Independence Township bank last week.

The tip line phone number is 1-888-TURN-1-IN (1-888-887-6146). There is a reward.

The suspect entered Great Lakes Bank at 7188 Ortonville Road at about 2:45 p.m. Friday. He handed the bank teller a note, asking for money, according to police. The note insinuated he had a gun, said Detective Dirk Feneley of the Independence Township substation. "The teller handed the man an undetermined amount of cash," he added.

The man ran out of the bank and escaped in a vehicle, police said.

Witnesses helped the Oakland County Sheriff's Department with a description of the suspect. He is a white male in his mid-20s with brown hair and a slim build. His estimated height and weight are 5-feet 8 to 10 inches and 140 pounds.



Computerized composite drawing of suspect

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

Embezzlement

On Feb. 21, an employee at Mr. B.'s Roadhouse, 6761 **Dixie Highway**, left the restaurant during her work shift. According to a police report, she left with $334.93 in cash sales and with customers' charge sales slips.

Assault and battery

On Feb. 20, police were notified about an incident at a school bus stop on **Mann Road** after a school bus driver and a parent at the stop saw an 18-year-old female grab a 15-year-old Clarkston female by her coat. Witnesses said the older girl was also yelling profanities at the younger girl, according to the police report.

On Feb. 19, police were called about a fight at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 6540 **Dixie Highway**. A 26-year-old Clarkston man received an appearance ticket for hitting a 23-year-old Pontiac man once in the face. The Clarkston man said he regretted the act. He told police, according to the report, that the two men have argued for several years.

Larceny in building

On Feb. 20, a 12-year-old boy from Davisburg told police he removed money from a jar on a teacher's desk at Clarkston Middle School, 6595 **Middle Lake Road**, because he needed lunch money. He told police, according to the report, that he gave some of the money to two other students.

DWLS/2nd or subsequent offense

On Feb. 20, a 22-year-old Clarkston man was stopped for a traffic violation on southbound **Dixie Highway**, south of Maybee Road. He was driving on a suspended driver's license. He had received a ticket for the same violation in 1996. Police impounded his vehicle.

Traffic accident

On Feb. 18, a 20-year-old Clarkston woman was struck by a vehicle after she ran across **Sashabaw Road**, approaching Pine Knob Road. The vehicle tried to stop and slid into a ditch. A second vehicle couldn't stop in time and hit the first vehicle. There weren't any injuries. The pedestrian told police, according to the report, that she didn't see the vehicles when she tried to cross the road.

OUIL, first offense

On Feb. 17, a 38-year-old Waterford woman received citations for failure to use due care and caution when driving, for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor and for an unlawful body alcohol level. Police also impounded her vehicle. She scored .18 on her preliminary breathalyzer test. The legal driving limit is .10. Police noticed a strong smell of intoxicants coming from the woman after they stopped to investigate a traffic accident in which she hit another vehicle from the rear in the 6800 block of **Dixie Highway**.

Prescription fraud

On Feb. 17, a 67-year-old Davisburg woman called police after her 21-year-old granddaughter, who went to pick up a prescription for the woman at Rite Aide Pharmacy, 5789 **Ortonville Road**, was told someone else picked up the woman's prescription.

Springfield Township

Home invasion—first degree

On Feb. 21, a resident of a home in the 8700 block of **Miller Road** heard a car door shut and saw an unknown vehicle leaving the driveway. The resident discovered a snow blower missing from the garage.

Larceny from vehicle

On Feb. 21, someone removed an AM/FM radio/tape player and several compact discs from a vehicle parked in the driveway in the 12000 block of **Shaffer**.

On Feb. 20, someone broke the driver's-side window in a vehicle parked in the 9300 block of **Brucedale** and removed a compact disc player/radio, several compact discs and a roadside hazard kit.

Clarkston Police

No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to several calls Feb. 18-21. These included nine medical calls, three personal-injury calls, one carbon monoxide investigation call, one fuel spill call and one wires down call.



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Student musicians take honors

Clarkston High School instrumental music students took home 54 First-Division (superior) and 16 Second-Division (excellent) ratings from a recent competition.

More than 130 CHS instrumental music students competed in the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival at Lake Orion High School Feb. 12.

First-Division rating winners qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival March 25.

Those who earned first-division ratings are:

- Trumpet solos: Jackie LaForge, Stacy Mercado, Paul Mueller, Melissa Nicol, Carl Schulte, Kevin Way, Karen Zynda
- Flute solos: Laura Arpke, Sarrah Benson, Erin Browe, Jessica Glover, Lissie Okopny, Lauren Kreager, Amanda Walsh
- Piccolo solo: Lissie Okopny
- Oboe and English horn solos: Jenifer Way
- Bassoon solos: Kathleen Moniaci, Lauren Trager
- Trombone solos: Ben Kosbab, Ryan Schwarb, Emily Zarzycki
- Clarinet solos: Heather Jones, Jim Shanks, Nichole Peters, Tory Lauzun, Debbie Vander Kolk
- Alto sax solos: Eric Baer, Tom Wisniewski
- Marimba solo: Marja Kerney
- Vibraphone solo: John Fitzgerald
- Piano solos: Charlie Kraut, Brian Witkowski, Ryan Schwarb
- Baritone solo: Brent Griffith
- French horn solos: Jeremy Hertzler, Christine Witkowski, Kathryn Zarzycki, Jeff Driscoll
- Woodwind duets: Natale Sisk and Heather Carlile; Caitlin Ufer and Sabrina St. Peter; Ashley Vander Weel and Tina Sommers
- Flute duets: Erin Browe and Amanda Walsh, Jessica Seaton and Lindsey Samuel; Laura Arpke and Courtney Bates
- Clarinet duet: Elise Broadwater and Claudia Lara
- Trumpet trio: Melissa Nicol, Maureen Jones and Jackie LaForge
- Brass duet: Kathryn Zarzycki and Emily Zarzycki
- Brass quintets: Shaunna Barr, Mary Ann Treder, Kathryn Zarzycki, Ryan Schwarb and Jenni Salata; Jeremy Hertzler, Karen Zynda, Caleb Borschers, Alicia Findora and Ray Smith
- Woodwind quintet: Lissie Okopny, Heather Jones, Kathleen Moniaci, Becky Hart and Jenifer Way
- Percussion ensembles: Marja Kerney, Robert Koch, Erin Keesling, Scott Miller, Bryan Brehmer and Emily Tate; Michael Fischer, Maureen McIntyre, Matt Davenport, Matt Arquette, Lisa Gauthier, Lindsey Townsend

Students who earned second-division ratings are: Adie Verla, clarinet solo; David Hall, piano solo; Marissa Combs and Pat Heber, baritone solos; Blake Coe and Bryan Kolano, trombone solos; and Katy Manojlovich and Amy Schwarb, flute solos

Students who took second-division ensemble ratings are Marissa Combs and Ben Kosbab, brass duet; Lauren Bandes and Marley Brown, woodwind duet; Jessica Glover and Tina Cziwey, flute duet; Terri Joseph and Sarah Larson, woodwind duet; Kevin Way and Jeremy Zito, trumpet duet; Jessica Arsenault, Kristen Harris, Andrew Crandall, Rachael Raetzke and Stacey Mercado, brass quintet; Heather Carlile, Lisa Champagne and Debbie Vander Kolk, clarinet trio; and Emily Audette, Katie LaMonda, Kelly Katnik and Beth Fante, clarinet quartet.



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Color time: *Emily White, a student in Clarkston's new all-day kindergarten program, concentrates on drawing a picture.*

Kindergarten Plus from page A1

she told the district's school board members in a presentation about the new program.

When her older son, Marcus, was in kindergarten, he spent half the day at the elementary school and the other half at another building in another program with other children and teachers.

"I see so many differences in my younger son since he can stay in one situation all day," she said. "He has the same class and the same teacher all day. He doesn't come home as exhausted. He feels more confident. Academically, he's doing so much more because the teacher can plan an extension of activities. Also the class size is smaller.

"I feel so much better knowing he is in one setting all day," she added.

Parents pay $303 a month for the extra hours of kindergarten through the community education program. But for many parents, this is money that would be spent in another day-care situation.

Pine Knob's Kindergarten Plus teacher Cindy Creech said a survey she took revealed that of her 15 students, eight of them would have been in Kids Connection and two of them with a baby-sitter if they weren't in Kindergarten Plus.

■ 'I see so many differences in my younger son since he can stay in one situation all day. He has the same class and the same teacher all day. He doesn't come home as exhausted.'

Kathryn Hoff
Parent of Kindergarten Plus student

"The most important thing for the children is that they have consistency," Creech said.

Also, the youngsters are becoming familiar with the all-day routine in school, including going through the lunch line and recess.

"And I have more time and more opportunity to extend their learning. For instance, we went to the planetarium in Flint for a field trip. Then we came back and made papier-mache planets, something I couldn't have offered in a half-day setting," Creech added.

The Kindergarten Plus program at North Sashabaw Elementary School is slightly different. It's a multi-age classroom with first graders and kindergarten-age children working and playing side-by-side.

Teachers are Loretta Gagnon and Natalie Schroeder, both with 10 years teaching experience.

"There are so many benefits to Kindergarten Plus," said Gagnon, stressing it's not necessarily a better program, but another option.

"We spend the first few months of kindergarten getting children adjusted to being at school. We're finding the Kindergarten Plus children are adjusting much faster," she said.

Pine Knob Kindergarten Plus students Emily Bartindale, Anthony, Alex Barta, Madison Lightfoot and Maggie Moroco represented their classmates at the Valentine's Day school board meeting. The Kindergarten Plus students handed hand-made valentines to the board members and to school administrators.

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Leaders take stock after state goes for McCain

BY PAT MURPHY
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Don't be surprised if Republican lawmakers move to end open primary elections in Michigan.

"Open primaries are an open invitation to disaster," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Wednesday after underdog John McCain — on the strength of crossover votes from Democrats and independents — upset establishment-backed George W. Bush.

Patterson along with Gov. John Engler and other high-visibility Republicans were at the Westin Hotel in Southfield Tuesday for what was expected to be a victory party for the Texas governor.

But the party in the cavernous atrium never materialized. McCain got an early lead, according to radio and television reports. And the Arizona senator held on to win by more than five percent of the record turnout, according to uncertified tallies.

"I'm not going to bad-mouth McCain," said Patterson. "He ran a good campaign, appealing to the voters he needed to win.

"But it's pretty obvious what happened. McCain won because he appealed to Democratic and Independent voters who could crossover and vote in the Republican primary. That's gotta be fixed, and a number of state legislators there last night agreed."

Let's see what happens in states where only Republicans can vote to nominate the Republican candidate, said Patterson, who said he remains confident Bush will win the GOP nomination as well as the presidency.

Patterson said he disagrees with those — especially Epic-MRA, the Lansing based research firm — who contend McCain's victory was an indication of deeper problems with the candidacy of Bush, the governor of Texas and son of a former President.

John Cavanagh, a partner with Epic-MRA, Wednesday said McCain's victory was not the result of Democratic mischief, but his moderate message. "Our polling indicates McCain has an appeal that transcends party affiliation," he said. "About 80 percent of those (questioned) who voted for McCain Tuesday said they were certain they'd vote for him in November."

Cavanagh agreed with his partner, Ed Sarpolus who said Republican who blame Democrats for Bush's loss are trying to protect their image by blaming somebody else.

West Bloomfield pollster Steve Mitchell, however, disagreed. "Democrats played the spoilers. They were out to stick it to John Engler," he said.

"Because of the crossover vote, this was a Republican primary that wasn't Republican," said the president of Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. ""I agree with Gov. Engler, McCain rented a few Democrats for awhile. But they'll go back to the Democratic Party in November."

Mitchell attributed Bush's loss to:

- Democratic and Independent crossover voters.
- The candidacy of Alan Keyes, who garnered about five percent of the vote — most of which Mitchell said would otherwise have gone to Bush.
- Negative phone calls against Bush, including some claiming he is anti-Catholic.

Asked if he was certain those calls came from the McCain camp, Mitchell said. "Those negative calls were the handiwork of Mike Murphy (former Engler strategist now supporting McCain). There's no doubt they came from him."

At the Westin Tuesday, Bush supporters were clearly disappointed by the results. Occasionally, a few would wave signs and begin chanting, "Bush, Bush, Bush . . . " But the chant never caught on and quickly died.

Disappointment, however, never turned to despair.

Jonathan Farley of Plymouth confidently predicted Bush would win. "Maybe not tonight," he said, "but he'll win the GOP nomination."

He had been part of a phone bank over the weekend that called likely primary voters on behalf of Bush. "We had very positive response," he said, "although one McCain supporter hung up."

Farley paused, then chuckled. "That was okay. I've hung up on my share of telemarketers."

Linda Jolicoeur of Farmington Hills characterized Democrats voting in the Republican primary as, "Evil, evil conduct. But goodness will win in the end," she insisted, "Bush will win."

Bloomfield Hills resident Sandy Pape suggested Republicans might have voted against Bush to spite Gov. Engler, who had vowed Michigan would be the political "firewall" to stop the fire for McCain from spreading to other states.

"Some of my friends didn't like the governor coming out so early — and strongly — for Bush," she said. "When I hear 'crossovers', I think of Republicans who crossover for McCain."



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Facing facts: *GOP luminaries — and George W. Bush supporters — including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, state Sen. Richard Posthumus and Michigan's first lady Michele listen as Gov. John Engler attempt to put a happy face on the primary election news Tuesday at a Bush party in Southfield's Westin Hotel. Their candidate was beaten by Arizona Sen. John McCain in the Michigan Republican Primary.*

Troy resident Cindy Keitch said she much prefers Bush. "But I can support McCain," she said. "He can beat (vice president Al) Gore."

James Sherk, part of a contingent from Hillsdale College, had a different view. Claiming McCain's tax plan was "nonexistent," Sherk scoffed at those who suggest McCain might be a stronger candidate and thus more electable in November.

"We can only sacrifice so much principle for the sake of victory," he said. "In a race between McCain and Gore, I might not vote at all."

Terry Fobbs of Mason said McCain's reliance on non-Republican voters indicates a basic weakness. "But I'll say one thing, McCain's not a quitter. He's a fighter."

Gladys Bailey of Detroit said she likes the younger Bush, much as she liked his father, President George W. Bush.

She also thought many of the crossover voters — particularly Blacks — were sincere in their support for Bush. "Many of the black voters I know have a high regard for both."

Franklin resident Molly Tredwell said she intends to become a Bush volunteer to assure the Texas governor — who she believes will inevitably win the nomination — does better in the fall.

Her husband Jay agreed. "Bush has got good ideas," he said, "and good leadership qualities."

As the evening wore on and McCain's victory became more certain, Birmingham attorney David A. Sebastian had a comment and a prediction. "It's early yet," said the Republican county chair. "The primary roads is very long, and very arduous. Bush will win yet."

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been putting in lots of overtime trying to correct errors in the state system.

The most common problem left are couples who move into the community. One partner will be listed in Independence and the other won't.

"My staff has a joke about it. We call it the missing husbands," she said.

Early in the day, poll workers didn't see any trouble with the lists.

"We haven't had any problem," said Robert Arends, election chairperson of Precinct 7 at Independence Elementary School.

Arends, who has been working elections for six years, said things were much better than the last couple of elections.

Over at Precinct 2 at North Sashabaw Elementary, where a lot of problems surfaced in 1998, workers also were not experiencing a lot of trouble.

First-time poll worker Pam Ruggirello was one of the people who heard McCrary's plea for election workers this year. All over, it's hard to find poll workers, and McCrary has made a concerted effort to attract more people.

"I just saw Joan's cry to everyone. I had the time," Ruggirello said.

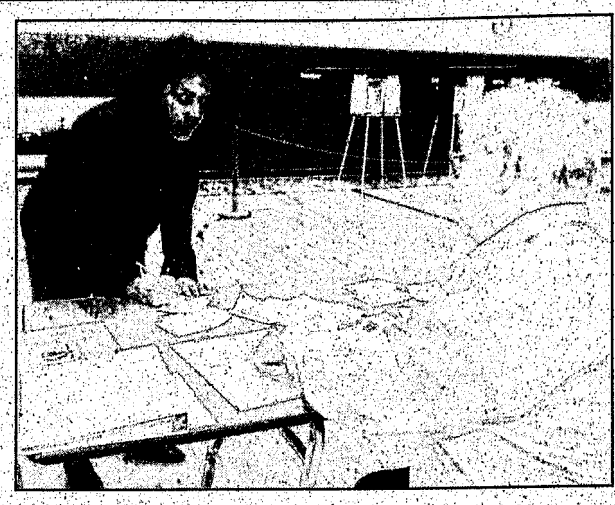
She added many people take time off of work or school to work during the elections.

McCrary said she had enough help for this election, but will need more people for the general election in November.

In Springfield Township, Clerk Nancy Strole did not depend on the state system.

"We're not relying primarily on the QVF system," she said.

But still, she too experienced some trouble. Like McCrary, she has been trying to get the poll lists in some kind of order. Her staff sent out notices to people the state list said had moved from the community. If she got a response back, she put the people back on their own list. At least 150 people were added back onto Springfield's list. What they discovered Tuesday was there were quite a few people who had not responded to the letter and really should have been put back on the list.



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So far, so good: *Election chairperson Robert Arend (right) assists Gail Reatherford as she casts her vote Tuesday at Independence Elementary School. Early in the day, Arend said no problems with polling lists had surfaced.*



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Lutz *from page A1*

said.

Everest Academy opened in 1991 and is run by the Legion of Christ, a Catholic order founded in 1941 by Father Lorenzo Gomez.

Rev. Gomez once worked at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, Lutz said, and the group that has its roots in Mexico is the newest and fastest growing Catholic order.

All the school's expenses are paid for through tuition and donations. Although the school operates with the blessing of the Archdiocese of Detroit, it is independent of that organization and receives no money from it, Lutz said.

The Legion of Christ is dedicated to the formation and education of children. It operates 150 schools worldwide. Twenty-five of them are in the United States. With 430 children, Everest is among the largest in this country, Lutz said.

Its growth is evident in that the preschool through grade eight school had only 212 pupils when Lutz started in March 1998. The goal is to have 1,500 kids in preschool through high school. The first ninth-grade class will begin in 2002. The school owns about 90 acres altogether and Lutz is largely responsible for the practical matters of growth. He is the one who will orchestrate building more buildings and athletic facilities as finances and enrollments allow.

The school expects to keep growing. Most of the students are from the Clarkston and other immediate areas. Twelve Mexican students live at the school.

"This area is reaching out for optional schools to attend," he said.

One philosophy of the Legion is separating girls and boys at third grade. That means more classrooms are needed than at a traditional public school. Eventually the campus will include separate high schools for boys and girls. The most immediate project, however, is a preprimary building. Lutz hopes ground will be broken this spring for the new building.

Lutz said his previous jobs have prepared him well for this one. He started out as a construction supervisor. The last big project he worked on was the General Motors Orion Assembly Plant. Of course he had to know about building in that job, but he also learned about managing people.

From there he had his own business. He said he became involved in township politics at the urging of others. He and his wife, Kathy, and their sons, 18-year-old Jonathon and 16-year-old Aaron, live on Walters Lake. Lutz was involved on the lake board, helping to get the lake cleaned up. He ran for treasurer and served from 1984-1996.

"This is probably where I should be," he said.

He has found his multifaceted role rewarding. Since it is a small school, he has lots of jobs. He not only puts the $2 million budget together but also acts as the human resources point person. He's the one they ask about retirement plans and insurance claims. He also makes sure the buildings are kept in good order and will supervise construction.

He said before he came on, a Brother did his job plus other duties. Much of the day-to-day details were not attended to as closely. His position was added when the school could afford it. Now instead of township residents, students and parents are his constituents. He isn't completely uncomfortable in the educational ring.

"I'm married to one (a teacher) so I'm half way there," he said.

He enjoys interacting with the staff and students.

"The big difference is it makes you almost feel younger," he said.

Children will come up to him with pride and show them their report cards or prized projects.

"Everyone know me because I fill up the pop machine," he joked.

Seriously, he said, like when he worked at Independence Township Hall, being surrounded by hard-working people makes coming to work a pleasure.

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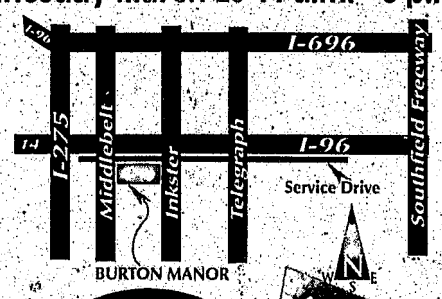

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Candidates close where it counts — delegates

BY MIKE MALOTT
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John McCain, barely out of the starting gate, came from behind to draw nearly even with frontrunner George W. Bush Tuesday on the only score that really counts — delegates committed to support him at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Despite all the hoopla about wins and losses in the previous primaries, Texas Gov. Bush had actually jumped out to a quick early lead on the delegate tote board.

Counting delegates is an inexact science because of "quirky" state rules about when delegates are considered "committed," but Michigan GOP spokesman Sage Eastman estimated that as of Monday — through the primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire, Delaware and South Carolina — Bush had run up a total of about 110.

McCain had won only 15.

Then came Michigan and Arizona.

In Tuesday's balloting, McCain pulled in 52 of the 58 delegates available here in Michigan. Six went to Bush when he led the voting in Michigan's 2nd and 3rd congressional districts, including Grand Rapids, Muskegon and the west side of the state.

Thirty delegates were at stake in Arizona. With a solid double-digit point spread in the senator's home state, McCain was expected to walk away with all of them, according to Eastman.

That would put McCain at 97 compared to Bush's 116.

Also-ran Alan Keyes has yet to win a delegate. Steve Forbes had won two before he dropped out.

To assure the nomination, a candidate will have win 1,034 delegates, half plus one of the 2,066 who will gather at the national GOP convention in Philadelphia at the end of July to make the decision.

Next up in the contest are the Virginia, Washington and North Dakota primaries Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Then comes Super Tuesday, March 7, a 12-state primary date that includes the states of California and New York with their massive numbers of delegates. This could all be over by March 8.

Michigan is a "partial winner takes all" state when it comes to the way the Republican party divides up delegates as a result of the primary voting, Eastman explained. The state has 18 "electoral votes" — 16 representatives in Congress and two senators.

Based on that, the Republican National Committee allocated 58 delegates to Michigan, essentially a proportional share of the total number of delegates to be at the convention.

Then the state party gave three delegates to each of Michigan's congressional districts, which are awarded "winner take all" to the highest vote-getter within each district.

That's a different system than what the Democrats will use when they gather for caucus meetings March 11. Dems will award delegates proportionally within each congressional district based on percentages of the vote.

But that's the way the Michigan GOP prefers it.

"I wouldn't say it was controversial," Eastman said. "When the issue came up at headquarters, we had a lot of debate and there were different ideas on how it should be done. It's sort of the middle ground. A lot of states award delegates winner take all for the entire state. Our system allows the candidates to come in and campaign at the local level. They can pick up delegates within each congressional district. But it also resolves the problem of allocating delegates proportionally according to the percentage of the vote. How do I allocate a third of a delegate?"



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Bush-backers: *Detroiters Shell Freeman (left) and Gladys Bailey turned out to support George W. Bush.*

Primary crossover mischief not new

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Complaints about crossover voters "doing mischief" in the primary are familiar to Mary Ryan Taras, a Birmingham resident who was chair of the Oakland County Democratic Party for most of the 1980s.

That was when so-called Reagan Democrat abandoned incumbent President Jimmy Carter and helped Ronald Reagan win the Presidency, recalled Taras.

Before that — in 1972 — Republicans crossover to vote for Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who eventually won the Democratic Primary, Taras recalled. "I remember my Republican friends saying they were voting for Wallace for President and me for precinct delegate," she said.

After that embarrassment, Democrats lobbied fore state election laws that would enable parties to hold closed primaries or caucuses, Taras said, so only party members could vote in the presidential primary.

"But Republicans wanted open primaries," she said. "Now they're complaining about crossover voters."

Taras said she didn't vote in the GOP primary Tuesday as a matter of principle. "For me, the primary is a party decision," said the former history teacher. "Democrats should nominate the Democratic candidate, and Republicans should nominate the Republican."

The current Democratic chair in Oakland, Gary L. Kohut, said the party did not encourage its members to crossover to the GOP primary. "And I personally would never advise a Democrat to vote for any Republican," he said.

There's no accurate way to determine who was a crossover vote in Tuesday's primary, said Oakland County clerk William "Doc" Caddell. Exit polls are one of the few indicators, he said.

But Democratic crossover in Tuesday's GOP — with its record turnout — was likely a factor, said the clerk.

Caddell had predicted about 130,000 votes in Tuesday's election, or about 15 percent of the vote. When the polls closed, 196,615 voters — or more than 23 percent of the total number of those registered — had cast ballots.

"This promises to be an interesting campaign season," said Troy resident Ed Hamilton, who has formally announced his candidacy for Oakland County Drain Commissioner. "It should be a lot of fun."

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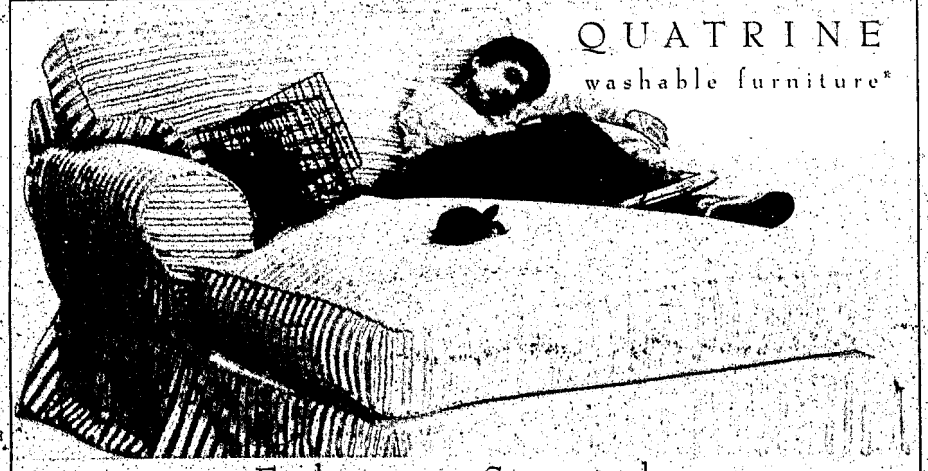

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Nomination time

Help CAYA honor deserving youth

Every wise parent knows that the way to promote good behavior is to praise kids when they catch them doing something right.

The same is true for community organizations.

Wise ones — like Clarkston Area Youth Assistance — know that the way to promote good values in a community is to recognize kids who put good values into practice.

CAYA, a nonprofit service organization dedicated to strengthening youth and families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, is once again looking to award youths who have unselfishly volunteered to help an individual or an organization.

The youths will be publicly recognized with certificates or plaques during CAYA's annual Youth Recognition Reception at 7 p.m. April 13.

Nominations are due to the CAYA office by March 15.

We encourage readers to think of young people they know who are deserving of such recognition. Nominations must come from individual adults or representatives of organizations.

All deserving youths who are nominated will receive certificates; top recipients will receive plaques. The nominees, their parents and the nominators will be invited to the dessert reception.

CAYA adheres to three guidelines in its recognition program.

- It awards volunteer efforts only; paid services are ineligible. For example, it seeks to honor youths for personal acts of heroism and community services performed in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, churches or parks.
- The nominee must live within the Clarkston School District.
- The nomination must be submitted on a CAYA form. To receive a form, contact the CAYA office at 625-9007.

We hope readers act on the opportunity presented by CAYA to recognize deserving youths for the good things they do.

Library shouldn't filter Net ideas

The Internet has become a blessing and a curse to our public libraries. It has opened the wide world of information to library patrons on every subject under the sun. It has allowed them to contact others with similar interests in every corner of the world. It has helped expose scalawags and bring down tyrannies.

On the other hand, it has allowed hatemongers, pornographers and shady commercial enterprises to send their messages out for all to see, and it has opened a new way for sexual predators to seek out and ensnare their prey.

This is a tough issue, especially when it involves children. We want them to benefit from the special power that information gives, but we also want to protect them from the dangers of demeaning material and the physical danger of the sexually unbalanced.

Several groups have demanded that libraries use filtering software to keep out all sexual material, while others also demand that certain kinds of political or religious subjects be filtered. Many are also demanding that librarians or library aides stand guard and watch what patrons, especially young ones, are viewing.

The American Library Association opposes filters because the current filtering programs do not work. The software keys on particular subjects or key words. They often allow some inappropriate material through while filtering out perfectly good material. The ALA objects that the filters provide a "one-size-fits-all" solution that treats young children, older children and adults in the same way.

As one suburban librarian points out, it gives parents a false sense of security while infringing on the rights of other library patrons.

The ALA also emphasizes communication between parents and children before they get to the library and while they're there.

The group suggests:

- Talking to your children about the Internet.
- Asking your children to share their favorite Web sites.
- Talking to them about what they see on the Web.
- Teaching them how to behave when using the Internet.
- Providing guidelines on what you deem appropriate for them.
- Teaching children safety rules for dealing with strangers on-line, just as you teach them how to deal with strangers in person.

Many libraries use filters on computers in the children and young adult areas, with a caveat saying something like "... parents/guardians should be aware that the filtering software has inherent limitations which prohibit total and complete blocking of sites which may contain obscene, sexually explicit and/or other possibly objectionable materials. Parents/guardians, not Library staff members, are responsible for providing appropriate guidance to their children/wards relative to the use of both filtered and non-filtered Internet access."

We believe there is a middle ground.

As libraries cannot select the material on the Web as they do with books, we believe all libraries should have available unfiltered computers for use by adults (including young adults who are often seeking legitimate information about the very subjects blacked out by some filters). These computers should have screens which allow a patron to view the computer monitor privately and keep others from being offended.

We believe that parental involvement is the most important tool against inappropriate use of the computer by children.

But using filters in the children's section of the library will help keep out some inappropriate material, as will some staff monitoring.

An area librarian who supports filtering told us the use of computers is a "privilege," not a right. She's wrong. Access to information through libraries has long been a taxpayer-supported government service and use of that service is a "right" paid for by tax dollars. A small group of "moral arbiters" should not decide what subjects are worth being informed about.

A good library makes available a wide range of material so that patrons can make their own choices about controversial ideas. It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be "filtered" out on the Internet just because some sites deal with those ideas in an inappropriate manner.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Who was your favorite U.S. president?

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"Kennedy. It was my time era."
Patti Anderson
Independence Township



"Lincoln. Because he was Honest Abe. He had good morals and standards."
James Nelder
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"George Washington. He had good morals. He had a vision of what this country could become."
Elder Mecham
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"Lincoln. Because I like the number 16."
Josh Cook
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LETTERS

Cuban boy belongs with dad

I am a Birmingham resident, recently retired from one of the Big Three. I have very strong opinions on the case of Elian Gonzalez, backed by my experience of having grown up in Havana, Cuba, which was my home for 21 years, and going on to live and work in Latin American countries for a total of 33 years.

Lest my comments be misinterpreted, I'd like to make it very clear that all those years of living in foreign countries has only reinforced my love for this country and all that it stands for, while at the same time appreciating the many positive aspects of other cultures and peoples. I would unequivocally wish Fidel Castro and his regime a special place in hell. Basically I feel that my background affords me the ability to see things somewhat more objectively than most people involved in this debacle over Elian. I would say this to Alexandra:

I think that you should think of this case in two different ways. First would be the human part of it. You're a few years older than Elian, and if something like this happened to you, how would you feel if people in another country told you that you couldn't go back to your dad because they don't like the way he thinks?

Basically, what a lot of people are saying is that because Elian's father lives in a Communist country, he doesn't have the right to love and protect his son and to have him with his family in Cuba. It seems that a lot of people are saying that only people in the United States can be happy, and that only here should families be raised. I can't agree with that — I'm a father of only one son and if he were taken away from me, I probably wouldn't consider my life worth living.

Elian's father loves him and has been taking care of him for much of the time since he and Elian's mother split up. He's given him a good home where he has his own room (in Miami, he's sharing a room with cousins) and has been going to school with lots of friends. He has grandmothers, cousins, aunts and a pretty good life, by Cuban standards, because his dad has a good job that pays him in U.S. dollars (a very good thing in Cuba today).

And believe it or not, there are lots of people in the world that don't really need Disney World, fancy toys and Nintendos to be happy. This is, at the core of it, about a man and his son, not about countries and political beliefs. Please don't try to tell a father that he can't love his son because of the country he's living in. In our country, cases just like this, without the international element, come up thousands of times every year, and our legal, moral and ethical standards always end up returning a child to the remaining responsible parent. This is the only consideration that should be applied to this little boy. Send him back to his father. It's the American way and, as far as I'm concerned, the best way.

The big problem here, Alexandra, is that people are getting confused by the politics and have made this little boy a political football. Both sides want to prove that their way and their beliefs are the best and they're using Elian to fight their war against each other. The Cuban community living in Florida hate Fidel Castro so much that it clouds their judgment and ability to find the best way to get rid of him and his Communist system.

You know about the Cold War and the Communist threat to us when Russia was a superpower — well, we always kept talking to them, we kept working with them in what we called "constructive engagement," even trading with them, and we won! Communism lost out in Russia and today they're trying to do things our way. We fought, and lost, a war with Vietnam, yet today we have diplomatic relations with them and big American companies are building factories there. These are just two of many examples, but little, if any, progress has been made with Cuba because the Florida Cuban exile community won't allow our elected representatives to take a step in that direction.

They control politics in the state, have installed governors, mayors, legislators, judges and national congressional representatives. Florida is a key electoral state and there isn't a politician alive who wants to cross them. When even a baby step is taken to try to deal intelligently with Castro, they raise such a fuss that everyone backs off real quickly.

So what do we have? We have a trade embargo that's now 40 years old and hasn't done a thing to get rid of Castro. As a matter of fact, it has humiliated the United States in the eyes of the world's nations for continuing with a completely illogical strategy that has no hope of succeeding. For the Cuban exiles, it doesn't matter that Castro is just a tired old tinhorn dictator who is no longer any threat to anyone but his own people.

The Cuban-American war goes on and the senseless embargo continues to deprive the Cuban people of many basic medical and other humanitarian necessities. It could be said the Florida Cubans have themselves created the very conditions that they say they don't want Elian returned to. This is why Elian has been dragged into this mess and I say it's about time that those in positions of authority stood up and said, "Enough! We are not going to help you fight your war. We are going to do what our laws and our innate sense of decency and humanity says is the right thing to do: The boy goes back to his father where all little boys should be!"

Robert North
Birmingham

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POINTS OF VIEW

Best friends are those who stick by you in good times and bad



JAIME GREEN

I've been having trouble deciding who my true friends are lately. I've been searching deep down inside trying to find the few good friendships that I have, the ones that will be lifelong.

Everyone has problems with their friends at some point. There comes a time when you need to know who is really standing by you. Those are the friends I'm trying to seek out. It's been hard lately because the people I thought I was true friends with don't seem to be as faithful as I had imagined. It's difficult when you realize that someone you've trusted and confided in isn't the same person you thought he or she was.

I have three people I consider my closest friends, and I have a lot of other friends. In the past few weeks, I have come to see the true value that those three have in my life.

One of my biggest fears as a child was not having any friends. I always believed you had to have a "best friend." The more I think about it, I never had a real best friend until my sophomore year in high school. I met my three "best friends." I had known them before, but now there is something more to our relationships. A special part, or piece that I had never seen in them before. A special piece of the puzzle, something that only a lifelong friend has to offer you.

No matter what you do, who you become, or what mistakes you make, your friends should be there for you. That's the test. If you make a huge mistake, look around you. See who is standing there, ready to help you pick up the pieces and start anew. Those are your friends.

My friend used to be anorexic. After everyone found out, she started getting help. The best help didn't come from a counselor. It came from her two best friends. Everyday we came to school with some sort of candy or goodies. We made her eat them. If she didn't have lunch money, we gave it to her. She found her true friends through a crisis, but it doesn't have to be that way. Friends can show that they are real by doing the small things, too.

My best friends aren't afraid to tell me the truth. No, they aren't rude or mean, but if I ask them what they think of an outfit, or my new haircut, they tell me like it is. They only do it because they care. When an ex-boyfriend and I broke up I learned a lesson. I had made a huge mistake. Yet, my true friends never once said I told you so. That opened my eyes. They let me go on and on about my broken heart, while the whole time they had been right.

The funny part is, we all go through life looking for the same things in a friendship, but end up with different results. My friends are different from yours, and that's okay. No matter who your best friend may be, just make sure that he or she is real. Real friends don't laugh at you; they only laugh with you. You don't want a fake friend. Being hurt by someone you trust hurts worse than you can imagine. Guard your heart from the fake and embrace the real.

True friends are hard to come by. They are few and far between. Hold on to the ones you have. I'm glad to have learned this early in life. With this I would like to say thank you. Thank you to my three closest friends — you know who you are. You have given me faith, strength and hope. Through the cloudy times and the clear you have been there, helping me all the way. I hope that everyone reading this has a friend as important to them as you are to me. If you're reading this, I really hope that this encourages you to tell your friends how important they are to you. Tell them what I want to tell my three friends now: You are my "best friends," and I love you.

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

(Editor's note: Al Roberts' Feb. 10 column should have said Mr. Santavicca's first name is Ron. We regret the typographical error.)

Guv's plan for land-use woes good

One of the largest contributors to "sprawl" — low density, uncontrolled, wholesale development, often in rural areas — is a perverse part of the Michigan tax code that requires land to be assessed at its "highest and best use."

In practice, this means that rural land that has been farmed for years is often assessed as though it were going to be sold for residential development tomorrow.

This has saddled Michigan farmers, already facing the worst economic times in a decade, with unfairly high taxes that can force them to sell their land and quit farming. Result? Development . . . sometimes sprawling.

This is not a problem encountered by only a few agricultural malcontents. Over the past 15 years, something like 1.2 million acres of farmland has gone out of production in Michigan, a not insubstantial blow to agriculture, at $4 billion per year the second largest industry in Michigan.

Of all politicians presently on the scene, Gov. John Engler, who grew up on a farm, is the best qualified to address this problem.

In a plan announced last week at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention, Engler proposed:

- Farmland would be assessed on the land's present economic value for farming, not on its potential value if developed.
- Enacting this proposal would require amending the Michigan Constitution, and so would need a two-thirds vote in the Legislature to get on the statewide ballot.
- If farmland under production but with reduced taxes were to be sold for development, the selling farmer would pay back the tax break he had received for the past seven years.
- This money would go into an Agricultural Preservation Fund, to be used to buy development rights from farmers willing to sell them. In effect, farmers who choose to sell development rights would continue to own and farm their land, but would have sold off the option of developing it.

A key part of the plan is repayment of the tax break if farmland is developed. Otherwise, all the tax break would do is encourage land peculation schemes. In some states where farmland is taxed at a reduced rate, developers reap the tax break for themselves by renting land to farmers, thereby reducing the carrying cost of



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land fated for ultimate development.

As is the case with most sensible proposals, Engler's farmland preservation proposal has a cost.

Taxing agricultural land at its actual value as a farm would cost state and local governments something like $90 million each year. The Senate Fiscal Agency estimates that local governments and school districts would be hardest hit, absorbing $67 million of the reduced revenue stream.

And you may expect to hear from various folks — the Michigan Townships Association in first place — who consider their particular ox a target for goring.

Others, however, are saner in their reactions. "It's a good way to go," said a spokesman for the Farm Bureau. "Sprawl ends up paying to protect farmland." And Lee Schwarz, a lobbyist for the Michigan Association of Homebuilders, argues the program would save farmland by making farming profitable. "It's idiotic to tax farmland as though you were building condominiums on it," he says.

At the end of the day, it's plain that serious distortions in land use have arisen from the ways in which agricultural land in Michigan is assessed. Right now, all the incentives favor converting perfectly productive farmland into subdivisions.

Engler's proposal deserves passage by the Legislature and adoption by the voters of Michigan.

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CORNER

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy

Conservation easements can offer tax relief while preserving land for future

Russell Haddon, owner of Haddon's Nursery and Tree Farm in Holly Township, wasn't necessarily looking for a tax break last year when he approached the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy about protecting his property in its natural state. Nor was he looking for notoriety or a pat on the back.

Haddon simply desired to preserve his 80-acre Christmas tree farm and its majestic woodlands for his family, friends and neighbors to enjoy forever. Having bought the property from his father in 1946, he has planted upwards of 3,000 tree seedlings annually to ensure a continuous crop of Christmas trees year after year. He knows and loves every inch of the land, and when he heard he could protect it in its natural state by granting a conservation easement on his farm to the conservancy, he knew that was what he wanted to do. Because of Haddon's foresight and generosity, his beautiful woods, wetlands and rolling hills will be protected forever.

What is a conservation easement, and what exactly does it do? Simply put, a conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land conservancy or government agency that permanently limits the property's uses in order to protect its conservation value. The conservation easement is generally tailored to protect the land's natural value, while meeting the personal needs of the owner. In Haddon's case, he retains ownership of the property, and the right to farm the land and build additional structures on it for personal and business needs. But his easement also prevents the subdivision of the property and protects his mature stands of pine, oak and other hardwoods for him, his family and future generations to enjoy.

In addition, however, to having the satisfaction of protecting the natural beauty of one's property for all time, an individual can often qualify for a significant tax deduction when granting a conservation easement on one's property. For example, if a conservation easement meets federal tax code requirements, the value of the easement can be treated as a charitable gift for income tax purposes.

The value of the easement is generally the difference in value of the land with the easement and the value of the land without it. If, for example, the $250,000 value of an unrestricted property drops to $100,000 after a conservation easement restricts further property development, the value of the donation would be $150,000. Conservation easements can also help reduce estate taxes to one's heirs when property is so protected in a will. Naturally individuals considering granting a conservation easement should consult a legal and/or tax advisor to learn the exact value an easement might hold for them.

We have many beautiful, pristine areas in northern Oakland County and throughout Michigan. Unfortunately they are disappearing faster than most of us realize. With the current tax season serving as a gentle reminder, now is a good time to consider the multiple benefits of granting a conservation easement on a property you would like to protect.

The gift of a conservation easement in 2000 can provide an immediate tax benefit to you next year and will continue to provide enjoyment and satisfaction to you and others for years to come. Conservation easements have helped thousands of families protect millions of acres nationwide. For more information about land protection strategies, contact a land conservancy or the county extension service near you.

Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC has worked in and for the community for about 28 years. Currently, the conservancy has stewardship of 29 parcels of land comprising about 620 acres, some properties totally owned and some protected by conservation/scenic easements.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, receiving tax-deductible gifts of all kinds. Also, various membership donation categories exist, such as a renewable Life Membership donation of $100 and an annual Family Membership donation of $25.

Questions for the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston MI 48347; e-mail at NOHLC@hotmail.com; or by calling 248-620-4700.

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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Upgrade in store for OCC technology

Oakland Community College took another step forward Monday in modernizing its information network. OCC's Board of Trustees awarded a $1.35 million contract to Clover Technologies of Wixom for enhancements to its data network in a 5-0 voice vote.

Already, every OCC classroom is connected to the network and computers in the college's labs are being replaced with Internet-capable machines.

The enhancement approved Monday will add new "ports," add capacity and improve security on the network. The contract will also expand the network to accommodate video transmission.

"The purpose for adding new ports is to advance an important aspect of OCC's mission state . . . to promote the infusion of modern technology into the college's teaching and learning processes," said Chief Information Officer Bruce Martin.

An example of that infusion is that a number of conventional classrooms will be converted to provide each student with a computer.

Some $300,000 of the contract will go to maintenance, including the installation of safeguards that periodically check the data system to make sure it is operating properly and give early warnings of possible failures.

When complete, the system will allow staff to register students, issue checks or scan financial records all from the same station, which one of the reasons for the emphasis on security.

The OCC board approved the first phase of the technology plan, $7.2 million for the installation of a new data network, in April of 1998. The infrastructure, which reaches every classroom on all five OCC campuses, is now complete. To accomplish the project, more than 7,000 connection points, 12,000 feet of fiber optic cable and 1.5 million feet of copper wire were installed in 18 months.

Lawmakers seek new judgeships

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Oakland County may be in for some new judgeships, if state lawmakers have their way. Two additional judges on the circuit court bench are possible. Another judge at the 52-1 District Court in Novi is also under consideration.

Less likely, an additional judge in 47th District Court in Farmington has also been proposed.

If approved, these new judicial posts would be the first approved anywhere in the state in more than seven years. And the open seats would have to go on the ballot for the election this fall to be filled next January.

State Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) has introduced Senate Bills 257, 258 and 649 to make the additions. Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) has introduced House Bill 4775, a companion bill to add the two judgeships to the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Getting approval won't be easy. Gov. John Engler has been reluctant to add judgeships in recent years, saying he wanted the state court system made more efficient.

But Bullard does have the support of the State Court Administrators office, which has recommended the additional judges for the circuit and 52-1 district courts. It has not recommended adding a judge to the district court in Farmington.

"The administrator's office issues these recommendations based – not on politics or who asks for them first or anything like that – but strictly on case load," Bullard explained.

Caseload figures show Oakland County judges, at the circuit level and the district level, have the largest numbers of suits to be decided in the state. Oakland circuit court saw 34,928 new cases in 1998, the latest year available, compared to a statewide average for county courts of 4,587.

Divided up among Oakland's 17 judges, the number would come to 3,819 per judge.

"Oakland County has 17 circuit judges. Wayne County has 63. That's what we get for 30 years of Democratic control in the legislature," Bullard said. "Oakland's population is 1.2 million. Wayne's is about 2.5 million. On that basis, Wayne should have about 34 judges."

Shulman said he believes consideration of the added judgeship will wait until budget hearings begin this spring, but Bullard said he is asking senate leadership to move forward with his requests in the next few weeks.

Statistics show a similarly heavy load for the district court judges. Cases countywide in Oakland in 1998 came to 43,546, compared to a statewide average of 40,040.

Bullard said he anticipates adding one judge to 52-1 District Court in Novi, and altering that court's jurisdiction, moving several of its northern-most communities to the jurisdiction of 52-2 District Court in Clarkston, which has a single judge.

Engler: State should collect Internet taxes

While Congress should not tax the Internet, it also should not interfere with the ability of state governments to collect sales taxes on the Internet, even when such purchases are made across state lines, says Gov. John Engler.

Engler is opposing federal legislation to preempt state and local sales taxes, proposed by U.S. Senator John McCain and Rep. John Kasich (R-Ohio).

"The central issue between the states and federal governments as it relates to e-commerce is not about taxing the Internet. I am opposed to taxing the internet. Rather the question is how, in the future, will states collect taxes already on the books, and even more fundamentally, whether states will remain sovereign in their right to collect those taxes. This legislation is an unprecedented intrusion into the rights of states to set their own tax policy and collect taxes already on the books."

Engler said the proposal would hurt small businesses and Main Street retailers by giving a competitive advantage to Internet competitors in other states.

Engler carried his position to Washington this month, testifying on behalf of the National Governors Association before the U.S. Senate Budget Committee.

Congress is the midst of a three-year moratorium against taxes on the Internet. McCain proposes to extend that moratorium to Internet sales taxes.

Michigan, this year added a line to state income tax forms, asking residents to voluntarily claim and pay sales taxes on items bought on the Internet.

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CAROLYN WALKER

My son's childhood is quickly getting away from me

What is old? Is it the bald man who shuffles over a walker? Is it the nervous woman tittering about her arthritis and other ailments? Is it the couple living life in their memories?

Or is it the mother watching her youngest child — her only surviving son — as he hovers on the brink of manhood?

"You aren't letting me grow up," he tells me one day as we drive home from a Wednesday night skating lesson. He has got witches on his mind — the Blair Witch, in particular — and he is flat out angry because I will not let him watch her in her movie debut.

His words sting, and I feel myself shrinking into my coat. Could it be true? Am I clinging to some kind of outdated morality? Am I an old-fashioned fuddy-duddy? Or am I holding him back because some secret part of me wants always to have a child in my home?

A week later — after I have watched him watch the "Blair Witch Project" and he has pronounced it "dumb" — I pull our van into a parking lot. I watch him assume his emerging-adult stride and I step back,

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Community ed: Learning for fun

■ While Clarkston Community Schools' program for kindergarten through 12th grade teaches students what they *need* to know, another of its program — community education — teaches students what they *want* to know.



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You've heard the expression, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Clarkston Community Education defies that saying.

Instead, its adult enrichment supervisor, Dorothy Frank, believes that curiosity for learning lasts a lifetime and classes offered through the community education program reflect that.

Look at the variety of new classes being offered this winter term. They include Leaving a Legacy (writing your memoirs), Hand-Building Pottery, Stoneware Ceramics, Before You Build (Home Decorating), Attracting Birds, Home Canning, Soap Making and Business 101 and Marketing.

Frank develops these classes based on interest expressed by people in the community, from suggestions by interested teachers and from successful classes offered in other communities.

"There's a group called the Community Education Enrichment Programmers," said Frank, the group's co-chairwoman. "We get together every other month to share information on topics of interest, successes, issues."

Frank and her assistant, Jeanette Sanders, schedule from 180 to 200 classes a semester.

"What we do is keep a notebook. If I'm seeing repeated requests for a class, it's a good indication the community wants it," she said. "Plus we ask students to do an evaluation after the class and give us suggestions for future classes. I put a lot of importance in that."

Another way she gets ideas is suggestions from people wanting to teach a certain class.

"One of our most successful classes came about that way," she recalled. "It was an outdoor barbecue cook-

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Lifelong learning: *Dorothy Frank, Clarkston Community Education adult enrichment supervisor, is surrounded by some of the crafts taught in community education classes.*

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as far back as I can bring myself, and I let go while he walks in to his first middle school dance.

On this night he has dressed himself in his best pants and shirt. He has had a good; anxious and excited pace about the living room floor. Burned off a few jitters. And has wondered aloud whether any girl will dance with him.

"I do not want to be rejected," he says, plainly.

This dance brings back memories for me. I bought that particular silk shirt for him when he was a little boy. Bought it large because he wanted a silk shirt and they didn't come in size small back then. I bought it because I knew that someday he would grow into it.

Someday came too soon.

The silk shirt is his dancing shirt. He wore it to a school dance in third grade. Gave us a hint back then about what a handsome man he would become when he put on the shirt and his black jeans and his corduroy jacket and his cowboy boots and he combed down his hair, just this once.

"I wonder how many heads I'll turn tonight," he asked at the time. He was 8.

Apparently, 8-year-old boys don't worry about rejection like 12-year-old young men do.

I am miffed at myself because I am standing in the doorway, unable to turn my back and walk away. There is a great pulsing on the dance floor. A mass of arms and legs goes up and down against a backdrop of "*American woman, get away from me-e-e.*"

I know that tune. I cross my arms in front of my chest. I pivot on a heel and look at the wall. I turn back again and struggle to see just exactly what my son is contributing to the mass. I finally catch a glimpse of his hair, going up and down.

There is a giant girl towering over him. Is she dancing with him? Or merely dancing in his general direction? I strain to see more, but too many heads bob in rhythm, making it hard for me to determine.

I pivot toward the wall again. "*Get away from me-e-e.*"

What is old? It is the 12-year-old with a swagger. It is the 12-year-old who doesn't need reminding to put on his best silk shirt. It is the 12-year-old who believes he can think for himself.

It is the boy who can turn heads.

He turns mine.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



K.C. Kerby

K.C. Kerby of Clarkston has been selected as a National Merit Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. She is the daughter of Keith and Sherri Kerby of Clarkston.

K.C. is a student at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, a residential high school for students with exceptional abilities in mathematics and science. She will graduate June 3 in Aurora, Ill., and has been accepted into the University of Illinois computer and electrical engineering program. The University of Illinois has granted K.C. its Distinguished Scholar's Award, as well as its University Achievement Scholarship.

K.C. is technical director for the Drama Club at IMSA and participates in the vocal music program there. Her hobbies include photography, in-line skating and swimming. She is a Red Cross-certified lifeguard. She plays the French horn and is learning the acoustic guitar.

POH pays tribute to Huttenlocher

The POH Medical Center Boosters Club will pay tribute to the memory of former board member James Huttenlocher of Clarkston at its annual golf outing June 2 at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

Huttenlocher served on the POH board for more than 15 years and was president of the Huttenlocher Group, now National City Insurance Group.

The Huttenlocher Cup will be a scramble format, and tee times are available in the morning and afternoon.

Cost is $250 per person. For reservations, call (248) 338-5389.

New community education class helps people pen their life stories

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Ever thought about putting in writing or on video the story of your life as a legacy for your family members?

If you're like most people, you've thought about it, maybe even pulled a few pictures together, written down a few lines on your computer and stopped there.

Jose Munoz of Independence Township has developed a plan to help people follow through with this idea for a wonderful gift.

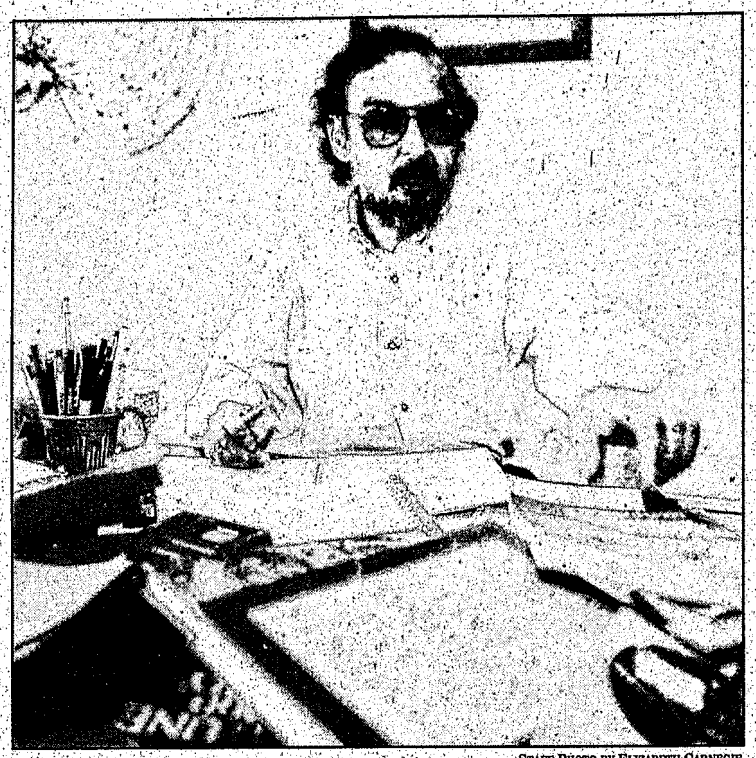
He's developed a class, Leaving a Legacy. He's going to teach it through Clarkston Community Education. Its purpose is to help people develop a record of one's life.

The class, which runs for eight weeks from 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, begins Feb. 28 and costs $75. There is a $10 supplies fee. The textbook is for sale for $19.95 at Pages of Time in Independence Township.

"This is a class for people who don't think they can write," said Munoz. "Students will write for enjoyment without rigid rules. I designed the class to give them as much writing time as possible in class. The student will leave the class with a book that will detail their life from birth to the present."

Munoz approached Dorothy Frank, adult enrichment supervisor, about his idea for the class after he saw a request for enrichment teachers.

"He wanted to know if I thought a class like this would go," Frank said. "We have some creative writing classes, but his idea was adding a new twist—turning it more into a family history twist—how to jog your memory."



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Ready to teach: *Jose Munoz sits at his book-laden kitchen table, preparing his original materials for his Clarkston Community Education class, Leaving a Legacy.*

One thing that makes Munoz's class stand out from other memory classes is his original textbook and workbook. They include unique ways to remember small details for that memory book.

The first couple chapters, for example, get people started with the writing process. He leads his students through ways of describing a scene—one way with simple facts; another with more descriptive detail. He helps them realize they need to be more descriptive about things younger people might not understand, such as what an eight-track tape player is or a wind-up alarm clock.

He helps students write about their feelings and asks them to recall major events that made them feel "sad, angry, happy and even scared."

Munoz includes poems he's written as other ways of passing on stories to one's family.

The workbook also helps one remember small but important things in one's life. It asks about childhood friends, things you like and dislike and what one's house looked like.

Munoz is excited about teaching this new class for Clarkston Community Education. An experienced community college teacher, it's his first class in this type of education.

Munoz has lived in Independence Township for three years. He credits his sons for their help in the development of Leaving a Legacy. Juan is a freshman at Clarkston High School. Anthony is editor and founder of the magazine Ten by Ten in Chicago. Peter is an engineer in Traverse City. Munoz is employed as a data manager for General Motors in Warren.

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ing class offered by a man, Thom Bennett, who was working on his degree to be a chef."

Frank said the man's sense of humor began to emerge as he taught. His class became so successful she had to add another session.

"He was a comedian and a chef at the same time," she added.

Finding a teacher isn't always that easy. "Sometimes we put advertisements in the newspaper for teachers, and we always put in our brochures that we're looking for instructors," she said.

Not all potential instructors pass muster.

When people apply to teach, they need a resume. Frank checks references and conducts an interview.

"Just because they want to teach doesn't mean they can teach," she said. "But when I do hire a teacher, I tell them to have fun. This is their students' night out. They are there to learn something, but they want to have fun, too."

■ Want more information on Clarkston Community Education classes? Call (248) 674-0993 or (248) 674-3141 for addl-tional information. Classes start at different times during the upcoming months.

She strives to hire professionals. Joseph Opalinski, for instance, the art instructor teaching Stoneware Ceramics beginning March 2, is a retired art instructor from Oak Park School District. He's also a demonstrating potter for Greenfield Village.

Jan Danosky, art teacher at Clarkston High School, will teach Hand-Building Pottery beginning March 1.

Edward Mullin, manager of Burke Lumber and owner of Mullin Construction Co., will teach two new classes. One is about starting a business and includes many of the necessary ingredients, such as how to build a business plan and more. The marketing class will focus on various forms and costs of marketing, expected returns and how to reach specific audiences.

Frank said she looked for a teacher for a handyman-type of class for three years.

"Then Dale Schaub calls me out of the blue and tells me he'd like to teach a class like this. We had 18 people enrolled in his class and we found out we needed to add more hours to it," Frank said. This year he's teaching a two-part class, one focusing on electrical repairs; one on other types of repairs.

Frank sets the class price according to the number of students she thinks the teacher can accommodate. She also adds in the cost of overhead and other indirect costs.

"We're very careful not to allow classes to get so full that teachers can't meet every student's needs," she added.

For classes that are more lecture-oriented, student numbers aren't that much of a concern.

Frank has worked for Clarkston Community Schools for 16 years. She started out as a secretary for three years. When the community education position became open, she was asked to take over.

"At the time I was working on a college degree in human resources," she said. "This job tied in to what I wanted to do. I was in the right spot at the right time."

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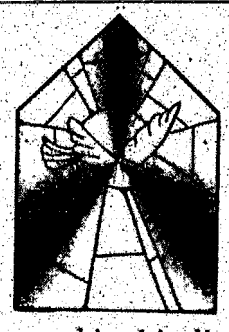

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Nothing's funny about what's considered comedy today



ROCHELLE SMITH

Last week on Wednesday evening I had a real treat — a night of comedy that I truly enjoyed. Like most people, I love a good laugh. Unlike most people, I love a "good" laugh. Sound like a contradiction? It isn't. Please allow me to explain.

You've probably heard the reports that laughter is good for our health. I truly believe it. I feel much better after I've participated in something that makes me really laugh. My problem is, I don't enjoy many of the things that comedians do to make people laugh. The word "comedy" lately seems to have taken on a new meaning — one that could be confused with "sexual innuendo" or "profanity." I know I'm risking my reputation as a fun- loving person by admitting that I simply don't enjoy the new brand of humor.

Over the past several years I have been to comedy clubs a handful of times. Each time I was disappointed. Instead of enjoying a good laugh, I found myself wishing they would stop using so much profanity and would clean up their act. I'm the same way with movies and television. I love the old shows where they really knew how to make people laugh without resorting to a constant barrage of sexual innuendo. As for movies, some of them could be really good if they would lose the sex, violence and profanity.

My kids, although they are sick of hearing me complain about sex and profanity ruining good humor, have learned that I will go out of my way to watch an R-rated movie if it's on television. It sounds like a contradiction of what I've already said, but it's not. Once the R-rated movie has been cut to be appropriate for television, everything I don't like is usually gone. I've often thought someone should get permission to start a business where they take R-rated movies, cut out all the profanity, sex and violence, and rent the "clean" version. Even if there aren't many adults like me who would prefer it, there are several adults who would prefer to have good, clean movies to watch with their kids.

Anyway, about my treat last Wednesday; it was a comedy night with comedians who had clean acts. A few probably cleaned them up significantly due to their surroundings. The "surroundings" were Clarkston High School, and the occasion was the First Annual Comedy Night, a fund-raiser for Sashabaw Middle School's Eighth Grade class trip to Washington, D.C. Two comedians from Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle — Ross Amicucci and Keith Ruff — put on a great show. They had us laughing so much, we were wiping our eyes. They didn't have to carry the whole show themselves, though. They also had help from some funny local talent.

Out of the five comedians who performed, in my mind the star of the show was one of Sashabaw Middle School's own personalities, Edward Beebe. In addition to having the right comedic timing, delivery and facial expressions, he also had one thing that none of the other performers could top — youth. At age 14, that eighth grader had the audience in the palm of his hands. All the adult performers did a wonderful job, but the audience really wanted to enjoy Ed's routine. He didn't seem nervous, was dressed like a star and had some real good lines. I wouldn't be surprised if we hear the name Edward Beebe associated with comedy for years to come.

If the reports are right and laughing is good for your health, my prescription for all of you is to take an annual dose of good clean humor at the future Annual Comedy Nights. Not only can you enjoy a good laugh, but you can enjoy a "good" laugh.

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28-MAR. 8

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME

6-10 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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SUNDAY - TUESDAY, FEB. 27-29

PARISH MISSION. LITURGY: WHY ARE YOU HERE?

6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, St. Daniel Catholic, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Liturgy: "Why are you here?" with liturgist Grayson Warren Brown. A dynamic spiritual encounter open to all Christians who are asked to explore what their expectations of Sunday liturgy have become, and how these expectations fit in with the gospels. Call 625-1750 or 625-4580 for further information.

THURSDAY, MAR. 2

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP-INFORMAL SHARING MEETING

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 4

BRING BACK THE BLUEBIRDS

10-11:30 a.m., Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston. Participants will learn what they can do to help bring bluebirds into their yards. Cost of $10/kit must be paid in advance. Call (248)625-6473.

LIBRARY QUILT WORKSHOP

11 a.m. to noon, Hart Community Center. Children are invited to design a special quilt block for a quilt that will hang on display in the new Springfield Township Library. All ages are welcome. Materials will be provided. Preregister at the library by calling (248) 625-0595.

SATURDAY, MAR. 11

MAPLE MAGIC

10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston. Learn about the process of maple trees giving sap and venture out-of-doors to tap a live tree and watch the sap flow. Cost is $2/person. Pre-registration is required. Call (248)625-6473.

WEDNESDAYS, MAR. 22-MAY 3

DISCOVER YOURSELF

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

SUNDAY, APR. 30

THIRD ANNUAL "SPRING FLING" AUCTION

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

TUESDAY EVENINGS

BAYPOINTE'S SINGLES

7-9 p.m. BayPointe's Singles meet in a home in Clarkston. The group offers Bible study, fellowship and sharing about how to cope with daily life. Call Dave for more information at (248) 620-1774.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

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

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

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

NORTH OAKLAND CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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



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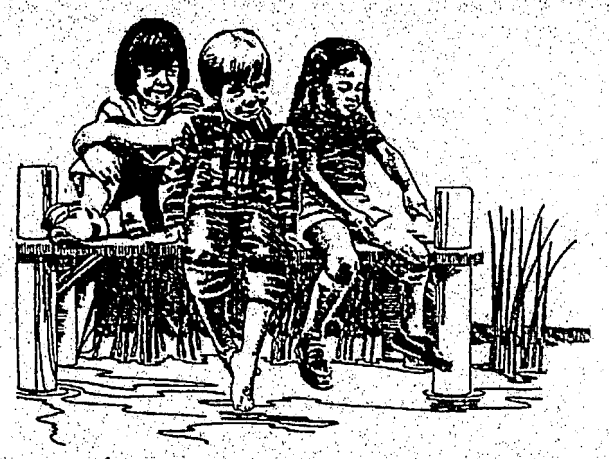

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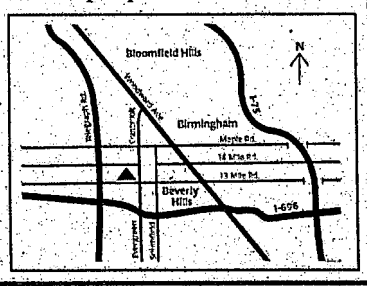

A Special effort



No obstacle: *A Special Olympian named Melanie runs the obstacle course during the recent Special Olympics fund-raiser at the Pontiac Silverdome. About $93,000 was raised to support the year-round Special Olympics program in Oakland County. Overall in Oakland, 1,200 children and adults participate in 18 individual and team sports. Sponsors for the Silverdome event were Walker Wire, Carl's Golfland and Harmony House. "It was a beautiful day," said Nancy Joseph-Recknagel, area director for Special Olympics of Oakland County. "It was a great chance to get everyone together and share the spirit of Special Olympics."*

OCC will host Writers' Conference March 17-18

Oakland Community College's Writers at Work will host its sixth annual Writers' Conference at the Hilton Suites of Auburn Hills, Friday-Saturday, March 17-18.

Entitled *"Writing For All Seasons,"* the event welcomes all members of the OCC community, the general public, teachers and high school students.

The conference fee is $85 ($55 for currently enrolled OCC students) and includes Friday night's activities, workshops, lunch on Saturday, door prizes and more. Co-sponsors are the OCC bookstores and the Hilton Suites of Auburn Hills.

This year's keynote speaker is award-winning writer Jim Daniels, professor of English at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University. Professor Daniels, a Detroit native, has published four books of poetry: *Blessing the House; Places/Everyone*, winner of the 1985 Brittingham Prize of Poetry; *Punching Out* and *M:80*. He edited *Letter of America: Contemporary American Poetry on Race*; wrote the screenplay for the film *No Pets*, which is the title of his latest publications, a collection of short stories, and has published fiction and nonfiction in many journals and anthologies. His awards include grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and a Pushcart Prize.

The conference begins Friday evening, March 17, with a keynote address, book signing by Professor Daniels, an open microphone session, and literary fellowship. On Saturday, March 18, participants will enjoy a workshop with Professor Daniels. They may then choose two from a selection of six additional workshops conducted by Michigan writers: *Teaching the Write Way; Using Suspense in Fiction; Screenwriting; The Fourth Genre*, and two sections of Small-Group Critique.

The Hilton Suites is near the Pontiac Silverdome and has easy access to I-75 and many Detroit-area attractions. The conference suite rate, which may be applied to both Friday and Saturday nights, is $119 per night for two adults, $15 for each additional person.

Reservations at the special conference rate must be made three weeks in advance of the conference. Participants should mention that they are registering for the "OCC Writers at Work block" when they call the hotel.

For a brochure or further information, call (248) 360-3186.

Job fair planned for Pontiac

A job fair offering opportunities in entry- to mid-level positions in the clerical, maintenance, assembly, retail, hospitality/restaurant, healthcare and security fields is scheduled at the Wallace C. Holland Center in Pontiac, Tuesday, Feb. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. Reservations are not required.

The fair's purpose is to bring job-seekers into contact with employers from Pontiac and surrounding communities. Approximately 12 local employers will be represented.

Oakland Community College will be recruiting students for short-term training packages (5-26 weeks) in the carpenter framer, machine tool, facilities maintenance, and licensed child-care provider fields. These packages prepare unemployed and underemployed individuals with the skills required by local employers. Starting wages for program completers have averaged $8-12 per hour, and funds that will cover 50 to 100 percent of the training costs are available for eligible Oakland County residents.

OCC will also recruit for its award-winning Advanced Technology Program (ATP) which prepares individuals for careers in information technology in less than six months. ATP is a corporate-sponsored scholarship program through Work First that is open to individuals receiving assistance through the Family Independence Agency.

The job fair is presented as a community service by the Family Independence Agency (District IV); Resource Network, Inc.; The Foundation for Behavioral Resources, and Oakland Community College.

Job seekers are advised to appear in appropriate attire, and, if possible, bring copies of resumes. Childcare will not be available.

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Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful, Catholic SWPM, 32-38, N/S, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1750

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks horseman SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1778

FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-33, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, talking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/D, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. ☎6245

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SBF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR ☎1444

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'1", 118lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun. Seeking SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. ☎1455

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM, to help mend this broken heart. ☎1406

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'5", blonde/blue, enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 39-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. ☎1390

FOXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1720

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1222

SOPHISTICATED, SMART
Brown-eyed blonde, 50, 5'6", two grown children, family-oriented, very outgoing, high energy, positive, happy, people-person, likes skating, traveling, working out, biking, theater, opera. Seeking compatible gentleman. ☎1709

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎1518

THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic, DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1363

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. H/W proportionate not necessary. ☎1083

NEWLY SINGLE
DWF, 38, 5', brownish-blonde/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for companionship. ☎1296

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, who's young-looking and energetic like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. ☎1695

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SM, to share this life with. ☎1381

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

SENSITIVE & TOUGH
SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks "best friend" for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more. ☎5602

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SWPF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, n/s, enjoys singing, music, plays, movies, outdoors. Seeking S/DWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves. ☎1298

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Energetic, fun, passionate, secure DWF, 49, seeks SM, with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎1759

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville, homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4897

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoy golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. ☎1746

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks. Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. ☎1721

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing; quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1706

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight, DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SF/SM companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

SEEKING SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and has the glory of God. Attends nondenominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing, Waterford. ☎5755

LOST ON THE RIVER
Widowed, beefy, cute, dynamic, eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learning, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1666

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship ☎1471

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 46-56, similar interests. Sterling Heights. ☎1441

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60; fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find those ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. ☎1176

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race, age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. ☎1429

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open mind honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 49, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. ☎1446

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1388

DO U EXIST?
Attractive, AF, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBPF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1323

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated taste; seeks successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55, Seeking tall gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

GORGEOUS, SWEET, SEXY
SWF, 30s, brunette, doctor, never married, seeks sincere, intelligent, successful, financially secure, tall SW gentleman, 38-42, with a graduate degree, interested in LTR. ☎1696

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman, with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1262

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate. N/S. ☎1473

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant ☎1448

SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS
DWM, 5'7", medium build, H/W proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interests, open to pleasures, shared by healthy, active partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. ☎1799

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casinos, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF, for friendship first. ☎1811

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with positive outlook, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

OH, THAT'S GOOD!
Meet Mr. Goodman, SWM, 45, a sharp, personable guy with wide range of interests, seeking an honest, easygoing, dependable lady, for dating, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1794

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. ☎1732

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship. ☎1701

FIDELITY
SBPM, 33, faithful, in search of kind, honest SW/BPF, preferably employed, also faithful. ☎1731

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. ☎5377

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking S/DF, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1627

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 180lbs, blond/blue, goalie, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

GARDNER/ANIMAL LOVER
Not too handsome DM, 42, 6'2", 170lbs, N/S, with rustic farm house, seeks companion, 40-43, who likes outdoors; trusting, willing to communicate, express thoughts. Livonia. ☎1693

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeking fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids' ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands; for possible relationship. ☎1295

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-49, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 42, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWF, to share my life with. ☎1740

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

WHO BEING LOVED IS POOR?
Good-looking, fun-loving, loyal, fit, spiritual, reliable SWPM, 41, 5'6", who has many interests to share, but his greatest passion to meet one fun, fit, positive SF, to share his life with. ☎1780

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, midwest ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN
Handsome, affectionate SWM, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking theater, cuddling, snuggling. Seeking attractive, affectionate SAF, 24-33, H/W proportionate, for companionship and/or possible relationship. ☎1744

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks WH/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART...
SWM, 40, 5'8", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking faithful, honest, communicative SWF, for friendship and a possible LTR. ☎1765

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1757

COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'6", 230lbs, enjoys exercising, church going, traveling, very good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is entertaining, into music, dancing; having fun, yet is helpful, with household chores, shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. ☎1745

YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...
Don't give up now. Make one more call. Have, and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A+
Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S. 64 ☎1749

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure slim, loyal DWM 55 6'4" N/S, social drinker in good physical condition, with sense of humor seeks slender lady 42-51, for companionship possible LTR ☎1036

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF 30ish to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6' 200lbs, long brown hair brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

SINGLE MOMS WELCOME
DWPM, 44, seeks DWPF, 36-41, who is fit, active, happy with herself, for friendship first ☎1741

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF, 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 165lbs, 42, devoted, playful father, believes in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean 'tv'. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic. Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

TRY THIS ONE!!!
Retired DWM, 62, 6'1", ISO one good gal, age unimportant as attitude, dislikes cities, traffic, smog, and crowds, likes outdoors, music, movies, gardening, fixing things, get aways. All calls answered. ☎1689

LETS LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM, looking for widowed/S/DWF, 38+, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun loving times, if you think you are the one, let's get together. ☎1691

YOU MAY QUALIFY...
for this friendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF, 38-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally-employed, college-educated WM, 38, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR ☎1463

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1681

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 35-46, to share interests, for possible LTR ☎1496

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 50s, 6', 180lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. ☎1525

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor to share dining out, flowers concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire outdoors, and weekend getaways for LTR. ☎1082

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been home alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked, by an appreciative gentleman. ☎1520

ALL DRESSED UP?
No where to go? I enjoy casinos comedy clubs, champagne times etc. Handsome, successful SWM 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady to join the fun ☎1519

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun Bahamas, and of course, movies dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

GOT MY ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble-free, N/S, nice guy who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10", 155lbs, firm build. Favorite things music, exercise, and having fun ☎1475

WATERFORD AREA
Attractive SWM, 62, 5'7", N/S, retired, enjoys travel, dining, movies, gardening, nature, quiet evenings with good conversation. Seeking SWF, over 58, no dependents, secure, similar interests, for LTR. ☎1472

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage-minded lady, 55+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Confident you will be pleased with this tall gentleman, N/S, N/D, fun to be with. Rochester Hills ☎1470

DO WE...
meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF with vivacious personality for a possible relationship. ☎1467

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
SM, 60, seeks non-jealous, non-possessive, non-religious SF, for mutual great expectations of love, romance, fun and more. ☎1468

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

SHORT & SWEET, HONEST
Affectionate, sensitive, intelligent SWM, 5'3", moderate smoker, seeks lively, conversant, feminine woman, 35-45, with good sense of humor, to share various interests, friendship, possible LTR ☎1797

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 6', 30s, seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 56, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2491

TICKETS SOLD OUT
What a magnificent performance this enchanting, liberal SWM, 6'4", who is lovely to gaze upon, gave. Seeking an alluring fit, SWF, 21-40, with the ability to learn, love, and cope. ☎1694

RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG
SM, 34, 5'6", no dependents, software engineer, seeks family-oriented SF with no children, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1478

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 48, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1797

SINGLE AND LOOKING
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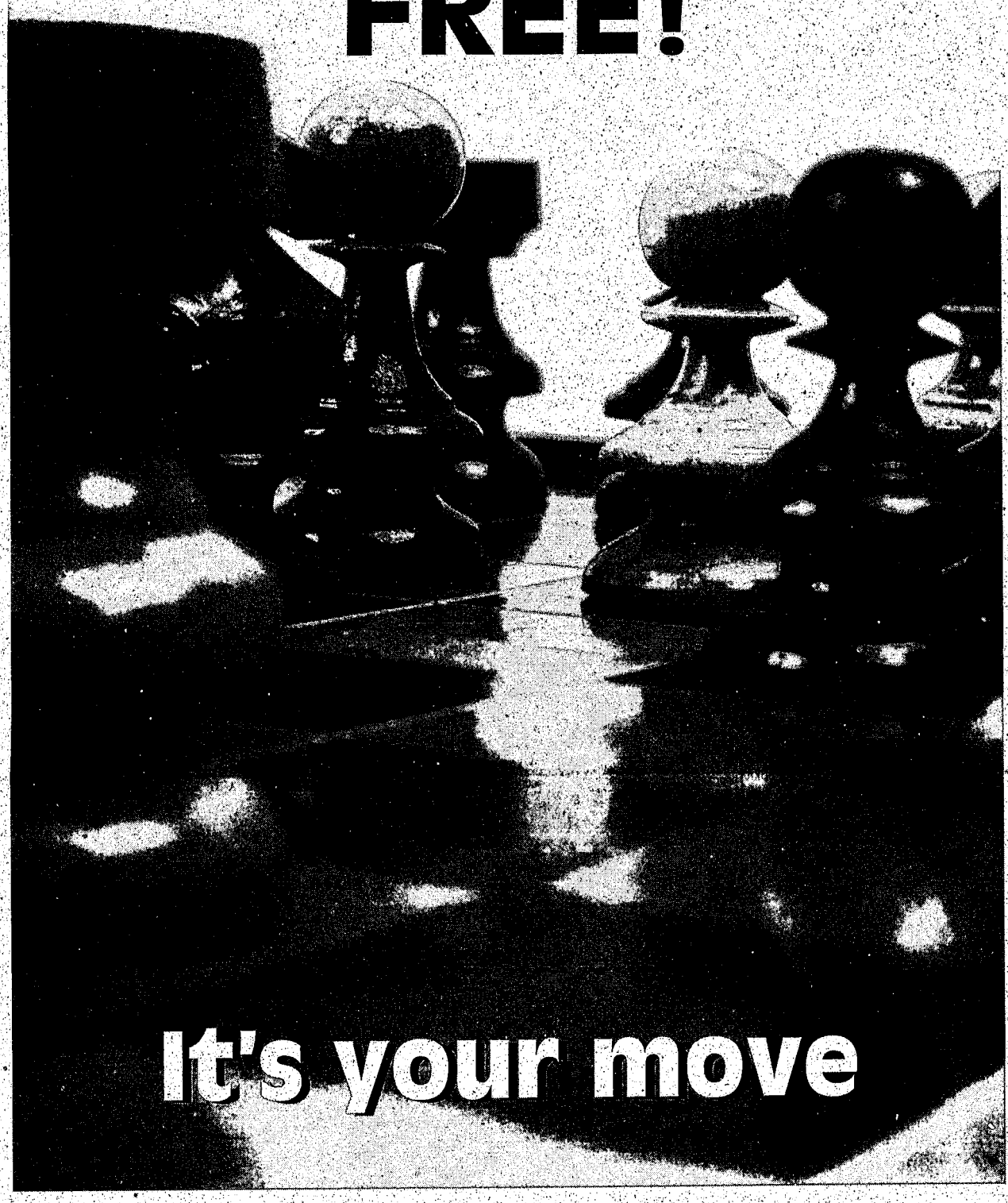

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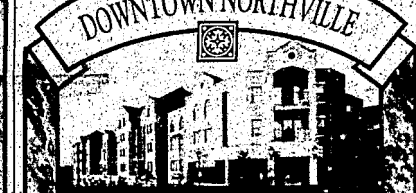
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DANIEL STICKRADT

State Christian school associations should consider state tournament merger

Most prep enthusiasts probably don't realize this, but there are four separate athletic associations in Michigan apart from the Michigan High School Athletic Association that govern Christian Schools.

And surprisingly, many coaches and administrators at these non-MHSAA high schools are unaware of each other.

Perhaps they should be.

The four Christian association in this state are the Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Michigan Accelerated Christian Education Association, generally labeled as ACE, and the Michigan Christian Home Schoolers Association, which is a group of teams around the state sponsored by local churches that feature home-schooled athletes within a certain city or region.

These four associations have about a combined 150 schools, with school enrollments ranging from as small as 10 students in grades 9-12 to around 150 — Coral Cowden Lake Bible Academy has 11 students while Davison Faith Baptist has 145, for example.

Some of these schools compete against each other during the regular season and also schedule games against Class C and Class D schools, pending on the strength of a particular program or location. And some of these schools have some pretty impressive teams and very talented athletes.

But when the state tournament time rolls around, they split up into separate, small — and I mean very small — state tournaments, sometimes as few as 6-8 teams in a tournament bracket.

Generally sponsoring sports such as boys soccer and girls basketball in the fall, boys basketball and girls volleyball in the winter, and boys baseball and girls soccer in the spring, depending on enrollment and school budgets — some of these schools have been known to sponsor track, cross-country, wrestling and girls softball as well — they compete using the same rules as MHSAA schools in most cases, and share the same state-registered game officials. But for whatever reasons, they break off into several small state tournaments, while schools in the MHSAA battle up to around 180 schools in their respective class for a coveted state crown.

To set the record straight, this column is in no way an avenue to put down student-athletes at schools in the MACS, ACSI, ACE, and MCHSA, or most of the administrators and coaching staffs, as I have a working relationship with many people within these schools and have seen first hand the talent-level boasted at these schools.

Believe me, the boys basketball team at Temperance Stateline Christian the past four years would have been a bonifide threat to win the MHSAA Class D crown, while Davison Faith and Midland Calvary Baptist would have been ranked in the MHSAA Division IV boys soccer rankings this past fall (Faith Baptist had a player sign with Michigan).

But I think some of these talented athletes and teams are being cheated from actually winning some type of state championship.

Now, if these schools don't want to join the MHSAA for various reasons, there is nothing wrong with that whatsoever. And if these schools have policies which only allow them to solely compete against parochial schools, that's your choice. But small little groups marching alone can't have much strength or notoriety.

Looking around Oakland County alone, there are several high schools that are not members of the MHSAA.

Clarkston Springfield Christian, Troy Bethany Christian, Oxford

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When Bill Kalush, Anthony Facione, Steve Badger and Jay Manojlovich entered high school nearly four years ago, they were part of the first Clarkston boys ice hockey program. And as the Wolves have matured and developed into on of the state's best programs, they have done so on...

One Solid Foundation

Clarkston senior unit hope to guide Wolves to hockey Class A Final 4

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Looking at the prep ice hockey careers of Bill Kalush, Anthony Facione, Steve Badger and Jay Manojlovich, they have been like a plane ride. Some turbulence, some smoothness, always interesting and, in parts, exciting.

The ride is on its descent, but the best part of the ride could be the landing.

The four Clarkston seniors are entering the final stage of their prep careers with the Clarkston hockey program, which began when they were freshmen in the 1996-97 season.

The Wolves, who have compiled an overall record of 16-6-1 and are currently ranked fifth in the latest Class A poll, begin the state tournament play Monday with a tough opening-round contest against Port Huron Northern.

Kalush, Facione, Badger and Manojlovich have been a part of the Wolves' young program since its inception. The sport gained approval by the Clarkston Board of Education in July 1996, and participated in its first contest November 23, 1996, an 8-0 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Those four players were on the team that night and have been part of its ups and downs ever since. With nearly four seasons completed, they know the time for the ultimate achievement is at hand.

"We have worked hard for four years, and now we know we have a good team," said Facione, the school's all-time leading scorer. "We are proud of what we've been able to do to this point, but we are ready for something big."

The first two years



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

United they stand: *Clarkston senior hockey players (From l-r) Anthony Facione, Steve Badger, Jay Manojlovich and Bill Kalush have helped the Wolves' mature from a program in an infant stage to a Class A Top 10 team over the past four years.*

The beginnings of the hockey program weren't exactly humble. The Wolves stormed out of the gate in its first season, winning the Birmingham-Detroit Country Day Holiday Tournament and recording one-sided wins over teams like Clio, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, and Flint Southwestern Academy. Coached by Rick Rowden and Glenn MacDonald, Clarkston raced out to a 14-2-1 record in its first 17 games that season.

The crowning win of that first season was a gutty 4-3 win over Port Huron Northern, ranked fourth in the state at the time. The above mentioned foursome agreed that game was the highlight of the first two seasons.

"That win was huge for the program," Facione said. That win propelled the Wolves to a No. 8 state ranking, the first time in Michigan prep hockey history that a team has been ranked in the top 10 in its first season.

Almost immediately after that high, came the program's first low. Ten players were suspended from the team for violations of the athletic policy. The suspensions left the team badly shorthanded, and cost it wins over beatable teams like Milford and White Lake Lakeland. The players returned in time to defeat Davison in a February contest, but the damage was done. The Wolves lost to Hartland in the regional finals that season.

The second season saw increased playing time for Badger in net, and leadership roles cast for Facione and Kalush. By the end of that 97-98 season, Badger was in place as the starting goaltender, and helped to lead the Wolves on a run to the state quarterfinals, where it lost to Grosse Pointe South, 4-1.

Changing of the guard

Although Clarkston was winning more than two-thirds of its games, a coaching change was made. Rowden and MacDonald were let go, and former Cranbrook "B" team coach Bryan Krygier was brought in. He quickly established a more disciplined style for the team, something the veteran players welcomed.

"Those first two years, we were playing pond hockey, getting by on our talent," Kalush said. "We knew we had the talent to be better."

Along with a new style on the ice, the Wolves became more well-established in the crowded Clarkston sports scene.

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Clarkston continues mastery of Rochester



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

He's back: Clarkston senior forward Adam Schapman (right) returned to Wolves' line-up tuesday and helped Clarkston post a 72-66 win over Rochester.

With 6-foot-5 senior forward Adam Schapman back in the line-up, Clarkston was able to post its 13th consecutive win over Rochester Tuesday in a 72-66 OAA crossover battle in hostile territory.

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Dan Fife admits he was nervous Tuesday evening. But perhaps the veteran Clarkston boys basketball coach shouldn't have been.

In of game of spurts, Clarkston used one last run to overcome host Rochester 72-66 in a tight Oakland Activities Association crossover match.

Clarkston 6-foot-5 senior forward Adam Schapman played in his first game in nearly three weeks and his spark off the bench proved to be the difference as the Wolves extended their winning streak over Rochester to 13 games spanning an 11-year period.

"I was nervous even playing him," said Fife of Schapman. "He's a senior and he's had a rough year. But I realize this may be his last chance to play, so I put him in there to see what would happen even though he's been hurt and out of game shape."

Schapman scored nine points, but it was his interior play, which boasted 12 rebounds, including an offensive rebound off a missed Clarkston free throw with 24 seconds remaining where the Wolves were up 70-66 that sealed Rochester's fate.

"He came off the bench and gave us a big lift," said Fife. "He had some big rebounds for us at clutch times. But we had a lot of guys step up and play well.

"And we needed that. This is a tough place to play, its' a smaller, older gym and its always so hot in here. And Rochester always plays us pretty tough. They have some good players and they are well-coached."

On four occasions, Clarkston built leads of 7-to-10 points. However, Rochester, behind the dynamic duo of junior point guard Walker Russell and 6-10 sophomore center Paul Davis, kept charging back.

"We played pretty touch against a good team," said Rochester coach Hal Commerson. "We played hard and we never let the game get out of hand. Now, if I can just get these guys to play this hard in every game, then we'd have a lot more success."

Clarkston (12-6) led 15-11 after the first quarter, but fell behind 36-34 at the half as both team caught fire in the second period, where Rochester held the upper hand 25-19.

Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino, who finished with a game-high 31 points, nailed a wide-open three-pointer to put Clarkston up 29-20 with 3:05 left to play. But Walker had several answers, setting up 6-2 senior forward Eddie Hillery with three no-look passes in the paint and Davis for a two-handed dunk.

In the third quarter, it was Marino's time to shine, as he nailed two wide-open triples in the first 41 seconds of the third — he scored 13 in the third alone — as Clarkston regained the lead and built a 57-51

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Springfield cages Bethany in MACS semifinals

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Dennis Hopkins celebrated his 25th birthday Tuesday, and the Clarkston Springfield Christian boys basketball coach received quite a gift from his players.

The Eagles delivered an impressive a 57-37 triumph over visiting Troy Bethany Christian in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I semifinals, as long as a birthday cake after the game.

The win moved Springfield Christian into Saturday's 5 p.m. MACS Division I state finals at Perry High School against arch-rival Davison Faith Baptist, who upset top-ranked Midland Calvary Baptist 56-52 in Tuesday's other semifinal at Springfield.

"This isn't that bad of a present," said Hopkins, who was in eighth grade the last time Springfield Christian advanced to the MACS finals — 1988.

With Springfield's top player, 6-foot-2 senior forward Jon Vanaman battling foul trouble, the Eagles got a lift from sophomore center Knoa Knapper.

Despite just shooting 5-for-13 from the field, the 6-foot-4 Knapper was a force inside as he scored 14 points to go along with 16 rebounds, four steals, four blocked shots and four assists for Springfield (22-3).

"He's a very calm and smart player," said Hopkins. "He doesn't get rattled easy and he's very patient. He just keeps working hard."

The soft-spoken Knapper doesn't mind spending time in the limelight, even on a senior-dominated team.

"I just go out and play," he said. "I try to do whatever it takes to win."

Knapper missed three of his first four shots from the field and missed three first-quarter free-throws, but Bethany (15-5) couldn't take advantage of the situation. Springfield shot only 14-for-38 in the first-half as a team.

"We played hard and aggressive but we just couldn't create many shots," said Bethany coach John Walker. "(Springfield) wasn't shooting very well, but we couldn't find the answers either."

Bethany led 8-6 early, and trailed only 32-26 midway through the third quarter, but couldn't get any closer than nine points after that point. Springfield closed the third with an 11-1 run and led 43-27 going into the fourth quarter.

"We did what we had to do to win," said Hopkins, whose squad has beaten Bethany four times this season. "It's hard to have to play a team like that four times in a season. You beat them handily a couple times and you might let your guard down a little bit. But we came out and played good defense on them and we didn't give them much breathing room."

Senior guard Greg Irish led Springfield with 16 points, six rebounds and three assists. Vanaman collected 14 points, seven steals and six rebounds despite missing most of the second half with foul trouble, and senior point guard Matt Christie had a fine floor game with eight points and six steals for the Eagles.

Senior guard Steve Hernandez bowed out for Bethany with a game-high 27 points to go with six rebounds and four steals, but the Bruins didn't get much offensive production after that.

"I think he capped his season and career

Please See **SPRINGFIELD, C2**

Lahser spikes Wolves for OAA title

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The torch was passed Monday night, but not without reluctance.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser's girls volleyball team clinched the 1999-2000 Oakland Activities Association Division II championship with a hard-fought 16-14, 15-12 win over last year's champ, Clarkston, in an exciting contest at Lahser, which finished sixth in the seven-team division last year.

The Knights could have easily lost the match in two games, but used total team play to rally in each game to pull out a win over a tough Wolves team.

"We really wanted to win the league solo," said a proud Lahser coach Margie Vasile. "We worked as a team and never gave up, just like we've done all year. I would like to commend the entire team, because they all helped us to win."

The Knights seemed to gain and lose control of the match about as often as George W. Bush gains and loses control of the presidential primaries. In the first game, Lahser was flawless early, dominating Clarkston to take an 8-3 lead.

Then the Wolves charged back to tie the game 9-9, highlighted by three straight aces by senior Jennie Winn. The game was nip and tuck from there, with each team making big plays.

The Wolves held a 14-12 lead after a kill by senior Brittani Brewer. Clarkston had the serve with 14 points four different times, but could not put the game away.

"I thought we played hard," said Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson. "We just had a lot of lapses that hurt us. Early in the first game it was serve reception lapses, and later it was service lapses."

Those service lapses cost the Wolves dearly. Clarkston committed six service errors in the first game, including four in a row and two after the game was tied 11-11.

An ace by Lahser senior Karen Shreve and a kill by senior Erin Galloway finished off game one.

Game two was a reversal of game one, at least early on. Clarkston junior Andrea Gower was a dominant force up front, helping the Wolves to an 8-2 lead. She recorded three kills and two blocks in the team's opening burst.

Lahser slowly worked its way back into the game, thanks more to Clarkston hitting errors than its plays. The Knights battled back to tie the game two other times, but both times, the Wolves regained a slight lead.

The momentum shifted when Lahser sophomore Anne Hafeli took the serve. She delivered an ace and a kill as part of a 3-0 Knights run to take the game from a 12-11 Clarkston lead to 14-11 Lahser.

With the win, Lahser improves to 10-2 in the league and 21-6-4 overall, while Clarkston falls to 22-14-3 overall and 6-6 in the league.

Hafeli led the Knights with eight kills on 17-for-21 attacking. Senior Michelle Samarian was solid all night, going 11-for-11 serving.

Brewer and Gower combined for 10 kills for Clarkston, while junior Tricia Brewer was 9-for-9 serving and six digs. Winn and junior Kristen Falck each dished out 11 assists.

Both schools next play in the OAA 28-school tournament Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Andover and Lahser.

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advantage heading into the fourth.

Rochester (9-8), which had won four straight, mounted one final push, and took the lead once again at 64-63 with 3:02 to play when Russell stole the ball in the open court and went in uncontested for a lay-up.

But Clarkston junior point guard Ryan Kaul and Marino each answered with two free throws apiece for the Wolves, who made 8 of 12 shots from the charity stripe down the stretch to seal the game.

"They have some flashy players, but our guys were just as good," said Fife. "Marino was hot and Ryan Kaul does the little things that we ask him to do. He was awesome out there tonight."

Kaul had a brilliant floor game which included four points, five rebounds two steals and a game -high 13 assists. Andy North, a 6-4 senior forward, added 14 points on 7 of 9 shooting, senior center Bryan Endreszl had nine points and five rebounds, and senior forward Rocky Lund contributed five points and five steals for the Wolves.

■ 'They have some flashy players, but our guys were just as good.'

Dan Fife
—Clarkston basketball coach

Russell led Rochester with 17 points, seven assists, six rebounds and three steals. Davis added 15 points, including three dunks, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Hillery had 14 points and eight rebounds, senior forward Justin Walker supplied nine points, all on three-pointers, and 6-4 senior forward Joe Cassidy scored six with five rebounds for Rochester.

Clarkston is at Southfield-Lathrup Friday, while Rochester will pay visit to Berkley.

Clarkston posts late-season struggles on ice with 0-1-1 streak

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Clarkston's boys ice hockey team is getting ready for the postseason by taking on some of the best teams in the state. And although the Wolves aren't winning all those games, the tough caliber of competition should get Clarkston ready for sterner tests.

The Wolves lost a heartbreaker to Redford Union, 5-4, Saturday and salvaged a 3-3 tie with Birmingham Brother Rice Monday to move their record to 16-6-1 overall.

Against Redford, the Wolves blew a 4-1 lead with nine minutes left to lose a tough non-league game Against Rice, Clarkston mounted a late comeback to tie the Warriors.

Sophomore forward Adam Postal banged in a rebound with three seconds left to get Clarkston the tie against Brother Rice.

Sophomore Nick Turner had two assists, and senior Bill Kalush had a goal and an assist for Clarkston. Junior center Ryan MacKinnon scored the first goal for the Wolves.

Regional preview

Clarkston opens Class A regional play Monday with the toughest first-round test possible within its region.

The Wolves take on Port Huron Northern in the first round, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at Port Huron's McMorran Arena. Clarkston and the Huskies are clearly the two best teams in the regional, which also includes Flint Central, Waterford Mott and Port Huron.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said he was a bit frustrated that the two best teams in the region have to face off in the first round, but said it would show right away whether the Wolves were worthy of making a long playoff run.

"It's hard to look ahead when you play that caliber of team in the first round," he said. "But we will find out right away if we belong in the tournament or not."

Clarkston defeated Northern 4-3 in an exciting contest Jan. 22. Krygier said that win gives his team the edge entering the regional rematch.

"We definitely have the mental edge," he said. "They play a different style, especially at home, so it's something we will have to be ready for. But we have beaten them before, and I think that helps us."

Clarkston's hockey program recorded its first big win over Northern back in Feb. 1997, winning 4-2 over a Huskies team that was ranked fourth in the state at the time.

The winner of the Clarkston-Northern game advances to the regional semifinals March 1 against winless Port Huron. The other bracket has Mott taking on the winner of the Grand Blanc-Flint Central game. The regional finals are scheduled for Friday, March 3. All games are at Port Huron.

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with a very good game," said Walker, noting that only two of his five seniors started. "He played his heart out and never gave up. And our whole team did that."

"We are a small team, but we battled them hard. And with there best player out, we tried to make a game of it in the third quarter when we brought the score to within six. But we didn't have enough to stop them.

"Hopefully, this season will help give us a strong foundation to build on next year."

n Clarkston Springfield Christian 66, Sterling Heights Christian 25 — Host Springfield avenged a regular-season defeat routing Sterling Heights Christian Saturday in a MACS Division I regional final, giving the Eagles their first regional title since 1987-88.

Greg Irish scored a game-high 25 points and Knox Knapper added 12 for the Eagles (22-3), who lost to the Crusaders on Jan. 28 by a score of 79-71.

Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford shine at wrestling districts

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Winning a match at the Davison Division I Individual Wrestling District was enough to be considered a chore, but to finish in the top four and advance to this weekend's regional round was nothing short of an accomplishment.

"This was one of the toughest districts in the state — no question about it," said Lake Orion coach Doug Kline. "Just having Davison here was enough, but with Clarkston, Rochester Adams, Romeo and us, plus some quality kids from others schools, it was tough."

Although Division I second-ranked Davison qualified individuals in all but one of the 14 weight classes, the rest of talent to advance was somewhat spread around, although several regional qualifiers did come from Eccentric-area schools.

Adams led the way with nine qualifiers, while Clarkston had seven, Lake Orion five, and both Rochester and Waterford Mott had three apiece.

Mike Quigley (3rd at 119), Ricky Kallis (2nd at 130), Derek Russ (4th at 135), Matt Champine (4th at 171), and Brian Patrick (1st at 215) advanced to the regional round for Lake Orion.

Clarkston, despite missing two-time defending 215-pound state champion Pat DeGain, who is out for the season with a torn muscle in his abdomen, outdid their rivals from the east with three more qualifiers for this Saturday's Division I regionals at Flint Carmen-Ainsworth.

Freshman Clint DeGain was Clarkston's sole champion at 152, but David Endreszl (3rd at 135), Brian Chism (3rd at 140), Bret Grove (3rd at 145), Dave Welanko (4th at 145), Chris Jaroneski (2nd at 215), and Aaron Karns (2nd at 275) also made the cut.

"In years past, a lot of kids from this district also made the state meet," said Kline. "Last year, most of the kids from this district placed very high at the regional. Out of 56 wrestlers, I think all but 16 from our region came from the (Davison) district, and that says a lot about wrestlers from this area."

n Division II at Birmingham Seaholm — Oxford had a fine day as the wildcats had seven wrestlers place in the top four to advance to this weekend's regional round at ...

Charlie Mayer at 130, 189-pounder Willie Bryer and heavyweight Eric Ghiaciuc were champions for Oxford. Freshman Luis Gomez was second at 215, while Scott Pyke (125), Joel Vasquez (152) and Mike Piontek (160) all place fourth for the Wildcats.

Lapeer West lad the district with 13 regional qualifiers, while Fenton had eight, Holly six and Birmingham Groves.

Eccentric-area schools Seaholm (three qualifiers), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (three), Auburn Hills Avondale (two), Bloomfield Hills Andover (one) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (one) also competed at the Seaholm district.

TEAM TRYOUTS

BASEBALL

■ The Michigan Lake Area Rams amateur baseball organization will be conducting team tryouts and player interviews for the 13- and 14-year-olds travel federation team Feb. 1-18. If you are interested in learning the game of baseball from an experienced, knowledgeable, respected and competitive, coaching staff, then please call (248) 737-9138 or (248) 330-7899 to schedule an interview and tryout. For players interested in the 17- and 18-year-old teams, call (248) 737-9138 or (313)-291-5031.

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Christian, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist and Rochester Hills Christian compete in the MACS-sponsored tournaments; Pontiac Greater Life Academy, Madison Heights Temple Christian, Pontiac Parkview Baptist and Milford Highland Hills Christian are members of ACE, and Milford West Highland Christian and Novi Christian belong to the ACSI. Plus, there is Birmingham Eton Academy and Lathrup Village Akiva Hebrew, which hold no athletics affiliation, while Oxford Indianwood Christian, Oxford Liberty Baptist, Pontiac Christian and Pontiac Heritage Christian have all closed their doors within the last 10-15 years.

That's a lot of small schools in this county alone, but they are in at least three different state associations and compete for separate state-wide crowns in a variety of sports.

And there are problems within these associations that really do take away some credibility away, which explains some of the reasons why schools like Burton Genesee Christian, Mount Pleasant Baptist, Holland Calvary Baptist, Warren Macomb Christian and Plymouth Agape Christian, for example, have excited within the past decade for the MHSAA.

This month alone, several problems have appeared. Stateline Christian didn't enter its talent-laden athletic teams in the MACS tournaments because they thought the costs were too high, and in the MACS Division III boys basketball tournament, over half of the schools that have 30 or less kids in high school didn't even enter their teams this year, or forfeited games because they had losing records and didn't want to travel across state for a game where they weren't the favorites.

What kind of life examples are some of these school administrators setting for their student-athletes? And for the schools that are not entering their teams in tournaments, or are forfeiting tournament games due to lame excuses, what message are they trying to spread?

The schools who do enter these tournaments each year, regardless of success rate, must feel somewhat insulted.

In a conversation with Jack Walker, the athletics director and boys basketball coach at Troy Bethany, on Tuesday, Walker suggested this: "Maybe we should consider merging into two divisions, or maybe we should do something like they (used to do) in Indiana with one 64-team tournament?"

Sounds like a decent idea, and similar to the one I've had spinning around in my head for the past five years.

Why not put whatever the religious differences that exist between these associations aside and merge into one large Christian association for the betterment of the student-athletes, perhaps calling it the Michigan Association of Independent Parochial Schools.

Work together in finding a workable game plan, which includes some basic guidelines and rules, weekly state rankings, post-season all-state teams and, most importantly, a state tournament with more than just 6-8 teams.

Break schools off into districts or regionals, just like in the MHSAA, and even seed the schools within these brackets. And let others, including the media, around the state know of your existence.

Competing for a state championships is a dream every high school athlete has while growing up. So give the student-athletes at these schools something big to shoot for, as this idea could only be a win-win situation for all.

Daniel Stickradt is sports editor for the communities of Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford within the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Group. He will be on vacation next week. All sports related questions within these communities will be handled by Brad Monastiere, who can be reached at (248) 693-4900.

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It wasn't easy for the team to draw big crowds and school-wide recognition, with the intense following the boys basketball and football programs have in Clarkston. But the seniors say it has gotten better as the team has been consistently successful.

"At first, we had people come out to watch individual players," Badger said. "We had the (Ryan) Peters section, and the (Bret) Postal section. It was more of an individual social event."

"We used to have to keep telling people how good we were, now, people know," Manojlovich said. "Now, we have more people around school interested in us, and they are talking about us more."

All four agreed the highlight of the third year was the 3-1 win over Trenton, the defending Class A state champions. Clarkston had been on the cusp of a win like this since its first season, but could never get over the hump.

"I still get goosebumps when I think about that game," Kalush said. "(Anthony and I) were on the way to Snowcoming that night, and we were like 'Wow, we beat Trenton!' They announced it over the loudspeakers at the dance, and that was just such a great feeling."

Last season ended with a disappointing 4-1 loss to Milford in the first round of districts, but the Wolves came back this year with a renewed determination. That leadership comes from these four players, all in different forms.

Tony, Tony, Tony

Facione is the explosive scorer of this group. He has led the team in scoring twice and has scored five goals in a game twice in his career. This season, he has evolved into more of an all-around player, backchecking effectively and becoming a threat all over the ice.

"I think I have become a much smarter player," Facione said. "I used to take a lot of retaliatory penalties my first two years. Now, I am more concerned with defense, because if we play good defense, we usually win."

Krygier says Facione is capable of taking over a game with his speed and hockey sense.

"When Anthony wants to play well, he can dominate a game," he said. "He knows how to play aggressively, but with some finesse. He has a lot of different qualities that make up a quality player."

Not just a Bill

Kalush is the unquestioned emotional leader of the team, and has been to different extents since his freshman season. He is the first one to pat a teammate on the back, or kick them in the rear to pick up his play.

Krygier said Kalush is the kind of player anyone would love to coach.

"Bill is that one player who is a pleasure to have on the team," he said. "He brings all the qualities to a team that coaches dream about. He leads by example, gives 110 percent in practice and games, and will be hard to replace."

Kalush's style is not as spectacular offensively as Facione's. He prefers setting up teammates for good scoring chances, or making a key defensive stop. And that suits him just fine.

"Since Coach put me, Anthony and (Jon) Bemis together on a line, we have become much better," Kalush said. "We pick each other up, and as our skills have improved, so have our smarts."

The stopper

Goaltenders in hockey are seen as being a little different than most players. After all, who would want to sit there and allow little black hard rubber objects to hit them traveling at speeds that would get drivers pulled over on I-75!

"Badger has always been our foundation," Krygier said. "When he is in net, the team is more confident. They know he will make some big saves, and that is such a big plus."

Badger, who had to sit behind Matt Hogan for his first two seasons, knew his time would come.

"I just had to work even harder and be ready when my turn came up," he said. "Now, I don't really feel pressure against teams like (Redford Catholic Central). I feel more pressure against a team like Mott, one I know we should beat."

The injured warrior

If Kalush is the Wolves' heart, Facione its natural talent and Badger its confidence, Jay Manojlovich is the team's conscious.

His hockey career has been cut short because of injuries sustained during football. He injured knees during the 1998 and 1999 football seasons, limiting his contributions on the ice. That hasn't stopped him from being as much a part of the team as anyone else, though.

"I just want one more shift," he said, with his characteristic look of determination. "And I want to see this team go far in the playoffs this year."

Krygier said Manojlovich's injury status did not affect his spot on the team.

"Jay brings character and leadership to the team even though he hasn't been able to play," he said. "There was never a question of how much a part of the team he was."

No one has logged more time with the Clarkston hockey program than these four. They have spent countless hours in the car, driving themselves to practice at such inconvenient places like the State Fairgrounds in Detroit and Ice Mountain in Burton.

They have fought for respect in a sports-crazy community, and have found a nice niche. They have gained state-wide recognition in a sport where few teams garner the most attention.

There is little doubt though, these four have helped establish a tradition of excellence, one that they hope continues long into the future.

"I want to come back and see future teams kick more butt," Manojlovich concluded.

So far, so good.

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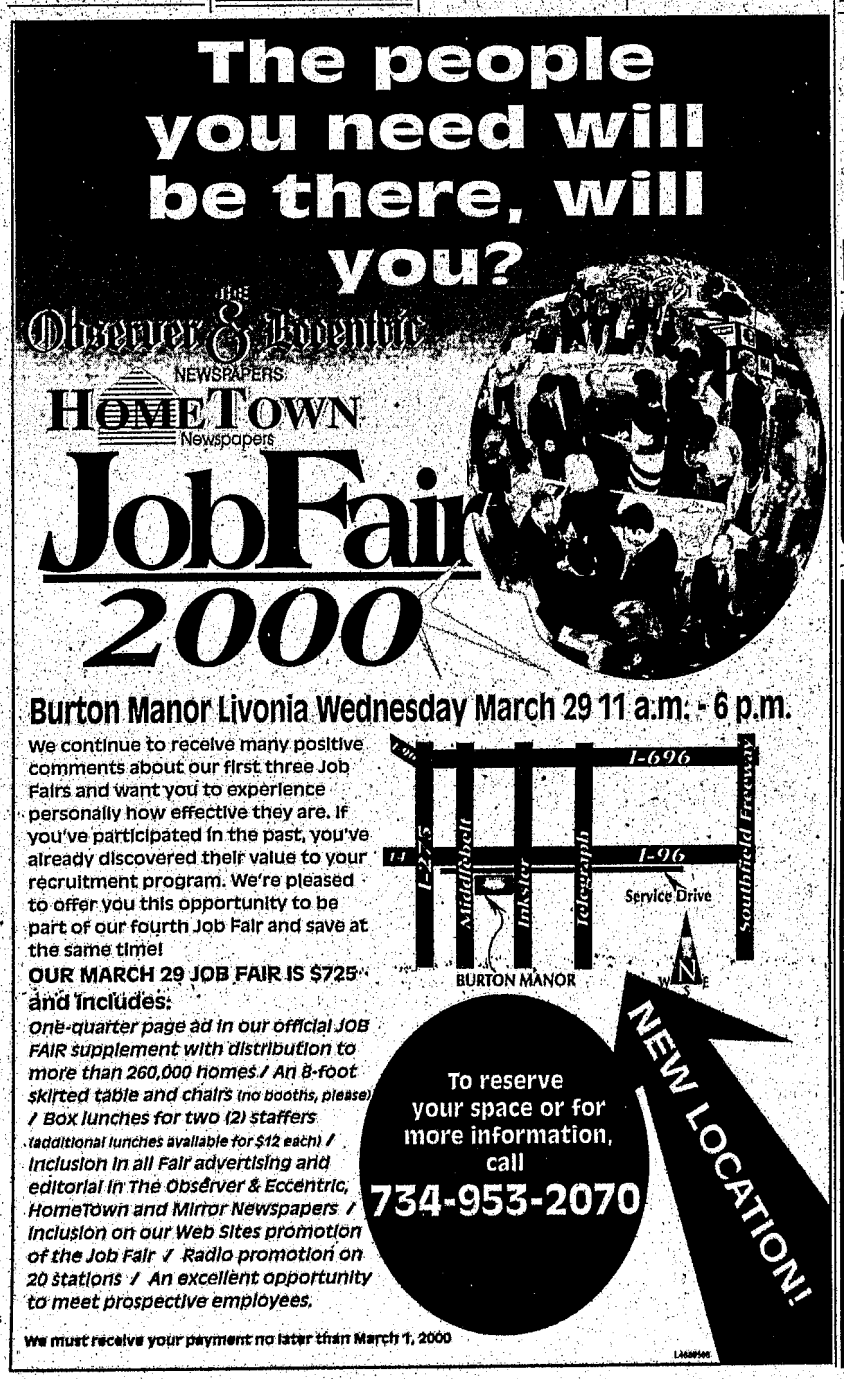



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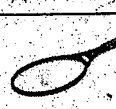

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DWM, 5'7", medium build, H/W proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interests; open to pleasures, shared by healthy, alive partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. ☎1799

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casinos, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF, for friendship first. ☎1811

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

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BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, boxers and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

FIRST TIME EVER, REDFORD
Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate, Kids ok. No games. ☎1424

SEEKING SWEET ISLAND GIRL
Wonderful, great-looking outdoors lover, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue, business-owner, would appreciate a sweet, trim girl for summertime fun on my island with friends. Let see if our chemistry sparks. ☎1751

GRADING ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SBM, 6'2", 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely WF, 28+, for committed relationship. ☎1703

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. ☎1732

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpentor, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship. ☎1701

FIDELITY
SBPM, 33, faithful, in search of kind, honest SW/BPF, preferably employed, also faithful. ☎1731

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs; brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. ☎5377

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking S/DF, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1527

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty, petite and likes to be adored. ☎1063

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, Independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-36, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 185lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. ☎1522

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mobiling, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, cooking, dining out. Honest easygoing, nice guy, seeks friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1474

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleys, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who doesn't play games. ☎1758

WORTH CHECKING INTO
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, fit, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎1299

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 180lbs, blond/blue, goatee, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

GARDNER/ANIMAL LOVER
Not too handsome DM, 42, 6'2", 170lbs, N/S, with rustic farm house, seeks companion, 40-43, who likes outdoors; trusting, willing to communicate, express thoughts. Livonia. ☎1699

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeking fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

EDUCATED ATHLETE
SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, red/blue, N/S, athletic build, likes golfing, skiing, tennis, biking, movies, dining. Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6"+, H/W proportionate, N/S, to share my common interests, for mutual enjoyment of each other's company. ☎1669

SEEKING FRIEND
DWM, 55, 5'10", slim, athletic, nice-looking, open to share your life. Seeking pretty, interesting SWF, H/W proportionate, for LTR. ☎1391

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

UNION LAKE AREA
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1364

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible. Redford ☎5696

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45. ☎1142

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies; walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 42, 5'9", 190lbs; brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWF, to share my life with. ☎1740

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

WHO BEING LOVED IS POOR?
Good-looking, fun-loving, loyal, fit, spiritual, reliable SWPM, 41, 5'6", who has many interests to share, but his greatest passion to meet one fun, fit, positive SF, to share his life with. ☎1760

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, mid-west ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN
Handsome, affectionate SWM, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking theater, cuddling, snuggling. Seeking attractive, affectionate SAF, 24-33, H/W proportionate, for companionship and/or possible relationship. ☎1744

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks WM/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoy golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART...
SWM, 40, 5'8", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking faithful, honest, communicative SWF, for friendship and a possible LTR. ☎1765

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1767

COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'8", 230lbs, enjoys exercising, church going, traveling, having good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is entertaining, into music, dancing, having fun, yet is helpful with household chores... shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. ☎1745

YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...
Don't give up now. Make one more call. I have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and more. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A+
Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same, I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
DWPM, 46, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive, sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

SINGLE MOMS WELCOME
DWPM, 44, seeks DWPF, 36-41, who is fit, active, happy with herself, for friendship first. ☎1741

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF, 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 165lbs, 42; devoted, playful father, believes in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race, unimportant. ☎4988

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SWAF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

TRY THIS ONE!!
Retired DWM, 52, 6'1", ISO one good gal, age unimportant as attitude, dislikes cities, traffic, smog and crowds, likes outdoors, music, movies, gardening, fixing things, getaways. All calls answered. ☎1689

LETS LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM, looking for widowed/S/DWF, 38+, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun loving times, if you think you are the one, let's get together. ☎1691

YOU MAY QUALIFY...
for this friendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF, 36-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally-employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1463

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1681

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 35-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 50s, 6', 180lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. ☎1525

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest SD/WF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been home alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked, by an appreciative gentleman. ☎1520

ALL DRESSED UP?
No where to go? I enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, limos, etc. Handsome, successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady, to join the fun. ☎1515

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

CAN'T WE ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble-free, N/S, nice guy who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10", 155lbs, firm build. Favorite things: music, exercise, and having fun. ☎1475

WATERFORD AREA
Attractive SWM, 62, 5'7", N/S, retired, enjoys travel, dining, movies, gardening, nature, quiet evenings with good conversation. Seeking SWF, over 58, no dependents, secure, similar interests, for LTR. ☎1472

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage-minded lady, 55+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Confident you will be pleased with this tall gentleman, N/S, N/D, fun to be with. Rochester Hills. ☎1470

DO WE...
meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF, with vivacious personality for a possible relationship. ☎1467

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
SM, 60, seeks non-jealous, non-possessive, non-religious SF, for mutual great expectations of love, romance, fun and more. ☎1468

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

SHORT & SWEET, HONEST
Affectionate, sensitive, intelligent SWM, 5'3", moderate smoker, seeks lively, conversant, feminine woman, 35-45, with good sense of humor, to share various interests, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1797

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 6', 30s, seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 58, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR, Western suburbs. ☎2421

TICKETS SOLD OUT
What a magnificent performance this enchanting, liberal SWM, 6'4", who is lovely to gaze upon, gave. Seeking an alluring fit, SWF, 21-40, with the ability to learn, love, and cope. ☎1694

RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG
SM, 34, 5'6", no dependents, software engineer, seeks family-oriented SF with no children, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1478

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1757

SINGLE AND LOOKING
Friendly, kind, sincere, silly, romantic, affectionate SBM, 44, loves music, dancing, bowling, cuddling. Seeking like-minded SF, 35-44, for friendship, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1743

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for serious relationship and fun. ☎1795

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5840

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5879

FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING
Employed DWM, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, honest, affectionate, caring, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes fishing, swimming, camping, beach, walks. Seeking SF with similar interests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. ☎1514

HARD-WORKING
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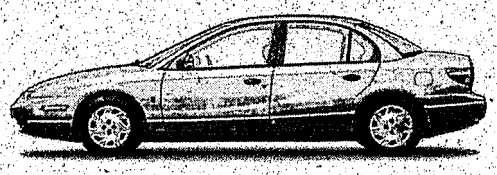

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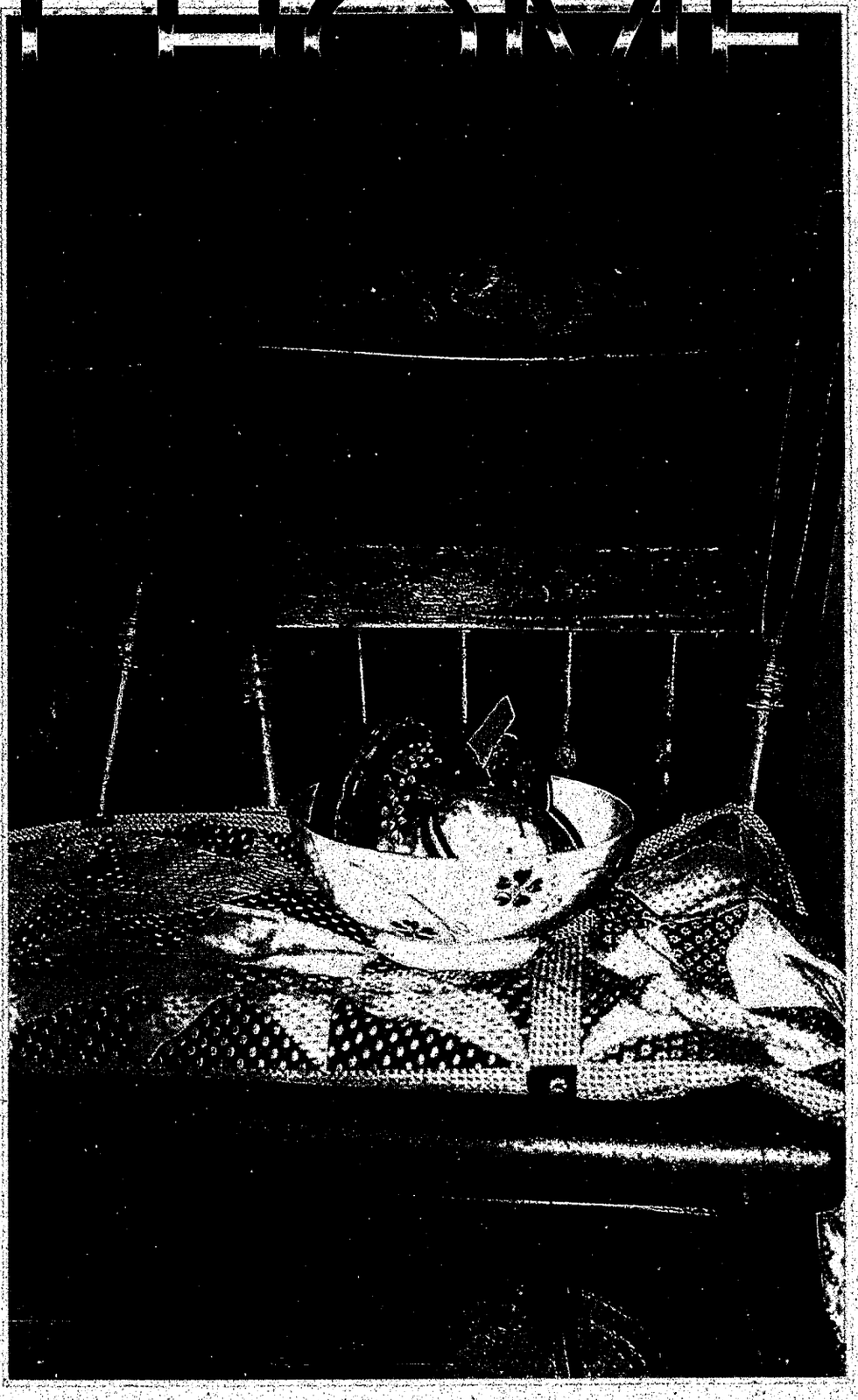

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Do you need smoke detectors?



JOE GAGNON

I stopped by an elementary school recently. While I was there, the school conducted a fire drill. I watched these kids file out of their classes orderly and quickly and watched the teachers count to ensure all the schoolchildren were accounted for.

The system has not changed since my early years. The principal thought they had not evacuated the school in quick enough time. She reminded me of the captain on the Navy ship I served on who conducted fire drills. We competed against other ships in the North Atlantic squadron. The captain was never satisfied with our time and only later did I find out that he lost a ship during the war because of a fire.

If we stop and think about it, people in charge, especially of little ones, are well prepared in advance of what they need to do in case of fires. They are trained by experts to react and do what's necessary.

We as homeowners should pay heed to what goes on. When is the last time you did a fire drill in your home? I don't mean just the readers who have children, I mean all of you, and that certainly includes senior citizens.

Have you read the newspapers lately or watched the news? Little children have died and whole houses have been blown up so that all that is left standing are a couple of boards. Does this get you to think that if it can happen to others that it can happen to you? I'll bet when you board an airplane, the thought of the most recent crash enters your mind. You sit down, strap on the seat belt and hope you get to your destination. You've made preparations, your will is in order and maybe you've purchased some extra life insurance, just in case.

What have you done around the house lately to prepare for a fire or carbon monoxide leak from that old furnace that hasn't been checked out in years? There are only several plane crashes each year in this country, but I can assure you that there are over a million house fires each year. Just a few weeks ago there were five family members who were nearly overcome by carbon monoxide in the house. This silent killer had entered every room in the house and not one person could smell "him." Carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless.

In this case, everybody was lucky that the father of the family woke up early and got everybody out of the house.

Just a few weeks ago two little children died because a clothes dryer was vented with plastic vent line and caught fire. No smoke detector was in the house. Recently a home in Shelby Township suffered $88,000 in damage because of a fire that started in the dryer. Fortunately, a smoke alarm alerted the home's occupants. A friend of mine has a sump pump which caught fire and almost burned his home to the ground.

The stories go on and on and so can my message to many readers. That message doesn't do you a bit of good unless you react. Please, for the sake of your children and yourself, go to the store and spend a few dollars. Make life just that much safer for everybody by buying smoke detectors, fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and place them in rooms that are described on the boxes. You don't have to be a genius to live a longer life. Stay tuned.

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

at home calendar

■ English Gardens will conduct a free seminar for the public, "Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers," by an English Gardens floral designer, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a variety of classes related to home and garden. Offerings include "Ceramic Tile Installation," taught by Glenn Barna, Monday, Feb. 28; and "Journaling Your Photographs," taught by Laurie Freedman, president of Write Idea, a writing and planning company in West Bloomfield, Thursday, March 2. Call (248) 644-5832.

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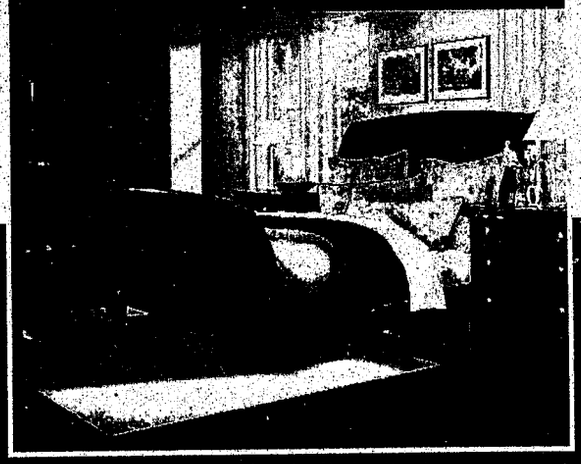

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Star attraction

Show house: *The early home of award-winning actress Julie Harris will be the 13th biennial Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House. More than 30 interior designers, artisans and landscape architects – including many from Observer and Eccentric communities – will transform it over the next three months, and the fully designed house will be open for tours May 6-29. The public may view the undecorated residence during Sneak a Peek Weekend, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $2, and are available at the house entrance each day. (No children under age 8 admitted; no cameras.) The English Country house, which has more than 20 rooms, is located at 15410 Windmill Pointe Drive, overlooking Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call the JLD at (313) 881-0040.*

'Pea's' to meet you



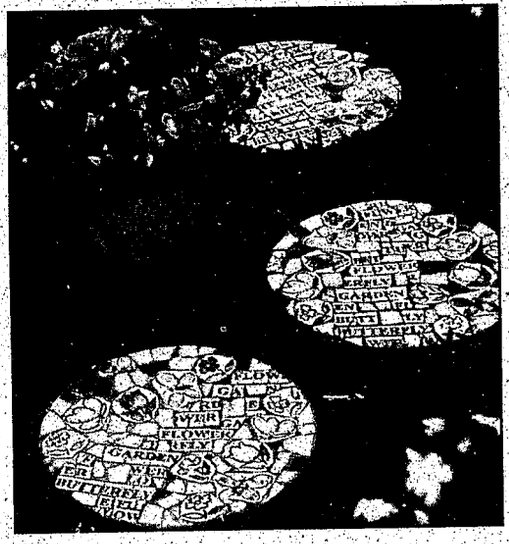
Grand opening: *Paula Carnovale will be opening the doors to her new shop, Sweet Pea's, this weekend. The grand opening will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at 2006 Cole in Birmingham, one block north of Lincoln and east of Eton. Sweet Pea's is the Perfectly Essential Accessories Store, offering home and garden accessories, European country furniture, antiques, art and acquisitions from around the world – both practical and affordable, Carnovale says. Throughout the year, events will be announced that host local artists and small business entrepreneurs sharing their ideas and products. Call (248) 988-2810.*



Trees to please

Trunk show: *Trees are a way to add depth and dimension to a room. They can make corners interesting and add a welcoming atmosphere to foyers. The Silk Warehouse, 301 Walnut Blvd. in Rochester, has ficus and palm trees to accent home or office. Prices range from $45 to $500 for the palm trees, $70 to $1,400 for the ficus. Call (248) 650-2450.*

Going mosaic



Outside ornaments: *Jacobson's spring home and garden catalog features these charming mosaic terra-cotta garden decorations. The "garden" stepping stone and footed planter retail for $19 each.*

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You'll devour these garden books



MARTY FIGLEY

You won't need to travel around the world to find something different for your edible foods garden this year! Rosalind Creasy, who wrote "The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping," a must on my bookshelf, has written 10 books in her Edible Garden Series (Tuttle Publishing).

The first six are "The Edible Salad Garden," "The Edible Herb Garden," "The Edible Italian Garden," "The Edible French Garden," "The Edible Flower Garden" and "The Edible Heirloom Garden" ($12.95 each). The other four, available next month, are "The Edible Mexican Garden," "The Edible Pepper Garden," "The Edible Rainbow Garden" and "The Edible Asian Garden" ($14.95 each).

Creasy has the inside track on using this large variety of foods and brings the excitement of finding, growing, harvesting and cooking with them to her readers.

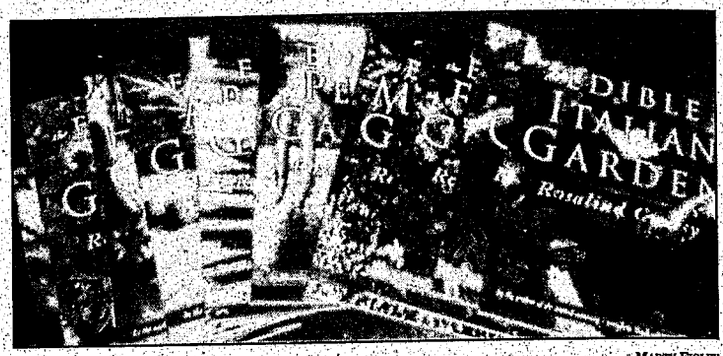
In each book she shares growing techniques, beginning with proper soil preparation, and her personal experiences with the plants she often grows in her own California garden.

Creasy has traveled to many countries, interviewed many chefs and local folks and brought back very tasty recipes. The directions are given in an uncomplicated fashion.

Her advice is straight-on and her enthusiasm and enjoyment of her craft shines like a beacon. Choose one, or all, and you're in for a treat.

In "Lasagna Gardening" ($15.95, Rodale), Pat Lanza introduces a way to garden that saves time, effort and money and is also earth-friendly, by layering the organic ingredients a la lasagna. Lanza gives directions for this almost effortless technique that can be used anywhere, in large or small gardens and vertical spaces, as well as containers. With this lasagna method you can begin in the spring or fall.

There's more. Lanza tells how to grow many vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs, giving helpful hints for each one, including cooking tips. She shares her many garden experiences, talks about tools, paths and other aspects of gardening in a down-to-earth manner. You'll find much information in this small book.



MARTY FIGLEY

Tastefully done: *Ten books make up Rosalind Creasy's Edible Garden series.*

"The Best American Recipes 1999," Fran McCullough and Suzanne Hamlin, series editors ($26, Houghton Mifflin), brings a wealth of recipes that will whet any appetite.

We learn the most popular foods and trends for '99 – Comeback of the Year: cheese; Vegetable: pumpkin; Fruit: pomegranate; Herbs: citrus herbs, kaffir lime leaves, lemon verbena and lemongrass; Spice: cumin; Salt: kosher, sea, etc.; Secret ingredient: coconut milk; Cooking technique: brining, as a flavor and tenderizing aid; Dessert: panna cotta; and Gadget: microplane citrus zester.

The recipes are clearly written. I can't wait to try Cheddar-Walnut Crisps.

"Daylilies for the Garden," Graeme Grosvenor ($34.95, Timber Press), is a reference work filled with enticing photographs that show the immense variety and colors of the flowers.

Grosvenor has been growing the plants for 30 years and explains just what a daylily is, the classification, growing techniques and propagation and their place in many garden situations.

The bulk of the book concentrates on his luscious photographs that will make the reader want to grow these beauties. He gives tips on photographing and hybridizing and shares five daylily recipes that offer a culinary treat.

"The New Traditional Garden: A Practical Guide to Creating and Restoring Authentic American Gardens for Homes of All Ages," Michael Weishan ($35, Ballantine), is just the book for those who wish to landscape their home in keeping with its original character.

Weishan is extremely well versed in America's gardening history and shares his extensive knowledge here.

The book, he writes, "will take you through the process of creating (or re-creating) a landscape that is not only pleasing and productive but at the same time is appropriate for your home. It is intended for every American gardener."

Many black and white drawings and landscape designs illustrate expertly. An extensive list of historic plants and the years they were introduced is included.

A fellow doesn't last long on what he has done.
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- Carl Hubbell -

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at home calendar

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus, off Adams in Rochester. Norm Lownds, curator of Trial Gardens and the 4-H Children's Gardens at Michigan State University, will speak on "What's New in Annuals for the Millennium." Non-member donation, $3.

■ The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Royal Oak Community Center, 3500 Marais, three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile. Bob Bauer and John Coble will speak on "Raising and Hybridizing Japanese Irises." Admission is free. For information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848. Bauer and Coble have the largest collection of Japanese varieties outside Japan and maintain a historical group. They have been growing and selling Japanese and Siberian irises by mail order for 16 years at Ensata Gardens in Galesburg, Mich.

Baby shower theme really heavenly



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

My dear friend Chef Donna Brown has been planning (along with Michelle Chaka) a fun-filled baby shower for her pregnant sister, Karen Fry.

Donna called me for some suggestions on dipped and decorated Oreo cookies, and to run through the basic plans of the day.

Some really neat ideas are planned for this "Stars and Moon" themed baby shower. If you are planning an upcoming baby event, borrow some of theirs, along with Donna's delicious family recipe of Grandma Mary Ann Gerhard's Crepes:

■ Use of huge silver stars for ceiling decorations along with pastel pink and powder blue balloons (pre-made stars and balloons bought from Party City on Woodward and 13 Mile in Royal Oak).

■ Tablecloths: Silver lamé covered with star-patterned lace netting (special fabrics found at Calico Corners fabric shop).

■ Pacifier napkin rings (bought from Party City on Woodward and 13 Mile).

■ A hand-made decorated journal for the new mommy-to-be – with guests' words of wisdom, tips and blessings (passed around during the shower).

■ Mini silver baskets for nuts and candies (bought from Meijer).

■ Individual boxed cheesecakes (made in 4-inch springform pans) for guests to take home. The individual cakes are decorated with pre-made sugar baby feet or decorations of choice (boxes bought from Party City on Woodward and 13 Mile).

■ Baby bottles (clean plastic or glass) filled with mini jelly beans.

■ Plates and utensils – color coordinated with the rest of the party goods. Buy paper and plastic for ease in cleanup.

■ Star-imprinted, cellophane-wrapped, white chocolate (or pale yellow) hand-dipped sandwich cookies (Oreo-type) with a star stencil of silver dust on the fronts (white or yellow chocolate disks and silver or gold decorating dust can be bought from Kitchen Glamor shops).

■ Menu includes: Baked Brie with Fresh Fruit Chutney, Champagne Punch, Fruit Punch, Mixed Green Salad, Mixed Vegetable Tray, Chicken and Vegetable Crepes (some of each, considering any vegetarian guests), and Baby Buggy-Shaped Cream Puffs for dessert (make the same way you would do the Cream Puff Swans with Pâte à Choux pastry – small change in shape).

GRANDMA MARY ANN GERHARD'S CREPES

(From Uncle George Cadmus and Aunt Catherine Margaret (Gerhard) Brower's Continental Cafe d'Elegance Restaurant from the '60s)

For the crepes:

3 eggs

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups flour

2 cups milk

1/4 cup melted butter or polyunsaturated cooking oil

Directions:

Combine ingredients in a blender jar; blend for about 1 minute. Scrape down sides with rubber spatula and blend for another 15 seconds, or until smooth. Refrigerate batter at least one hour.

Cook crepes on upside-down crepe griddle or in a traditional pan (make sure to spray well with vegetable oil spray or butter before making). Pour batter into pan, cook on one side until top shows open bubbles, then flip over and cook the other side.

This is a thick batter. You may wish to add 1 or 2 tablespoons of milk or water for thinner crepes in a traditional pan. Makes 30-35 crepes.

For the sauce:

12 tablespoons butter

5 cups chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

1 cup flour

4 egg yolks

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon white pepper

2 teaspoons lemon juice or cooking sherry

Directions:

In a saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour; cook 1 minute. Blend in chicken stock.

Boil while stirring, for 1 minute. In a large bowl, beat yolks and cream together. Slowly add hot mixture to yolks. Return to pan and simmer 10 seconds; remove from heat. Add salt, pepper and lemon juice (or sherry).

Adjust seasonings to taste.

For the duxelles mushroom mixture:

8 tablespoons butter

8 tablespoons chopped shallots or mild white onions

1 1/2 pounds mushrooms, cleaned and chopped

2 teaspoons chopped parsley

2 teaspoons chopped chives

1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)

6 dashes of pepper (or to taste)

Directions:

In a skillet, melt butter and sauté (do not brown) shallots. Stir in mushrooms; cook 10-15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and set aside.

For the filling:

2 teaspoons chopped parsley

2 teaspoons lemon juice

2 cups cooked chicken (fairly dry), diced

2 cups cooked ham, diced

2 dashes pepper (or to taste)

1 cup grated Swiss cheese

8 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

2/3 cup heavy cream

Directions:

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together. Stir in mushroom (duxelles) mixture, plus 1 cup of the sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Assembling the crepes:

Cream or milk

Swiss cheese

Butter

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Thin out (slightly) the remaining sauce with cream or milk.

In a buttered oven-proof dish, place a thin layer or thinned sauce in pan. On a flat surface, put 1/2 cup filling in center of each crepe; fold twice. Lay crepe seam-side down in pan; repeat with remaining crepes. Cover with sauce on top; sprinkle with additional grated Swiss cheese. Dot top with butter.

Place pan in oven and bake for 15-20 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Cook's Notes:

■ Filled crepes can be prepared a day ahead of serving time (may need more time for warming).

■ Crepes can be made all vegetarian – adjust filling accordingly with your favorite lightly steamed vegetables.

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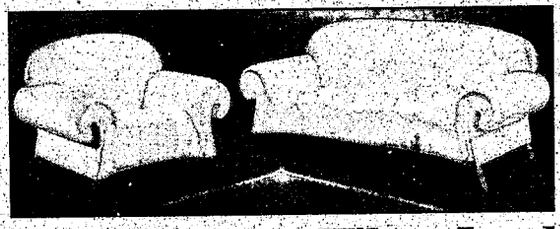

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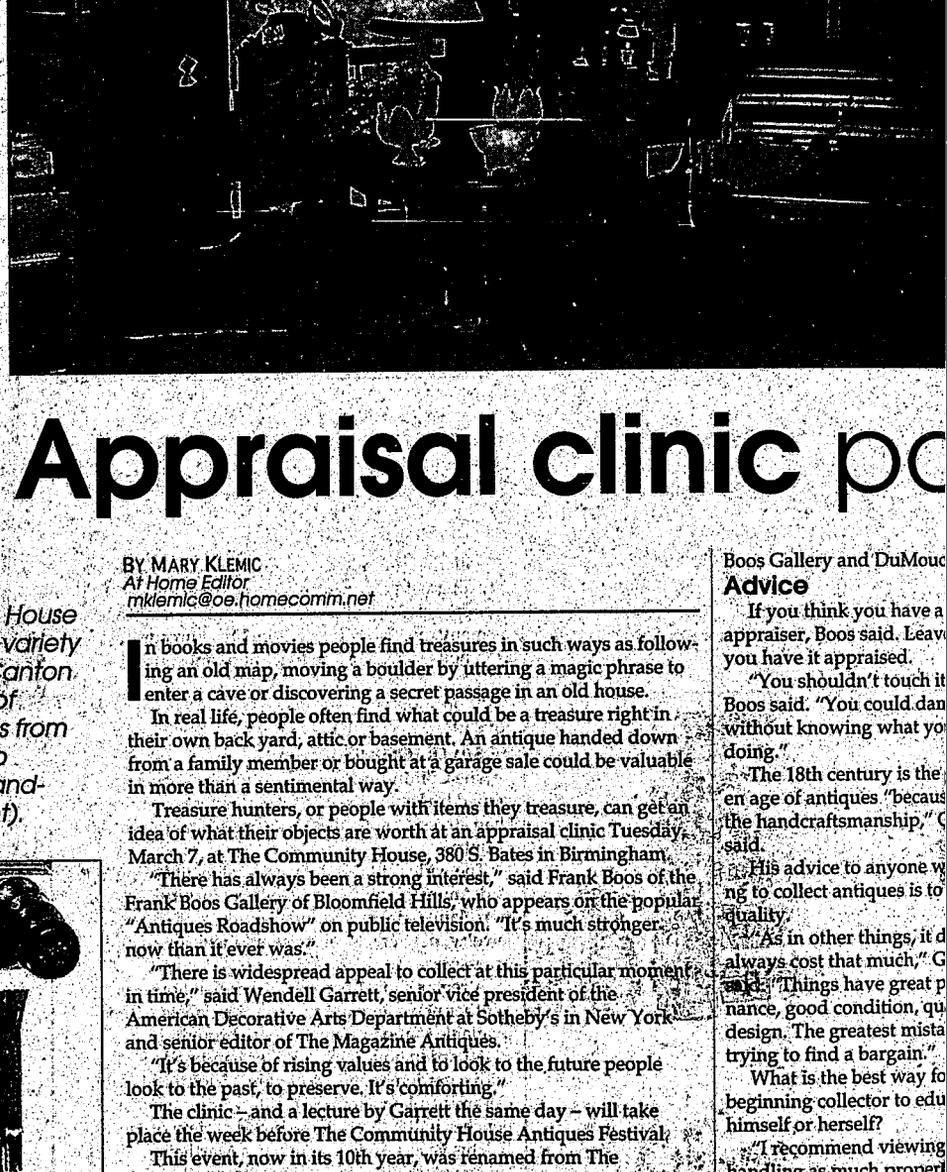

Appraisal clinic po

Wide selection: *Dealers at The Community House Antiques Festival next month will present a variety of items, such as American furniture and Canton china from Dede and Jim Taylor Antiques of Birmingham (above) and sporting antiques from Greg and Barbara Hall of Bay Village, Ohio (below). A garden boutique will feature hand-painted pillows and glassware (below, right).*

BY MARY KLEMIC
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In books and movies people find treasures in such ways as following an old map, moving a boulder by uttering a magic phrase to enter a cave or discovering a secret passage in an old house.

In real life, people often find what could be a treasure right in their own back yard, attic or basement. An antique handed down from a family member or bought at a garage sale could be valuable in more than a sentimental way.

Treasure hunters, or people with items they treasure, can get an idea of what their objects are worth at an appraisal clinic Tuesday, March 7, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

"There has always been a strong interest," said Frank Boos of the Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills, who appears on the popular "Antiques Roadshow" on public television. "It's much stronger now than it ever was."

"There is widespread appeal to collect at this particular moment in time," said Wendell Garrett, senior vice president of the American Decorative Arts Department at Sotheby's in New York and senior editor of The Magazine Antiques.

"It's because of rising values and to look to the future people look to the past, to preserve. It's comforting."

The clinic – and a lecture by Garrett the same day – will take place the week before The Community House Antiques Festival.

This event, now in its 10th year, was renamed from The Community House Antiques Show and is scheduled Thursday-Sunday, March 16-19, at The Community House. (See related story.)

Garrett will speak on "The Golden Age of Antiques" at a special breakfast at The Community House.

The breakfast, lecture and verbal appraisal of one item are scheduled 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 7. Tickets are $35.

During 12:30-3:30 p.m. that day, the public may attend the appraisal clinic only, each visitor bringing up to two items. Fee is $15 for verbal appraisal of two objects, $10 for verbal appraisal of one.

The appraisals will be done by representatives from the Frank Boos Gallery and DuMouc

Advice

If you think you have a appraiser, Boos said. Leav you have it appraised.

"You shouldn't touch it Boos said. "You could dan without knowing what yo doing."

The 18th century is the en age of antiques "becaus the handcraftsmanship," said.

His advice to anyone w ng to collect antiques is to quality.

"As in other things, it d always cost that much," G said. "Things have great p nance, good condition, qu design. The greatest mista trying to find a bargain."

What is the best way fo beginning collector to edu himself or herself?

"I recommend viewing handling as much proper possible!" said Cassie Spe vice president of the Busi Development Division of Sotheby's in Chicago and of Sotheby's Midwest Tru Estates Department.

Spencer will speak on "Things to Consider Whe Collecting Antiques" Frid March 17.

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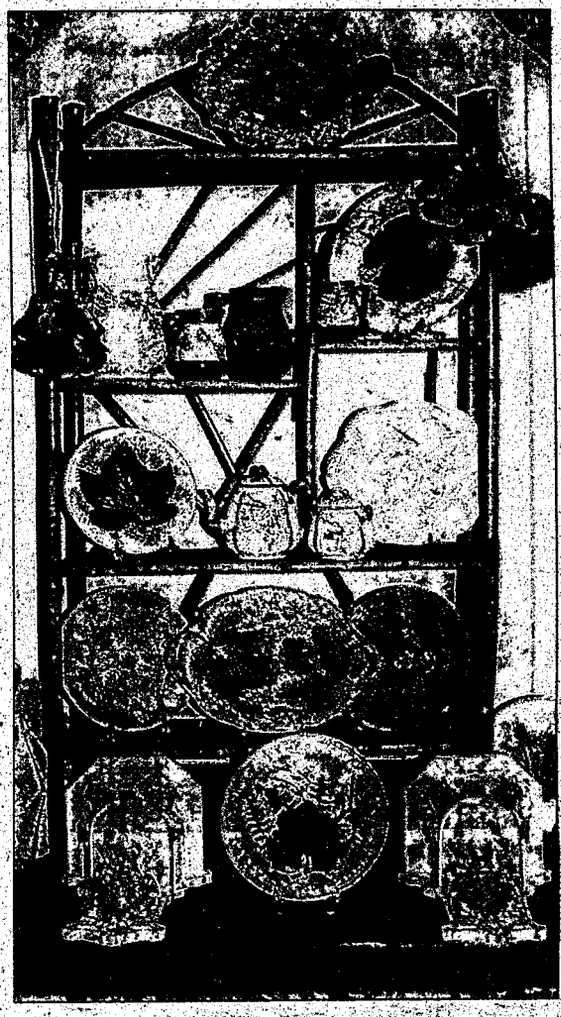
Particular pieces: *English furniture and accessories from American Eagle Antiques of Harrison Township (left), porcelain from Shelley Barr Antiques of Bloomfield Hills (right), Victorian majolica pottery from Raven and Dove of Wilmette, Ill. (far right), and chairs and quilts from Jane Collins Antiques of Springfield, Ohio (on the cover) may be displayed.*





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"Museums, art galleries, antique stores, antiques shows and auction exhibitions are all great places to see, and in some instances, handle, a variety of property," she said. "I would also encourage a collector to ask as many questions as possible. Museum curators, dealers and auction house specialists are an abundant source of knowledge.

"You should always buy something because you love it!"

Festival features

The Community House Antiques Festival, presented by Kmart Corporation, will feature more than 40 respected antique dealers from around the country.

The wide range of antiques will include English and American formal and country furniture, silver, porcelain, paintings, prints, Quimper, Staffordshire, jewelry, pewter, clocks, wicker, linens, brass and accessories.

A repair shop, open during festival hours, is another new element this year. Specialists will be available to repair items that are brought in.

A garden boutique will offer handmade items with a garden theme, created by 25 local artisans. Ceramics, plants, topiaries, pillows and garden benches will be among the broad variety of pieces.

This year's show will reflect a Martha's Vineyard theme, with antiques from all over the world, and merchandise from the Martha Stewart Everyday Garden collection (available at Kmart stores) for sale to visitors.

Proceeds benefit The Community House, a nonprofit organization offering programs open to everyone in the metropolitan area.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 17-18 and noon to 5 p.m. March 19. Admission is $10. For information, call special events at The Community House at (248) 594-6403.

Lecture, preview among antiques festival events

The appraisal clinic is just one of the features of The Community House Antiques Festival.

Reservations for all events will be held at the door. For information, call The Community House at (248) 594-6403.

■ The festival will open with a **gala preview party** 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Tickets are $100 (patron) and $55 (friend). Patrons may enter at 6 p.m.; friends at 7 p.m.

At the preview party will be a silent auction of luxury prizes, an auction of hand-painted trays that were specially designed by area artists for the occasion, a strolling supper and complimentary beer and wine.

■ **A brunch and lecture** will take place 10-11 a.m. Friday, March 17.

Cassie Spencer, vice president of the Business Development Division of Sotheby's in Chicago and head of Sotheby's Midwest Trust and Estates Department, will present "Things to Consider When Collecting Antiques." Cost is $15, which includes admission to the festival.

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'Designing for Sexes' star to speak at design center in Troy

Michael Payne, the man with the ideas for bringing couples together, will share his success stories at Michigan Design Center in Troy 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

Payne is star and host of the popular HGTV show "Designing for the Sexes," and an in-demand Los Angeles interior designer. His show describes how he resolves the "he wants this/she wants that" dilemma into a finished room that not only suits the couple perfectly, but is a great design, too.

Whether he is moving a doorwall, changing a fireplace, designing custom furniture, painting, wallpapering or doing a new floor plan, Payne moves the couple to a solution that always involves real problem solving, the heart of interior design.

The public may hear Payne's lecture and enjoy light refreshments. Admission is $20. Seating is limited. To make a reservation by Wednesday, March 1, mail a check (made out to Michigan Design Center) to MDC, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 84, Troy 48084. Reserved tickets will be returned by mail.

Stutz Drive is north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge.

Payne's presentation will be a kickoff to a great month of design, featuring IdeaHouse @ MDC, opening Saturday, March 25.



Michael Payne

A graduate of Southampton University in England, Payne spent 10 years in the computer industry, then decided to pursue a career in interior design with a degree from UCLA. He founded Michael Payne Design in 1980, offering design services to both residential and commercial clients.

Payne is a member of the American Society of Interior Design, and has been a spokesperson for Shaw Industries and featured on TV as a designer to Hollywood celebrities. He is a frequent radio talk show guest and hosts a regular on-line chat on the HGTV Web site. His projects have been published internationally.

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

at home calendar

■ The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5 with any ads or listings of the event, $6 regular, free for ages 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 20th year, the event will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European and Oriental antiques and fine art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their antiques collections. Dining and free parking will be available. For on-line show previews, visit www.antiqnet.com/M&M

■ Home decorating classes are scheduled at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010 for information. Learn the basics of making a beautiful, decorative square or rectangular pillow and bias-cut, fabric-covered cording in "Beginning Pillow," Saturdays, Feb. 26 to March 11. In "Duvet Cover," Wednesdays, March 1-22, or Thursdays, March 2-23, learn how to choose suitable fabrics, match patterns, make welting and install zipper closures.

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MONTE NAGLER

Do you ever find yourself in the middle of a roll of slow speed slide film during the day, only to be at an evening concert wishing you had high speed print film in your camera instead? Or maybe halfway through a roll of color film, you decide the subject would appear more dramatic in black and white.

At such times, it's easy for a thrifty photographer to remove a partially exposed roll, change to something else and reload the first roll at a future time.

Manual winding cameras have a button or switch that needs to be activated in order to rewind the film. Before rewinding, check the frame counter and note how many pictures you've shot. Then rewind slowly and carefully, being sensitive to the tension of the film as it is wound back into the cassette.

As soon as you feel the release of tension, stop rewinding because the film leader has just left the take-up spool. Open the camera back and remove the film cartridge. The leader will be sticking out, making reloading at another time a breeze.

One more important thing to do. With a permanent marker, write the number of exposures already taken on the cartridge so you won't forget how many shots you've taken.

When you want to finish your partially shot roll of film, simply reload in the conventional manner. Then, with your lens cap covering the lens and preferably in a darkened room, advance the film to where you left off. For "insurance," you may want to go a couple of more frames so you don't get any "weird" double exposures.

Tell your processing lab you removed the film midroll and then reloaded, so that their automatic machines won't cut the film in the picture area instead of between the frames.

What about cameras that automatically rewind the film entirely into the cassette? No problem. Get yourself a leader retriever, a device you insert into the lips of the film cassette that pulls out the film. You'll find these in most camera stores and with a little practice, you'll easily be able to retrieve the leader. Then simply reload as already described.

So it's easy to "half" your cake and eat it too – by knowing how to reload a half shot roll of film!

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.



Making the switch: *Monte Nagler thought this scene in China's Yellow Mountains looked equally well in black and white or color. Switching film in the middle allowed him to do both.*



Protect your family from cyberspace



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Say "hello" to cyberspace because it is here to stay. Web site addresses are inundating your home on television and radio commercials, in your mail, on the products you buy, and inside the pages of your magazine and newspaper subscriptions. Highway billboards are even becoming one big, giant www.(something).com.

If you are already intimidated by the capabilities and dangers of the Internet, you can continue to feed your fear of technology, or learn to use it wisely and protect your family at the same time.

Enroll in an Internet course to increase your understanding of Web jargon. Scout your local bookstore for books on safe family Web sites. Ask your children to show you how to surf the net and to show you their favorite Web sites.

Schools are exposing your children to the Internet on a regular basis. Students can surf the net to find a wealth of valuable information for research projects, daily classroom exercises or homework assignments.

The danger lies in your child stumbling into an offensive Web site, particularly one that looks completely innocent until opened. Web predators are also lurking in the Internet "trenches" just waiting to make a connection with children and teens.

The government is quickly attempting to develop legislation to help police the worldwide Web. Local law enforcement agencies are cracking down on Internet offenders.

However, it is your job as a parent to understand cyberspace dangers your children can be exposed to, teach your family how to surf safely and implement what you might call "Web guards" to ensure your children don't stumble into formidable sites.

Talk about what safe surfing means. Take measures to ensure your family's safety by setting up some basic rules. Include the following guidelines for your children:

■ It is your job to understand cyberspace dangers and teach your family how to surf safely.

■ Rule No. 1: Don't exchange name, age, telephone number, address, e-mail address, password or other personal information without first checking with a parent.

■ Rule No. 2: Use the Internet during family-agreed-upon times of the day.

■ Rule No. 3: Never agree to meet any online acquaintance unless it is first cleared with a parent who will chaperone the meeting.

■ Rule No. 4: Don't believe everything an online acquaintance tells you. Remain skeptical and keep your distance.

■ Rule No. 5: Immediately tell a parent if any communication makes you uneasy. In some cases, it may be wise for a parent to contact the local law enforcement to make them aware of the situation.

■ Rule No. 6: Never put your photograph online without first asking a parent if it is OK.

■ Rule No. 7: Be extremely cautious when downloading anything off the Web. Even when you are familiar with the source, the program can contain a virus. Your computer's anti-virus software can scan for problems. Make sure you know how it works, or ask a parent for help.

Look into how you can set parental controls with your Internet service provider (ISP) before setting your children free to surf the net. Make a point to spend time together as a family exploring various Web sites one person or your entire family finds interesting. The more time you investigate information together, the greater the scope of safe topics you can all share as a family.

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

Visit these sites

Check out the following child-friendly Web sites:

■ The Discovery Channel Online
– Explore other worlds and witness expeditions.
(http://www.discovery.com/online.html)

■ The White House for Kids
– Socks, the presidential cat, takes you on a tour of the White House and shares the history behind it.
(http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/home.html)

■ Dinosaur Information Sheets
– See pictures and read about dinosaur facts as supplied by The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
(http://www.childrensmuseum.org/dino.htm)

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■ 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. Discover the principles of landscape design, draft a site plan of your home and learn how to prepare the site.

■ More than 500 exhibitors will feature home products and displays at the Michigan Home and Garden Show, Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5, at the Pontiac Silverdome. Tickets are $6.50 for adults and $3 for children. Show times are 3-10 p.m. March 2, noon to 10 p.m. March 3, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. March 4, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5.

■ "A Glimpse of Life in Other Places," featuring exhibits of foreignography by Bernadine Vida and multicultural decorative boxes, continues to March 11 at the Galerie de Boicourt, on the upper level of 251 Merrill in Birmingham. Call (248) 723-5680.

■ The 17th annual Greater Lansing Orchid Society Orchid Show will take place Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27, in the Conservatory, Plant and Soil Sciences Building at the Michigan State University Horticultural Demonstration Gardens. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (517) 655-2516, (810) 735-1727 or (517) 339-2832 for information. The show will feature American Orchid Society-judged exhibits in the Conservatory and 17 different orchid-related vendors in the Head House. Free admission and parking. Workshops on how to grow orchids will continue throughout the event.

■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. will present a workshop for golf course managers, "Trees and Golf Courses: High or Low Handicap?" 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, in southeast Michigan (a map will be provided to all who sign up). Register early, space is limited. Cost, which includes a morning break and handouts, is $45 at the door. For more information, contact the MFPA office at (517) 482-5530, ashby.ann@acd.net or http://forestry.msu.edu/mfpa/index.htm

■ "Out of Africa," a dynamic celebration of the people, plants and culture of Africa and the African Diaspora into the Americas, continues to March 3 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. School tours and class enrichment are offered weekdays now to March 2, featuring special themed tours of the Conservatory linked with cultural activities. Advance registration necessary. Also, science and art classes, with a special focus on "Out of Africa," are presented for everyone in the family. Call (734) 998-7061.

■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. presents a variety of educational workshops and conferences open to professionals and the general public alike. The schedule includes a walking tour of Michigan State University campus trees in East Lansing Sunday, March 5. Call (517) 482-5530, fax (517) 482-5536 or e-mail ashby.ann@acd.net for information.

■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture Inc. will have its annual conference program Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7, at the Lansing Holiday Inn South Conference Center. Professionals and the public may attend. Topics include wind stress on trees, golf course tree planting and maintenance, pests, downtown tree planting, and working with communities. Pre-registration is $130 for two days, $70 for one day. For information, contact the MFPA by calling (517) 482-5530, fax (517) 482-5536, or e-mail ashby.ann@acd.net

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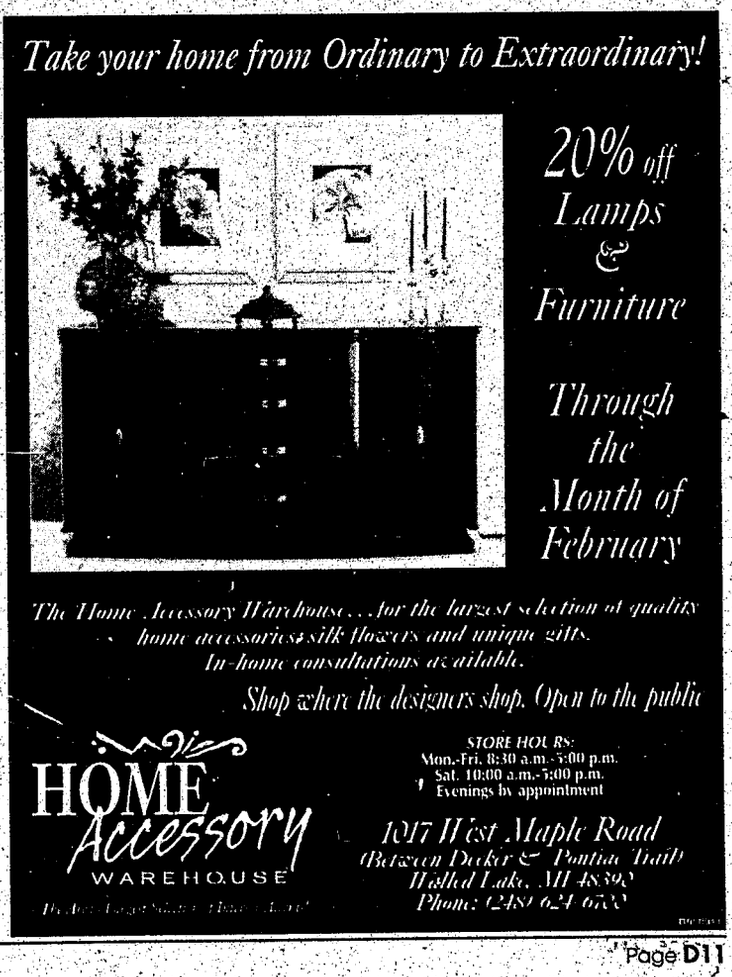

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops concert 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit features Sandy Duncan, her partner-husband Don Correia, and Guy Stroman in a self-arranged show titled "Together." Tickets $14-$47, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



Adam Antrobus and his housekeeper, Sabina (Randy Barret Topper of Farmington Hills and Angela Hogue), battle to keep warm through the Ice Age in Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets $8 to $10, call (313) 577-2960.

SUNDAY



Canton Project Arts presents "Opera Encore!" with Dino Valle and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets $15, call (734) 397-6450. Program includes a slide presentation about the history of opera and concert.

HOT TICKET



The Gotta Catch It Pokemobile will be on display at the 48th annual Big KMart Detroit Autorama, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show features more than 800 exhibits of customized cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, hot rods and celebrity appearances. Admission $12.50 adults, children under 12, $5, children under 3, free. Call (248) 650-5560.



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Steppin' out: *The national touring company of "Fosse" performs "Sing, Sing, Sing."*

Life is a dance

High-steppin' 'Fosse' captures spirit of legendary choreographer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Before Bob Fosse, dance as a part of musical theater was more of an interlude.

After Fosse, dance *was* musical theater.

He brought a dazzling sensuality, overt sex appeal and a highly technical manner that expanded the repertoire.

In an exhaustive 40-year career, Fosse largely invented jazz dance, and elevated the highly stylized form to an animated art.

On Tuesday, "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical struts into the Fisher Theatre.

More than 10 years after Fosse's death, the show evokes the flash and showmanship of the legendary choreographer, whose credits include "Cabaret," "All That Jazz," "Pippin," and "Chicago."

Fosse's last show on Broadway was "Big Deal," which was performed a year before his death in 1987.

"He had a tremendous influence on dance," said Gayla Norris, director of the dance program at The Community House in Birmingham. "His style of dance is much more appealing to the average theater-goer.

"It's very mature, almost to the point of decadence."

While the work of many choreographers is largely indistinct, Fosse productions have his trademark innovated sensual movements, typically accented with a bowler hat.

"He really took dance to a new level," said Laurie Eisenhower, founder/artistic director of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in Rochester Hills.

"Fosse's style is to make dance an essential part of the story line, not just a diversion," she said.

"No one studies jazz anymore without coming under Fosse's influence.

"Fosse" premiered in Toronto in August of 1998 and subsequently opened in Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre in January 1999. The national touring company opened at Chicago's Ford Center in September.

Unlike his musicals that have a distinctive and dramatic storyline, "Fosse" unfolds as more of a tribute of greatest hits.

There are 29 musical numbers that reflect Fosse's prolific body of work.

Expect plenty of strutting from the 28 cast members, including 15 minutes of intensive dancing in the finale (Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing" from the 1978 "Dancin'").

"Fosse"
What: The Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse.
When: Tuesday, Feb. 29 to Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Fisher Theater, Detroit.
Tickets: $37.50-$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, $35-$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. Call (248) 645-6666.

Soft spot

Gregory Reuter, who is one of six principals in the cast of "Fosse," has a soft spot for another of Fosse's popular works, "Sweet Charity."

Reuter, a former Livonia resident, danced and sang his way through

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Sold-out show a catalyst for abuse awareness

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Look for a return engagement, and more than one performance, of the V-Day 2000 College Initiative "The Vagina Monologues," for Valentine's Day in 2001.

The production, which graphically celebrates women and demands the end of their abuse, played to a sold-out audience on Valentine's Day at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

It raised $7,500 to be divided among three local agencies that work to end violence against women: Alternatives for Girls, Detroit; HAVEN, Oakland County; and Women Arise, Detroit.

"The worst thing that happened is we had to turn so many people away," said Yolanda Fleischer, a West Bloomfield resident and associate professor of theater at University of Detroit-Mercy who directed the play.

Fleischer adapted Eve Ensler's off-Broadway, award-winning play from a one-woman production to a show with multiple roles and a Greek-style chorus. The nine monologues were read by a variety of women, both UDM theater students and professional actresses.

"I decided we needed a chorus," Fleischer said. "I wanted as many students involved as could be."

Susie Symons, a Farmington Hills resident, attended the performance. "Dramatically, the event was invigorating and intense. The atmosphere exhilarating," she said.

"I'm still on Cloud Nine," said Arlene Frank, director of the Womencenter at OCC, who helped secure the 400-plus seat Smith Theatre for the production.

"The interconnection of people from different walks of life gave me a sense of women's community," said Frank.

Both Fleischer and Frank, unhappy that so many people couldn't get in to see it, hope performances can take place on both college campuses next Valentine's Day.

Frank said she fielded only a few calls from people who were offended by the play's explicitness. She admitted that the monologues might not be for everyone.

"When we started this thing we didn't know whether it would play in Detroit," Frank said. "(But as it turned out), this is going to be the happening in Metro Detroit on Valentine's Day."

■ 'The interconnection of people from different walks of life gave me a sense of women's community,"

— Arlene Frank
OCC Womencenter director

POP MUSIC

Pretenders ready to rock the State Theatre

BY ALICE RHEIN
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When she came on rough and ready in 1980 snarling "I'm special" from the Pretenders' hit "Brass in Pocket," Chrissie Hynde instantly became rock's tempestuous force to be reckoned with.

Twenty years later, she still is.

And on Tuesday at Detroit's State Theatre, the Akron, Ohio native, along with original drummer Martin Chambers and new members, bassist Andy Hobson and guitarist Adam Seymour, will likely prove just that when they take to the stage to support their latest album "Viva El Amor."

What: The Pretenders.
When: Tuesday, Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit
Tickets: $24.50-37.50 available through Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666

While plenty of protagonists have come along in the past two decades primed to usurp Hynde's role as rock's bitchy earth mother and antimeat militant punk, none of them can hold a candle to the self-described scrappy, rhythm guitar-playing "chick."

Hynde once said her purpose in rock and roll was simply to make music that people could dig, not to change the world or set an example for others to follow.

But she has. A whole generation of musicians have cited her as their influence including Tori Amos and Garbage's Shirley Manson.

And though she has two teenage daughters and age 50 is snapping at her heels, Hynde is hardly ready to scrap the punk shag cut or tank tops and hang up her Telecaster guitar.



Pop stars: *"Viva El Amor" is being heralded as the Pretenders' finest album in more than a decade. The band's original members Chrissie Hynde and Martin Chambers are flanked by (left) bassist Andy Hobson and (right) guitarist Adam Seymour.*

And she shouldn't. "Viva El Amor," the band's eight release and most dynamic in a decade, hearkens back to the Pretenders' first self-titled album which many point to as the band's finest. Full of instantly familiar tunes, "Viva" offers melodic pop-flavored rock songs underscored with the band's signature rhythm driving guitar.

"Popstar" and "Human" have emerged as the hit singles. "Baby's Breath," a biting ode to an ex-lover, and the gritty "Nails in the Road" show Hynde's propensity for crisp, provocative lyrics still reigns supreme.

The album's cover photo was taken by Linda McCartney just a month before she died of cancer-related complications. Hynde said a week after McCartney died, the photo agency called and said there was something there for her. It was a picture of Hynde looking at the sky with the words "viva el amor" on it. There was no question that it would become the album's cover and title.

For "Viva," Hynde assembled an entourage of songwriters and producers – even employing Jeff Beck's deft guitar skills on "Legalise Me' – to bring the project to fruition.

It's no secret that Hynde, who left Ohio in the late 1970s to immerse herself in London's punk scene, has had her share of problems – both personally and with band members. In the early 1980s, founding members James Honeyman-Scott and Peter Farndon died from drug overdoses.

And Hynde battled with alcohol and drugs until she met Ray Davies of the Kinks – a relationship that led to sobriety and the birth of her first daughter.

In 1984, Hynde married Jim Kerr, lead singer with Simple Minds, with whom she had a second daughter. That year, "Learning to Crawl" with the hit "Back on the Chain Gang" was released and peaked to No. 5 in the U.S., the band's highest chart position to date.

"Last of the Independents," the band's 1994 release, was heralded as a comeback since two previous albums "Get Close" and "Packed" produced little commercial success. And though "Viva" hasn't rocketed to the top of the charts, it has garnered a good amount of critical acclaim.

Older, and quite a bit wiser, Hynde has never lost her tight-fisted sensibility to bring out the best in the Pretenders. And her capacity to identify with fans of solid, guitar-driven rock and roll continues to make her special. But then, she's been telling us that for 20 years.

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"Big Spender" as a student in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Livonia's Churchill High School in the late 1980s.

"Growing up I was really influenced by Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire," said Reuter. "Fosse was a contemporary, a song and dance man and one of my biggest influences."

Reuter and the cast went through six weeks of intensive rehearsals with Ann Reinking and Gwen Verdon.

Verdon, for whom Fosse created "Whatever Lola Wants" in "Damn Yankees," serves as artistic adviser to the production. Rheinking was a principal dancer in many of Fosse's shows.

In fact, Reuter originally worked with Reinking in the revival of "Chicago" on Broadway.

"They're the keepers of the torch," said the 28-year-old Reuter, who started out in the chorus at Walt Disney World and eventually worked his way to New York where he sang at Radio City Musical Hall with The Rockettes and as a backup singer for Liza Minnelli. "They have all the original information and don't let you get away with much."

Reuter will give a vocal workshop for the students at Waterford Mott High School.

Steve Kosinski, Reuter's instructor in the CAPA program, now teaches at Waterford Mott.

Joining Reuter for the vocal workshop will be Marsh Hanson, a member of his vocal jazz group New York Bopp and a cast member of the "Irish and How They Got That Way" opening at Music Hall in March.

While studying for a degree in music theater performance at Western Michigan University, Reuter developed a love for vocal jazz music.

Today Reuter is founder and artistic director of the vocal jazz group New York Bopp.

— Eccentric staff writers contributed to this article.

Crud debut draws neat reviews

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola
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"You guys must be crazy," shouted one fan standing in a long line leading down the corridor outside Lili's 21 in Hamtramck. But the crowd of people rushing out of the club weren't leaving – they were heading for the stage door, ready to make their entrance.

In a moment made for local music history, Vinnie Dombroski, Joey Mazzola, Robby Graham and Jimmy Paluzzi debuted on Lili's stage as the newly formed Crud. These former members of Detroit-based bands Sponge and Hoarse have been rehearsing for just more than a month, but the buzz surrounding them is growing louder by the minute.

The crowd pushed and prodded its way as close to the stage as possible Friday, Feb. 11, anxious to catch a glimpse of Crud's first public performance. Four white-hot spotlights shined down – one on each band member.

Vinnie – dressed in black with his head tilted toward the light – sang with such force and conviction, it was hard to look away. But each spotlight burned as brightly above this group of musicians who've proved themselves worthy of national attention. Paluzzi, Sponge's original drummer, and Graham had long solidified their places behind the drums and bass guitars as half of Hoarse. Vinnie and Mazzola made headlines as the voice and guitar behind Sponge. There was hardly a stranger in the club.

"It fell together really naturally," said Vinnie in a phone interview.

Welcome home

Debuting at Lili's seemed a natural choice. Sponge had chosen the venue for several record release parties, and even recorded "Live at Lili's" there four years ago. "It made sense to play there again," said Vinnie. "I feel welcome there."

Now it's time to put the past aside. Crud has a decidedly different sound, a far cry from the pop-driven melodies of Sponge hits like "Molly" and "Plowed." These songs possess more of an edge, a deeper, darker side of rock. "Dig My Own Grave" and "Meat Detination" are real, raw, rock and roll. Vinnie calls it "Zombie meets the Pilots doing a soundtrack to 'Easy Rider.'"



Staff Photos By Gary Malerba

New reality: *Introducing Crud (left to right), otherwise known as Joey Mazzola, Jimmy Paluzzi, Vinnie Dombroski and Robby Graham — the latest, greatest musical incarnation of these longtime Detroit musicians.*

And it shows on-stage. It shows in the way Vinnie forcefully clutches the microphone, the way Jimmy Paluzzi grinds his teeth behind the drums. You can see it when Joey Mazzola hops up and down with fervor and Robby Graham intensely rocks back and forth cradling his bass.

"There's a certain aspect, that heart aspect, I think can really work for you," said Vinnie of his band mates. "When you work with people you've had some kind of history with, you know their gonna give 120 percent."

With that kind of energy, the name Crud doesn't seem to do the music justice, but Vinnie admits it's "near and dear" to him. "The name was a focal point for me," he said. "When these songs started to emerge, I wanted to call them something. These songs fit so perfectly into that idea of this thing called Crud, it just seemed to work."

One to watch

Crud has already been touted as the one new band to watch in metro Detroit. Greg Pawlowski came out to Lili's not knowing what to expect. He'd never heard Sponge or Hoarse before, but now he's hooked on Crud.

"It was awesome," declared the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm actually really surprised. I've never heard any of these songs. I'd come see them anytime."

Pawlowski was one of a lucky few who managed to catch the show front and center. Chris Hutt, a Bloomfield Hills native, struggled to see the show from farther back. He wouldn't have missed it. "It was rockin'," said Hutt. "I believe it was their first show. Nobody knew the songs, but the place was packed ... everyone was standing on the chairs."

That curiosity hung heavily in the air. Theresa Gallagher and Jenny Zaccaro read about the show on a message board on the Internet and trekked all the way from Chicago to catch the band. "Vinnie is the greatest," gushed Zaccaro. "Whatever band he's in, were fans." All this attention comes long before Crud has even begun work on an album.

Vinnie said he's constantly writing new material.



Loud at Lili's: *Guitarist Joey Mazzola strings a tune for Crud, a local band to watch.*

"The stuff never shuts off. It just happens.

"I've always used the live shows to gage the success of the music. All the songs we played worked out well."

If Crud gets its way, there will be another show soon. For now, Vinnie's concentrating on getting the music out. "I'd love to have everything I've done recorded and mixed ... Give it a little time."



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As the host of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, I can tell you that freshness is an ingredient the producers insist upon in every show. Even with much-anticipated and highly-publicized exhibits like "Van Gogh: Face to Face," which opens March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, there are important stories that can go untold.

■ In an edition that airs at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, the producers could have chosen to do a segment on the magnificence of the art (hey, it's Vincent!), or the significance of the exhibit (the first anywhere with such a collection of van Gogh portraiture).

Instead, the focus will be on how the DIA was able to pull off such a coup. Viewers will get a behind-the-scenes look that provides insight into the process of attracting such a major event. It's a story of ingenuity that offers much promise for bringing in future exhibits of this magnitude.

■ Sometimes, freshness involves a new sound for a musician who has been around for a while. As the frontman for the band Gov't Mule, Warren Haynes has drawn on his stint as a member of the Allman Brothers in developing a distinctive blues/rock thrust to his music.

"Fans over the years have come to expect music from Warren that bridges the narrow gap between the Grateful Dead and Phish. Here, it will be a very rare acoustic performance with just his voice and a guitar," says BACKSTAGE PASS music producer Ron Pangborn of Haynes' appearance on the Feb. 27 show.

■ Having toured with Was/Not/Was during the band's influential period in the 1980s, and subsequently performing solo as an opener in such diverse concerts as Marvin Hamlisch and the Squirrel Nut Zippers, no one will ever suggest that Kathy Kosins is reluctant to try something new.

The Birmingham-based jazz vocalist made a transition from rhythm & blues to straight ahead jazz in the early 1990s. Her 1996 release, "All in a Dreams Work," was a bold, widely-acclaimed collection of nine originals and just one cover.

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> *Ron Pangborn*
> *—BACKSTAGE PASS producer*

Kosins' open mind and broad musical experiences helped her develop exceptional skills as a songwriter and producer. It also takes drive and confidence to turn a debut album into a fresh, personal statement. It shows in her performances, including a Feb. 27 appearance of BACKSTAGE PASS.

■ For fresh faces, there may be no greater showcase than the third annual Sphinx Competition, a free concert by young African American and Latino string players. Held Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium, the performers will vie for more than $50,000 in scholarships to such acclaimed music schools as the Aspen Music Festival, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and Interlochen Center for the Arts.

The Sphinx Competition is an excellent example of how the arts can create opportunities, with, if you'll pardon the pun, no strings attached.

'Kids' comedy returns

The Head Crusher. Chicken Lady. Cabbagehead. For Kids in the Hall fans, these feisty characters are as real as the five comedians who've performed them since 1988.

And after a four-year hiatus, the Canadian comedy troupe is back for two shows at the State Theater this Sunday and Monday, Feb. 27 and 28. Both nights are sold out, and Monday's show is the last of their two-month, 20-city tour.

When the Kids (Mark McKinney, Bruce McCulloch, Scott Thompson, Kevin McDonald and "Newsradio's" Dave Foley) played the Attic Theater in the early 1990s, they were at the height of hilarity. Their television show was on CBS and CBC, so the Detroit audience could get a weekly double-dose of their outrageous antics. And their live show proved nothing short of quirky comedy at its best.

The reunion tour, "Same Guys, New Dresses," draws out some new material including "Jesus 2000" an infomercial to sell a new-and-improved Savior. "What was wrong with the old Jesus? Nothing. But Jesus 2000 forgives a lot faster."

But Kids devotees will likely find the best bits to be classics: Sir Simon Milligan and Hecubus in the Pit of Ultimate Darkness; Gavin, the annoying kid, and the ultimate lounge lizard, Buddy Cole.

"The future is nothing but the mistakes of our past squeezed into a new dress," cooed Thompson's martini-sipping Cole on opening night in Vancouver. The comeback Kids have their party dresses ready.

And from the opening strains of their "Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet" theme song to the final curtain call, the Kids show is bound to please its hearty cult following — even if, at times, it is a drag.

–Alice Rhein, staff writer

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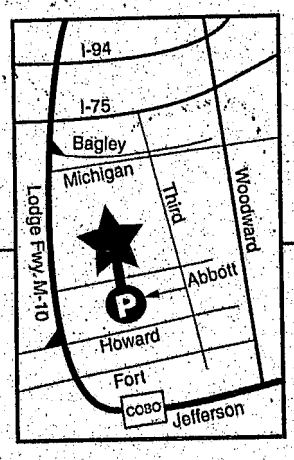

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE: "Smokey Joe's Cafe" starring Gladys Knight opens Tuesday, Feb. 29 and continues through Sunday, March 5, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $20-$45. (248) 433-1515

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

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WSU BONSTELLE: "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 and March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

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THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD: "Godspell" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. $12. (313) 531-0554

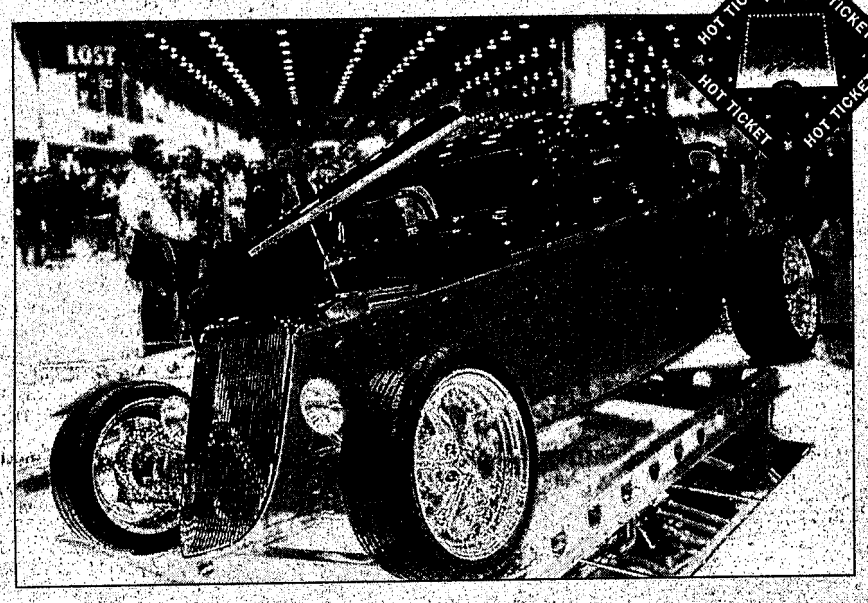
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

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



Hot Rod Heaven: *Custom cars like this 1934 Ford Highboy Coupe are among 800 exhibits on display at the 48th annual Big Kmart Detroit Autorama, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show features customized cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, hot rods and celebrity appearances. Admission $12.50 adults, children under 12, $5, children under 3, free. Call (248) 650-5560.*

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

YOUTHEATRE: "Ishangi African Dancers" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Music Hall, Detroit. $8 advance, $9 at door. (313) 963-2366

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

JAZZ JAMBALAYA: New Orleans style with jazz by the Ron English Trio 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Rochester Community House. $15. (248) 651-0622

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

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON: 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. $2. (248) 426-8059

OUTDOORAMA: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 4, until 6 p.m. Sundays Feb. 27 and March 5, 3-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 28-29 and Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, and noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Novi Expo Center. $6.50, $3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

FAMILY EVENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven, Dvorak, Sousa, Tchaikovsky and Berlioz, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111

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

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Present "Hearts & Voices for the Homeless" concert to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. $10 recommended donation. (313) 341-3466/(810) 447-4221

CLASSICAL

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Hocus Pocus" concert features flutist Marianne Gedigian 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. $16, $2 students. (313) 565-2424

DEBUSSY QUARTET: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Henry Ford Estate at Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA: Perform Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $4. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Violinist Elmar Oliveira performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$50. (313) 576-5111

JOEL HASTINGS: The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 875-7407

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

T'ANG STRING QUARTET: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $10-$25. (734) 769-2999

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

COMIC OPERA GUILD: "Carmen" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. $18, $16 seniors, $7 students/children. (734) 973-3264

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pops with Sandy Duncan, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$47. (313) 576-5111

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: "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5 and 12, at the Theater, Rochester Hills. $13. (248) 608-9077

BROADWAY KIDS 2000: Open auditions for boys and girls ages 8 and up, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, proper dance attire required, in room 107A of Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. For performances April 16 and 30 and May 7 and 14. (248) 354-0545/(248) 352-2797

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

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay $125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for "Moon Over the Brewery 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, at the playhouse, Troy. For performances May 5-21. (248) 549-8553

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

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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

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

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

RENAISSANCE CHORUS: "Through the Years," a performance of barbershop harmony 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Livonia. $12 at the door, $11 adults and $10 students in advance. (734) 421-1425

JAZZ

AMIGO: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BROTHERS GROOVE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elle's, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

KENNY GARETT QUARTET: With Kurt Elling Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-$62. (313) 576-5111

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 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

MARK MOULTRUP: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs Friday, Feb. 25 at the Grand Cafe, Farmington. Free. www.JackieRoush.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY NIGHT: Presented by Third Eye Production 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays; lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

SWING DANCE CLASSES: 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

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: Jim Mclean with Gary George and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the club, Commerce Twp. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, Steve McGrew, also Kirk Noland Wednesday-Saturday, March 1-4, 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: Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Brad Upton Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, 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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery 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

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum 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. Tuesday-Sunday through February, open Mondays beginning in March, 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, March 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BRYAN ADAMS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. $29.50-$39.50. (313) 961-MELT.

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

AMERICAN HI FI: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages, $6. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: 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.

BANG 12 RECORD RELEASE PARTY: With DJ Greg Montgomery, DJ Seoul, DJ Moorese vs. DJ G-Major, MC Subverse, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Science, Redford. 18 and over. $10 for 21 and older. $15 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.

BARBARA BARRETT: Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Frday-Saturday, March 3-4, Beale Street Blues and BBQ, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

MARCUS 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.

BETTER DAYS: Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

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.

BLACKTHORN: Noon Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

THE BOTTOM FEEDERS: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

CHUCK BRODSKY: 8 p.m. Friday March 3, Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8558

BROKEBACK: Wednesday, March 8, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

BROKEN HALO: Saturday, March 11, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (classic rock)

THE BROTHERS CREEGAN: Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $10. (248) 645-6666.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; Thursday, Feb. 24, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; Friday, Feb. 25, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519.



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.

THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. $10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

RICK C AND THE X BAND: Thursdays in Feb. and March, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (Top 40)

SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

CJ CHENIER & RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12. (248) 645-6666.

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $26.50. (248) 645-6666.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.

COMMANDER CODY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $13. (248) 544-3030.

COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

JOHNNY DILKS: Thursday, Feb. 24, Velvet Lounge, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

DJ CASH MONEY: 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. $6. (248) 645-6666

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Blus Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

FACE: Saturday, March 4, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $13 advance/$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.



FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540.

THE 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).

SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN: Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspectah Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666.

GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

G LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $11.50-$16.50. (248) 645-6666

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.blindpigmusic.com

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29-March 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 7-9, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.

INDIGO SWING: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

JC BAND: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, The Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (classic, modern rock)

JODY AND COMPANY: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

JOLLY RANCHER ROCK TOUR WITH PETER SEARCY: Guests Neve and Frankie Machine, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT.

JORMA KAUKONEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (248) 645-6666

KGB: 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

KILLER FLAMINGOS: Friday, March 3, Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 31-April 1, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

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DJ KLIPROCK: With DJ B Minor, DJ Katalist, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Science, Redford. "Science" 18 and over. $10 for 21 and older. $15 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.

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MOVIES

'Reindeer Games' won't win over movie-goers

By Jon Katz
Special Writer

When a studio bumps the release date of a motion picture from crowded Christmas Day to the limbo of late February, that's like a platoon leader volunteering one of the soldiers for a suicide mission. "Reindeer Games" has been sent to the front, and it won't be coming back.

Stars Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron and Gary Sinise are three of the more appealing performers on the big screen today. Playing, respectively, an ex-con and two sleaze buckets, their appeal in crime-thriller "Reindeer Games" is whittled down so extensively that only their biggest and most forgiving fans won't miss the money spent on seeing it.

Awaiting his impending release from a five-year prison sentence for grand theft auto, Rudy Duncan (Affleck) is envious of cellmate Nick (James Frain). Nick has been exchanging letters and life stories with a woman named Ashley (Theron), whom he has never met. Pictures of the gorgeous pen pal adorn their cell wall.

Just before their parole, Nick is killed in a prison riot. When Rudy is released and Ashley mistakes him for Nick, Rudy takes one look at the girl in the flesh and doesn't argue. You don't have to have been a prisoner for five years to go along with him on that one.

But to enjoy the benefits of Nick's future, Rudy must also assume the burdens of Nick's past. Having learned that Nick had worked at an Indian casino in northern Michigan, Ashley's brother Gabriel (Sinise) has been planning for months to rob the place using Nick's inside information. In too deep by now, Rudy is forced to continue the identity switch, despite having almost none of Nick's knowledge of the casino.

There are more twists and turns in "Games" than on the snowy state roads they take to the casino. Who can Rudy trust, and how long can he stay one lie ahead of those he can't? Oddly enough, the "surprise ending" may not be as surprising to some as those in the film's middle. Once you've got the rhythm of the thing, you may just nod your head knowingly when the plot plays out.

Affleck is more than capable of playing the boob caught in his own deception. Wanting only to return home for some of mom's hot chocolate, he finds himself locked in a motel room, trapped under a frozen pond and on the wrong end of a few million rounds of machine gun fire. Through it all, his Steve McQueen-like charm and charisma get him out of trouble both within the movie and in being in the movie in the first place.

Sinise and Theron don't fare as well. Scraggly haired Gabriel is an insult to scum everywhere; as a villain, his one-note character seems an unnecessary and ill-advised pit stop for the overly qualified Sinise. Theron is cute and convincing in her first scenes as the dupes in the story. When her motives emerge, however, Theron can't pull it off as a leather-tough moll. Her South African accent comes out clearly during her few emotional moments.

Veteran director John Frankenheimer ("The Manchurian Candidate," "Ronin") is at his best choreographing the multiple chases and gun fights. When the characters have to speak, one waits for the Uzis to drown them out again.

Film blends horror, realism

VIDEO

By Greg Kowalski
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Here's the plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the videotapes they made that are unearthed later.

"The Blair Witch Project," right?

Wrong.

This is the plot of "The Last Broadcast," a film made a year before "Blair Witch" began its runaway success and which has been causing some rumblings among the horror film community (yes, there is such an entity) that "The Blair Witch" is nothing more than a royal ripoff of the obscure "The Last Broadcast." Is it?

Yes and no.

Consider this plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the film that they took that is unearthed later.

Nope. It's the plot of "Cannibal Holocaust," a notorious Italian horror film made in 1978.

So everyone steals ideas. The key is how well you do it. "The Blair Witch Project" folks were master thieves. "The Last Broadcast" gang were petty criminals.

"The Last Broadcast" has its moments, but ultimately fails to deliver the chills with the style or sheer horror factor of Blair Witch. But it's still worth checking out, especially if you want to make comparisons. And "The Last Broadcast" invites comparison.

The similarities are abundant. In "Last Broadcast," which announces up front that none of the persons depicted are actors, filmmaker David Leigh binds the story together.

He leads us on a bumpy path as he chronicles the vicious murders of two hosts and the engineer of a local cable show called "Fact or Fiction," which leans towards the sensational.

To boost sagging ratings they hook up with a supposed psychic and go on location in the wilderness Pine Barrens of New Jersey to do a live broadcast about The Jersey Devil, a murderous local legend. Only the psychic survives and is pinned with the bloody murders of his three companions.

But some videotape mysteriously turns up, which prompts Leigh to piece together their story and what happened to them.

"The Last Broadcast" is strung together with interviews of doctors, police and film makers as it documents events leading up the horrific finale. The photography is appropriately shaky, at times out of focus and complete with flubbed takes. The dialogue appears to be off the cuff and the scenes of the crew trudging through the woods could be outtakes from "The Blair Witch Project."

There is a sense of realism about the film that is admirable – until about the last 10 minutes.

Then everything falls apart as the plot takes a disastrous turn and completely undoes the tension so carefully crafted to that point.

And that is the biggest distinction between this film and the far more effective "Blair Witch Project." That movie left you hanging. This one drops you off a cliff.

On its own, "The Last Broadcast" is still interesting and at least somewhat original. But "The Blair Witch Project" shows what it could have been.

"The Last Broadcast" was written, directed and produced by Stefan Avalos and Lance Weiler. It is available only on video. Check your neighborhood video store.

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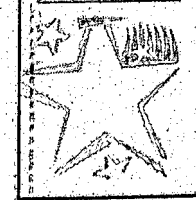

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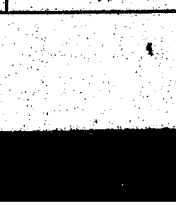

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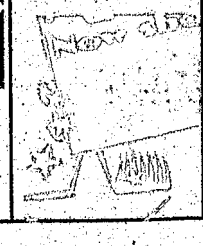

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- ❑ THE SIXTH SENSE

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- ❑ Kevin Spacey in AMERICAN BEAUTY
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- ❑ Tom Cruise in MAGNOLIA
- ❑ Michael Clarke Duncan in THE GREEN MILE
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- ❑ Haley Joel Osment in THE SIXTH SENSE

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- ❑ Annette Benning in AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ❑ Janet McTeer in TUMBLEWEEDS
- ❑ Julianne Moore in THE END OF THE AFFAIR
- ❑ Meryl Streep in MUSIC OF THE HEART
- ❑ Hilary Swank in BOYS DON'T CRY

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- ❑ Toni Collette in THE SIXTH SENSE
- ❑ Angelina Jolie in GIRL INTERRUPTED
- ❑ Catherine Keener in BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
- ❑ Samantha Morton in SWEET AND LOWDOWN
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Best Directing:
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- ❑ Spike Jonze in BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
- ❑ Lasse Hallstrom in THE CIDER HOUSE RULES
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- ❑ M. Night Shyamalan in THE SIXTH SENSE

Best Original Screenplay:
- ❑ Alan Ball for AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ❑ Charlie Kaufman for BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
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Mellow out with Yo La Tengo live



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

There are two things James McNew knows well – good music and good fried chicken.

That's easy to see that with one listen and one look at the new album by New York's treasured indie rock trio, Yo La Tengo. "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out" is the band's 12th album, and the fifth to be recorded in Nashville, Tenn.

For the bassist, Nashville is synonymous with long hours in the recording studio and the best fried chicken around – Prince's Hot Chicken Shack. "It's beyond red hot," he said with a tinge of excitement in his voice. "We eat there once a week when we're in Nashville. You really can only eat it once a week.

"When you're on tour that's the one thing that really makes you remember where you are. Not to speak ill of tour life." He prefers to remember a city by its restaurants, record stores and the people he meets there." By Friday, Feb. 25 it'll be back to the road for McNew and Yo La Tengo.

"I'm totally looking forward to it," he said, on the telephone from his Brooklyn home. This time around the band is bringing two special guests to make it a five-piece: Mac McCaughan of Superchunk and David Kilgour of Clean. "David Kilgour is staying at my house. We were talking last night after rehearsal, in a way it's like we've never toured before. It's so completely different. We're playing seated theaters. I'm looking forward to it."

"Different" may be hard to come by when a band's been together since the mid-1980s. With the release of the ultra-subtle "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out," McNew, along with founding members Ira Kaplan and Georgia Hubley, are taking their free-form, lo-fi sound to new levels. With songs like "The Crying of Lot G" and "Cherry Chapstick" Yo La Tengo casts a musical spell complete with romantic visions and soul-stirring moods. "It's a wide open approach to writing music and playing it," said McNew. "I think it comes from playing together. The longer you do it, the more comfortable you are. You are more confident to try stuff."



From Hoboken to here: *Yo La Tengo is Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubely and James McNew. Listen to their latest album "And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-Out" and then see them live March 3 at the Majestic Theatre.*

That translates into musical courage, like asking one of their favorite musicians, Susie Ibarra, to play on the record or taking friends like the band Lambchop, out on the road, and even inviting McCaughan and Kilgour to join the band on-stage. It's a whole new perspective for Yo La Tengo — one developed over years of creating music together.

"I do think this record really reflects confidence in ideas, in the idea to make kind of a consistent, sustained mood. I am really happy with it." It's been three years since Yo La Tengo's "I Can Hear the Heart Beating As One" was released. For this album, there were no deadlines, no real pressures. McNew said that sense of control and ability to approach the project without a specific destination in mind allowed the music to flow freely from them.

"The hardest song to record was 'Night Falls on Hoboken'," he said. "It was recorded live in the studio. It took the better part of two days to get it on tape." The song happens to be the longest on the CD at a whopping 17 minutes and 41 seconds. And McNew said that was the shortest take.

"And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-out" was produced by Roger Moutenot. There's no telling yet how that dreamy tone will go over at a live show. Though Yo La Tengo did perform in London recently, the band hasn't played much of the new material in concert just yet. "I hope it'll go great," added McNew.

He couldn't be happier. "I don't think a days goes by that I don't think how lucky I am. Music is all I ever thought about. I'm so psyched."

Get psyched and see Yo La Tengo, with Lambchop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 or mtcdetroit @earthlink.net.

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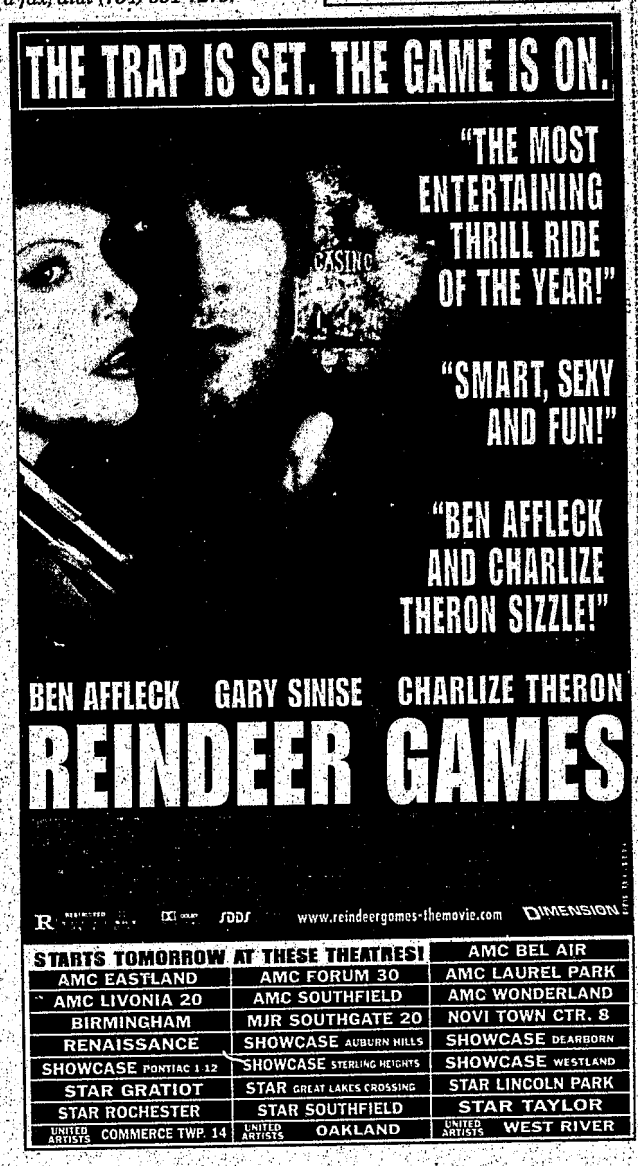

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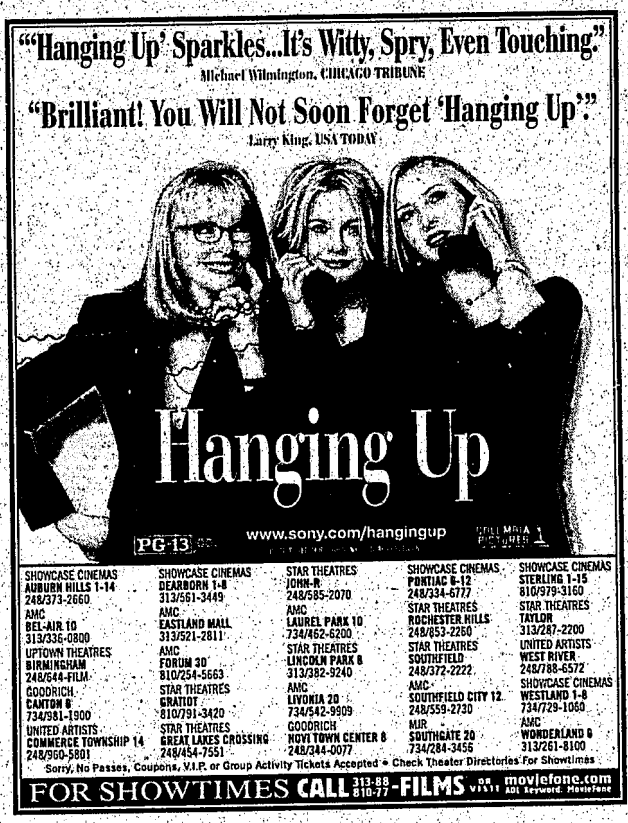

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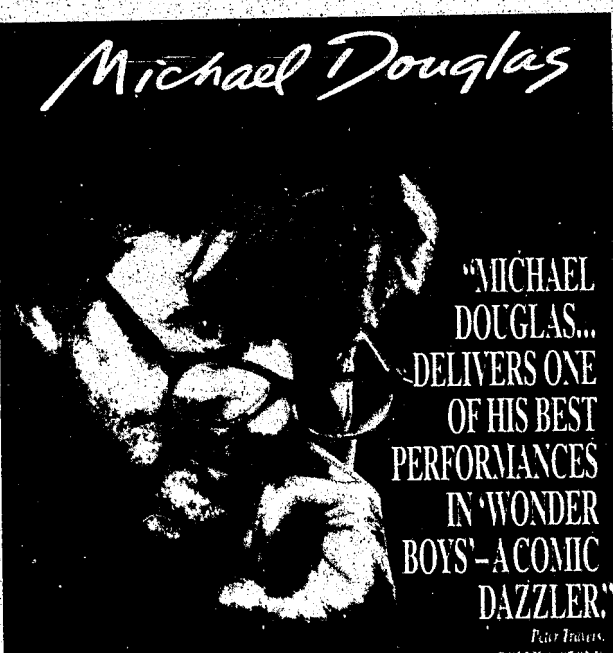

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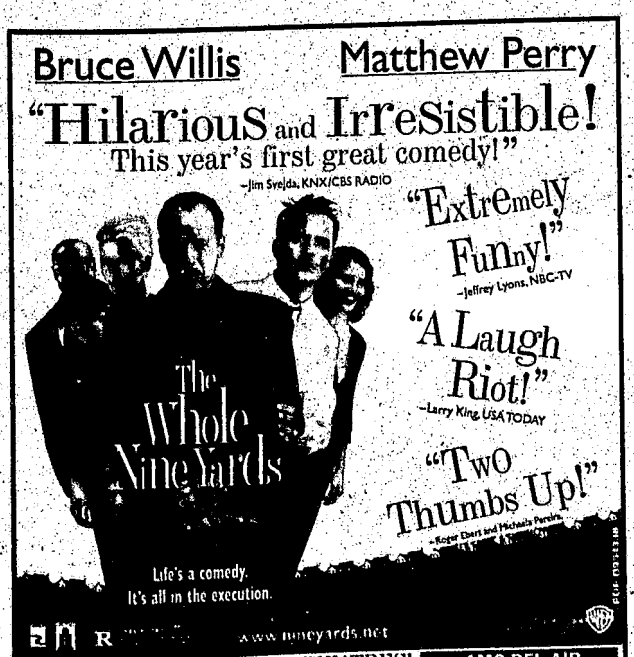

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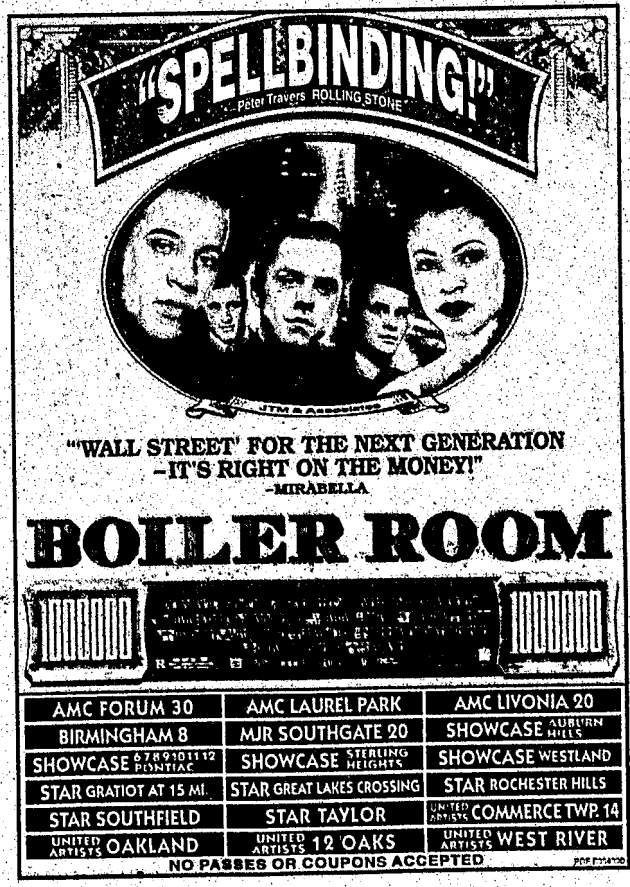

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EATING OUT

Fit for a king

Ashoka restaurant fulfills Indian couple's dream

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With about 60 different languages spoken in metro-Detroit households, we've gained the richness of a broad spectrum of cuisines from this ethnic diversity.

Indian cuisine is but one of them. Late last December, Reveena and Bharath Reddy opened the newest Indian restaurant Ashoka in Troy. Reveena explained that Ashoka is a king's name and that her family owns three restaurants and one hotel with this name in her native land.

Opening Ashoka is the fulfillment of her dream in the United States.

To open Ashoka, Bharath, an employee of EDS at the General Motors Tech Center, secured a builder's license. With the aid of subcontractors, two storefronts in the Century Plaza were remodeled and made into the attractive Ashoka with its regal, traditional colors of burgundy, gold and black.

Accents of mahogany, reminiscent of Indian rosewood, deepen the richness of each table and booth, upholstered in a fabric with coordinating colors imported from India.

Wall art depicts a typical Indian village scene of yesteryear along a border, while paintings bear reference to the influence of kings, emphasizing the name Ashoka.

To manage the couple's restaurant, Reveena resigned her job as a Daimler-Chrysler senior systems analyst.

"I prefer people to computer logic," she said. "I wanted to work with my own creation and proudly bring the food culture of India to this area."

Ashoka Indian Cuisine

Where: 3642 Rochester Road (north of Big Beaver in Century Plaza), Troy. (248) 689-7070.

Open: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, 5-9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-10:30 p.m. Saturday.

Menu: Specializes in Moghulai plus South and North Indian cuisine.

Cost: Dishes served Thali — a South Indian traditional meal which includes choice of entree, a vegetable curry, dal, sambar, raita, rice, naan and dessert average $10-17. A la carte (served with naan and soup) are, in general $2 less.

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She does with the aid of her executive chef Pan Sing, who for 18 years worked as a chef in the five-star restaurant at the Taj Continental in Delhi.

Sing is aided by four other chefs, one responsible for making house-made breads and cooking in the restaurant's two Tandoor (clay) ovens.

A second chef specializes in Indian-Chinese dishes, an aspect that makes Ashoka truly unique because no other metro-Detroit restaurant is doing it.

Because of its proximity to China, Indianized Chinese cuisine is famous in India and Ashoka aspires to make it well-known here.

A third chef prepares all the appetizers and South Indian dishes while two other chefs have responsibility for everything else.

What is Indian cuisine? A combination of subtle tastes, where each fragrant spice makes an impact on the dish as a whole. Blending and preparing fresh spices daily for the various dishes is centuries-old and indispensable art of Indian cuisine.

At Ashoka, this art stems from the four corners of the country with specialties from Mumbai, Delhi, Chenni, Hyderabad to street fare and home-style Tandoori cooking, and on to sophisticated foods of Mugali.

The traditional buffet is served at lunch, but with a heightened emphasis on freshly-prepared.

Order the Tandoori Chicken. It will be served on a sizzle platter rather than buffet style. The naan (bread) will be fresh from the Tandoor.

If you are a pro at ordering Indian cuisine, you will be overjoyed at the prospect of choosing from more than 100 dishes and 10 breads, all prepared on premise.

If you'd like to discover the intriguing flavors of Indian cuisine, here are the most popular among appetizers: Cut Mirch, a chilli bajji (battered, spiced and deep fried) with chat masala, onions and lemon; Vegetable Samosa, mildly spiced with chat masala; Chilli Chicken, shredded boneless chicken kicked up in a sauté of hot chilies.



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Mouth watering: *Reveena Reddy displays an Indian dish, chicken biryani, at the Ashoka Restaurant she and her husband, Bharath, own in Troy.*

The most popular South Indian specialty is Masala Dosa, a crepe stuffed with vegetable curry.

In Indian cuisine, a "curry" is any vegetable or meat which is prepared as a dish complemented by bread or rice. Indian cuisine is vegetarian friendly. Among the top vegetable specialties are Palak Paneer, spinach and home-made cheese cubes, and Maharashtrian Style Farsi Bhaji — green beans cooked with freshly-grated coconut.

Chicken, lamb and seafood dishes abound, but I suggest heading straight for the category Shane-E-Tandoor and try Chicken Tikka or Hyderabadi Kabab roasted in the special clay ovens.

Your experience can be rounded out by a juice or lassi (prepared with yogurt) and finished with dessert such as Rasamalai, cheese dumplings in a creamy syrup topped with pistachios, or Kulfi, a traditional Indian unburned ice cream.

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Seller's safe, after home has been sold

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

What's the duty of a seller of property to someone other than the buyer in connection with potential problems of the home.

This isn't easy to summarize, but it's fair to say that under the common law, a land seller who surrenders title, possession and control of a property shifts all responsibility for the land's condition to the buyer.

The concept of "let the buyer beware" prevails in land sales. The seller, with two exceptions, isn't liable for any harm due to defects existing at the time of sale.

The first exception is the buyer must be told about any concealed condition that involves an unreasonable danger that he knows about. Failure to make such a disclosure or efforts to conceal a dangerous condition render the seller liable for resulting injuries.

The second exception is that a seller is liable after the sale to third parties for a dangerous condition until the buyer discovers it or should have discovered it.

Once the buyer discovers a defect and has had a reasonable opportunity to take precautions, other people such as sub-vendees have no further recourse against the seller.

Under both exceptions, then, knowledge of the defect on the part of the buyer relieves the seller of any duty or liability.

Your situation should be reviewed by knowledgeable counsel.

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- ☑ **LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☑ **HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET** (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☑ **SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD** (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- ☑ **AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS** (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- ☑ **APPLIANCES INCLUDED?**
- ☑ **PROPERTY TAXES** (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, **NOT** CURRENT RECORDS)
- ☑ **MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED** (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- ☑ **CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES**

Tax breaks make owning a home look even better



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Home ownership looks especially good during tax season.

While a house primarily represents a lifestyle with creature comforts, a feeling of control, a sense of neighborhood, there's no denying the financial ramifications of ownership.

Owners may be able to deduct mortgage interest paid, points paid to obtain or refinance a more favorable mortgage rate, property taxes paid, and interest paid on home equity loans to offset income for federal tax purposes.

Renters don't.

Owners usually build financial nest eggs from their homes as equity and market value steadily increase. Cash becomes available when they sell, or earlier in the form of home equity loans. Profits can be sizable and usually are exempt from taxation due to a generous capital gains exclusion.

Renters don't.

"As you invest your money into an asset that will appreciate and, at the same time, be able to reduce taxes. ... I guess, intuitively, that tells you it's not a bad way to go," said Certified Public Accountant A. Frederick Nell.

Deductions relating to home ownership are what's available to most folks since Congress repealed consumer debt interest, state sales taxes and mileage/fuel write-offs, added Nell, a principal in the firm of Swenson & Nell in West Bloomfield.

People who own houses or condominiums understand and appreciate those tax advantages, said Lynn Vanerian, an associate broker and manager at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake in Plymouth.

"They know that they derive benefits and want that to continue," she said.

It can really be an eye-opener, though, for first-timers, Vanerian added, mainly because they're inexperienced and caught up in the excitement of a new lifestyle.

"I have a form that actually puts into perspective what the payment actually is after they take the deductions," Vanerian said.

"If a person is renting an apartment for $800 per month, they'll say 'O-my God, $1,000 a month (to buy)!' But when we factor out what they pay in (mortgage) interest and property taxes they get to deduct on income taxes – the new picture they're looking at, the benefits are phenomenal."

And, appreciation on the value of the house is the icing on the cake, Vanerian added.

"Obviously, lifestyle is very important, but when you start off in life, you have to decide where to save your money," said Shelley Gates, an associate broker with the Prudential Accent Realty in Livonia.

"Real estate is one thing that has continued to grow over the years," she said. "I know I'm going to make money on my house. It's a sure thing. You've got to start somewhere."

Allowing more profit on the sale of a home before applying federal capital gains taxes a few years ago greatly benefited owners and the real estate industry, said Larry Dye, a Realtor with Century 21 Hallmark West in Clarkston.

"People who were nesting, reluctant to sell, were able to sell a large home, downsize and still have money left for retirement," he said.

Apartment living offers some conveniences, Dye conceded, but the financial benefits between owning and renting "aren't even close."

"If they're in a high-income tax bracket, they need all the deductions they can get," Dye said. "Most expenses of a home, except utilities, are deductible."

Ownership offers other financial options.

"Quite often, if you have a house and have credit card debt, you can take a home equity loan out which allows the interest to be deductible and usually (paid) at a much lower rate," said Peggy Bookstein, a West Bloomfield CPA.

Or finance a car, Nell added. "There are no questions typically asked why you get a home equity loan," he said.

But all financial advisers recommend that owners who go that route keep debt under control and make the payments so they don't put the family homestead at risk.

Look for these

Here are a few things to remember about home ownership tax deductions.

■ Deductions are an offset to income, not a direct credit against taxes owed.

The standard federal deduction for single filers this year is $4,300; married/ joint, $7,200; and head of household, $6,300.

That means all itemized deductions – including mortgage interest, property taxes and points – on Form 1040 Schedule A must exceed those amounts before home ownership actually makes a difference on taxes owed.

■ Points are fully deductible in the tax year the original mortgage is issued but must be divided over the life of a replacement loan on refinancings.

■ Condominium or subdivision association/ maintenance fees on personal residences aren't deductible.

■ If certain conditions are met, homeowners can exclude part or all of the profit on the sale of their homes from federal capital gains taxes. Single filers can exclude up to $250,000, joint filers $500,000.

■ Michigan allows a homestead property tax credit for both owners and renters on state tax returns to the extent that property taxes exceed 3.5 percent of household income.

Taxpayers with household income over $82,650 aren't eligible for the state credit. The credit gradually reduces, beginning with household income over $73,650.

Owners figure the credit on actual taxes paid. The property tax for renters is presumed to be 20 percent of rent.

Frederick Nell, a certified public accountant, said it's his experience that fewer renters than owners qualify for the state homestead property tax credit.

Mortgage rates high or low?

HOMELOAN UPDATE



DAVID C. MULLY

Part 2 of 2

If mortgage rates were just a little lower than today's 8.5 percent, what would your house payment be?

The following examples use a $125,000 loan amount.

For a 8.5-percent rate for 30 years, the principal and interest payment would be $961.14.

If the rate were 8.0 percent, the principal and interest payment would be $917.21, a difference of $43.93 per month.

Is $44 a month enough to influence your decision on whether to go ahead with buying your next home?

If your answer is yes, then you probably were not ready yet, even if rates were lower.

By multiplying these differences in monthly payments over the next several years, the numbers become much more intimidating.

But you do have to consider that the chances are good that at some point in the next few years, rates will be lower. When the rates are lower, you will be able to refinance to the lower rates.

Would you let the equivalent of a monthly cable TV bill stand in the way of buying that next home?

When I was a loan officer a few years ago, an 8.5-percent fixed-rate mortgage would have been considered attractive. Several years ago, 14-percent mortgage rates were the norm.

My point is simply that with the home-buying season around the corner, rates are stable and not a road block.

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GOOD PROSPECTS

Employment growth leaders — October 1998 through September 1999.

City	New Jobs	% Increase
Las Vegas	43,900	6.6
W. Palm Beach	26,200	5.5
Tampa Bay	54,700	4.8
Tucson	15,300	4.7
Orlando	37,700	4.4
Austin, Texas	24,300	4.0
Atlanta	80,500	3.9
Riverside, Cal.	33,600	3.8
Columbia, S.C.	10,900	3.7
Sarasota, Fla.	9,300	3.7

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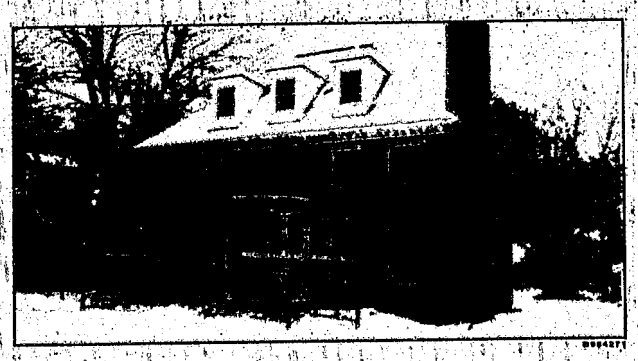

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3644 Auburn Rd	$133,000
806 Bloomfield Vilg Blvd	$64,000
3097 Caroline St	$107,000
146 Cherryland St	$140,000
145 Oakmont	$145,000
1115 Vinewood St	$135,000
Clarkston	
6675 Balmoral Ter	$255,000
7859 Brooklane	$94,000
7962 Brookwood Dr	$31,000
6604 College Park	$75,000
5404 Drayton Rd	$147,000
9025 E Bluewater Dr	$149,000
4700 Ennismore Dr	$118,000
8275 Fawn Valley Dr	$325,000
9829 Forest Ridge Dr	$75,000
600 Indian Trl	$231,000
9132 Michigamme Rd	$201,000
8759 Miller Rd	$177,000
7932 Mount Trmblnt Trl	$158,000
8655 N Eston Rd	$132,000
4901 Rattek Rd	$178,000
6598 Ridgeview Dr	$195,000
7730 S Eston Rd	$132,000
5154 Springdale Ct	$150,000
6573 Summit Rdg	$271,000
9670 Susin Ln	$250,000
5163 Timber Ridge Trl	$178,000
6340 Waldon Woods Dr	$263,000
8745 Waumegah Rd	$222,000
Commerce Township	
410 Austin Ln	$65,000
4371 Bluebird Dr	$157,000
9403 Chaumont St	$145,000
3796 Cheryl Dr	$169,000
4545 Commerce Wds Dr	$224,000
4680 Commerce Wds Dr	$245,000
4080 Forest Edge Dr	$243,000
2961 Gabriel Dr	$40,000
3770 Heatherwood Dr	$300,000
5220 Huron Hills Dr	$230,000
9103 Lyniss Dr	$212,000
389 N Oak Dr	$202,000
3494 Newton Rd	$170,000
1948 Oakside Ct	$165,000
197 Osborne St	$85,000
4269 S Commerce Rd	$185,000
3711 Thomas Ct	$163,000
3349 Tiquewood	$289,000
1933 Twin Sun Cir	$355,000
311 Winslow Cir	$217,000
2950 Woodbury St	$151,000
Davisburg	
11230 Clark Rd	$231,000
11710 Davisburg Rd	$225,000
10101 Eagle Rd	$247,000
8180 Eagle Rd # D	$185,000
10013 Pebble Creek Ct	$105,000
6370 Ware Rd	$182,000
12562 White Tail	$45,000
Farmington	
23095 Hayden St	$173,000
23471 Hillview Ct	$345,000
22830 Lake Way	$137,000
22550 Lilac St	$153,000
32214 Loomis Dr	$146,000
32260 Marblehead St	$155,000
23365 Mission Ln	$309,000
22918 Warner St	$165,000
Farmington Hills	
29505 Ashford Pkwy	$258,000
30235 Astor St	$128,000
22093 Atlantic Pointe	$109,000
29984 Barwell Rd	$240,000
28463 Bayberry Rd	$199,000
35127 Bunker Hill Dr	$213,000
33452 Cadillac St	$160,000
22338 Cape Cod Way	$127,000
32529 Chesterbrook St	$204,000
23147 Colgate St	$105,000
29122 Creek Bend Dr	$240,000
21466 Flanders St	$150,000
24645 Glen Orchard Dr	$195,000
30915 Glenmuer St	$275,000
28118 Golf Pointe Blvd	$325,000
22409 Haynes Ave	$65,000
32467 Hearthstone Rd	$205,000
37764 Hollyhead Dr	$268,000
31462 Hunters Circle Dr	$193,000
36045 Johnstown Rd	$314,000
28401 Kendallwood Dr	$190,000
29980 Kingsway Dr	$300,000
28399 Kirkside Ln	$174,000
28918 Lake Park Dr	$278,000
30624 Lamar St	$140,000
28926 Leamington Dr	$219,000
37404 Legends Trail Dr	$275,000
21978 Leyte St	$138,000
35842 Lone Pine Ln	$211,000
35852 Lone Pine Ln	$247,000
22814 Montclair St	$134,000
30334 Nantucket Dr	$106,000
33432 Oakland St	$30,000
27505 Old Colony St	$259,000
32363 Olde Franklin Dr	$230,000
24535 Orchard Lake Rd	$210,000
30594 Orchard Lake #5	$134,000
25713 Pebble Ct	$250,000
21342 Purdue Ave	$88,000
30700 Ramblwd Clb Dr	$294,000
21027 Rensselaer St	$97,000
38174 Saratoga Cir	$154,000
25206 Skye Dr	$254,000
30141 Valley Side Dr	$282,000
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Keego Harbor	
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1635 Cass Lake Rd #D	$125,000
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3154 Beechtree Ct	$89,000
526 Bellevue Ave	$168,000
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2299 Austin Dr	$20,000
47321 Autumn Park Ct	$439,000
24663 Bashian Dr	$112,000
22827 Brookforest	$195,000
39505 Country Ln	$155,000
22737 Cranbrooke Dr	$139,000
23054 Cranbrooke Ln	$99,000
24105 Elizabeth Ln	$367,000
20719 Emily Ct	$295,000
24411 Fairway Hills Dr	$155,000
44689 Huntington Dr	$206,000
23503 N Rockledge	$129,000
24640 Olde Orchard St	$110,000
25987 Petros Blvd	$257,000
41798 Primrose Dr	$158,000
121 Rexton St	$95,000
48025 Rushwood	$228,000
703 S Lake Dr	$220,000
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39834 Village Wood Cir	$105,000
30662 Vine Ct	$190,000
45322 W 10 Mile Rd	$160,000
24144 Westmont Dr	$388,000
Oakland Township	
190 Beach Dr	$90,000
3338 Serenity Rd	$238,000
Orchard Lake	
4690 Goodison Place Dr	$625,000
5869 Prado Ct	$518,000
Orion Township	
3651 Green Meadow Ln	$288,000
4624 Jamm Rd	$126,000
3753 Rolling Hills Rd	$293,000
Oxford	
5854 Bliss Dr	$55,000
3685 Dartmouth Rd	$220,000
199 Indian Knolls St	$170,000
205 Lakeview Dr	$252,000
2337 Malena Ct	$57,000
2380 Malena Ln	$59,000
190 N Baldwin Rd	$227,000
328 Nippigon St	$138,000
220 Ridgemont Rd	$267,000
460 W Drahner Rd	$222,000
Rochester	
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1644 Boulder Ct	$331,000
3896 Deer Springs Dr	$420,000
513 E University Dr #706	$91,000
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1264 Putnam Cir	$347,000
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SELL HOME CLASS

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.

REMODEL FOR PROFIT

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour class, "Buying and Remodeling a Home for Profit," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 2-16, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include buying at public sales, estimating repairs, working with contractors and solving common remodeling problems.

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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.

SELL HOME II

Birmingham Community Education presents a class, "Selling Your Home Yourself," 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Seaholm High School, Cranbrook and Evergreen.

Cost is $10. To register, call (248) 203-3817.

BUY HOME CLASS

Ralph R. Roberts Real Estate presents a class, "How to Legally and Ethically Buy a Home with No Money Down," 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Holiday Inn Fairlane in Detroit and Thursday, March 23, at the Michigan Inn in Southfield.

Topics include financing programs run by the U.S. Government, how to buy a home for up to 25 percent below appraised value and how to negotiate for the lowest price and best terms.

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ARCHITECTURE TALK

Lawrence Technological University presents Jon Kletzien, an architectural illustrator and educator, as part of its free ArchiLecture speaker series, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the architecture auditorium on campus, 10 Mile and Evergreen, Southfield.

For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

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Real Estate One Farmington sponsors a free, no-obligation class for home buyers and sellers on current market trends 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275, Livonia.

Topics include financing, inspections and paperwork.

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COMMISSION SEARCH

A South Lyon firm has established an Internet site for Michigan residents to get competitive bids from real estate agents to use their services.

Home seller post details and photos of their property online, specifying that they want proposals for listing services. Agents receive that information via e-mail, then submit confidential proposals and descriptions of services back to the homeowner.

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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.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, has launched a membership drive.

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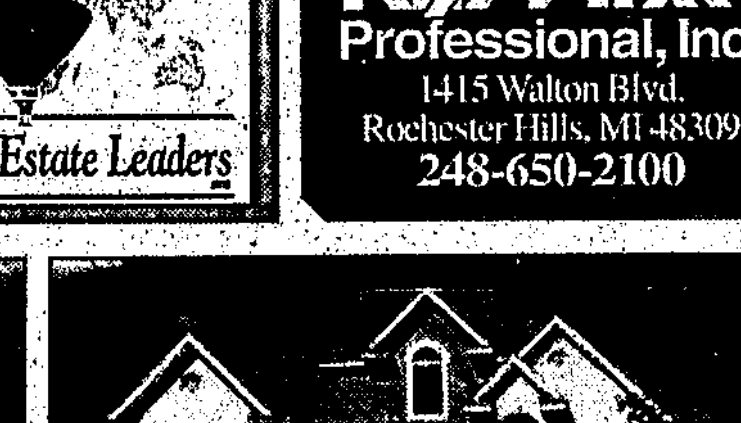

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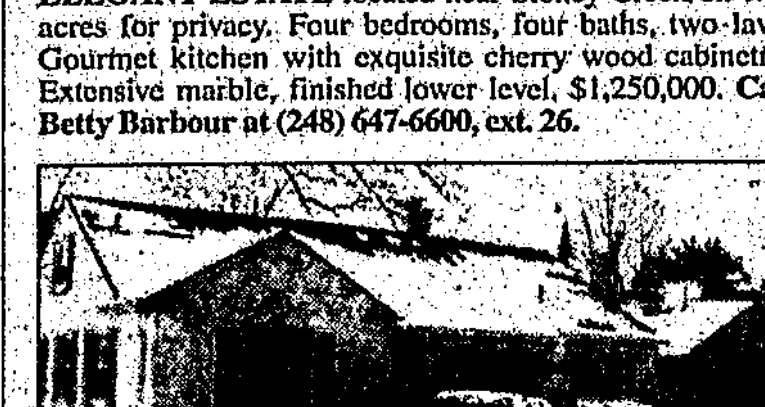

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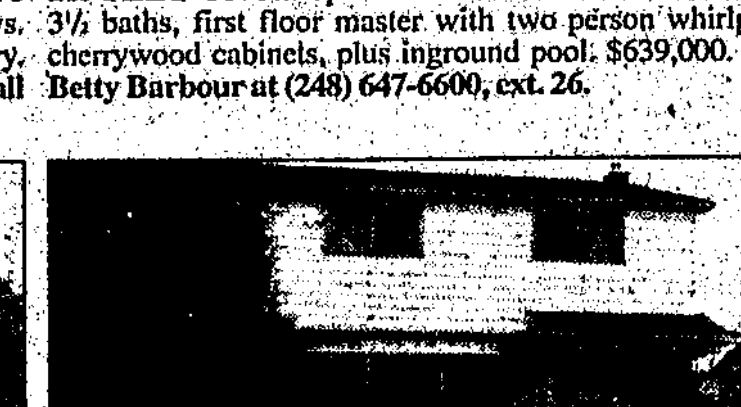

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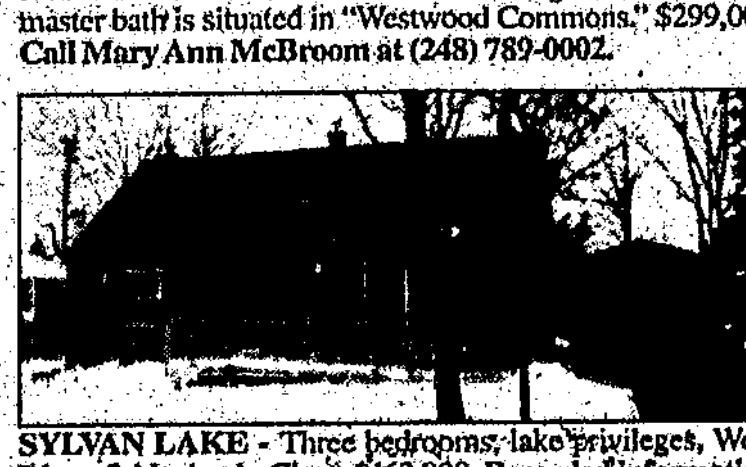

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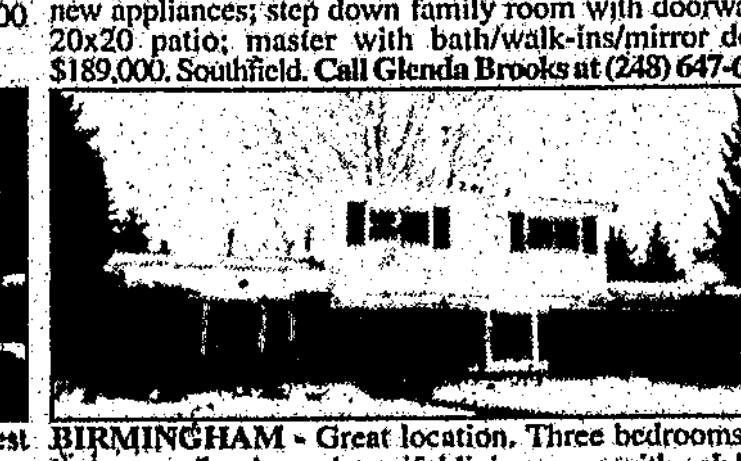

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Barbara Eaton was named a vice president in the office brokerage group at Colliers International, a commercial real estate firm in Bingham Farms.



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Eaton, who joined the firm in 1995, will continue to handle sale, lease and build-to-suit transactions for owners and tenants of office and industrial buildings.

Her background also includes human resource management and telecommunication sales.

Eaton is a member of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors and Commercial Real Estate Women and is president of Diversified Business Network, a business group she founded.

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Deborah Corey, a Realtor with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates in Rochester, has been awarded the professional designation of Leadership Training Graduate.

She also holds an Accredited Buyer Representative designation.

Corey lives in Rochester and has worked in real estate for five years.

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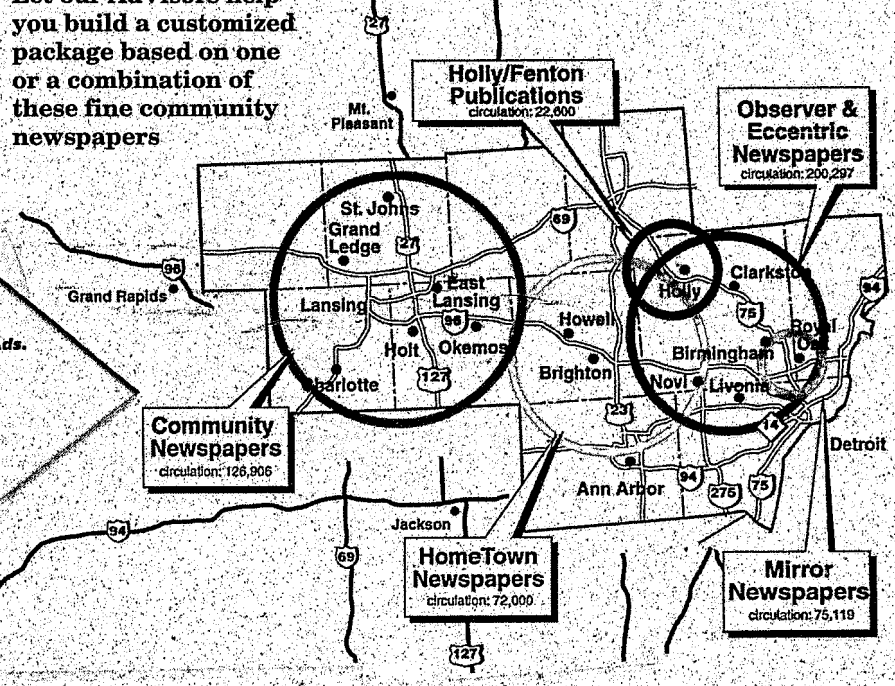

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BIRMINGHAM - OPEN HOUSE Poppleton Park. Owner's first offering. Charming 2,623 sq. ft. Georgian colonial. 3-4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. Too much to describe. $695,000. Open Sunday 12:00-4:00. 944 Kenmoor - W. Adams, N. Maple or call for appointment. (248) 647-4719

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BEVERLY HILLS
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM
15543 Birwood
S. of 14 Mile, E. of Pierce
BRAND NEW ON THE MARKET, MOVE-IN CONDITION! Three bedroom ranch, finished hardwood floors, kitchen updated, spacious family room, freshly painted inside and out, a buyers delight.
HANNETT-WILSON & WHITEHOUSE Inc.
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Beverly Hills
OPEN 1-4
31360 PIERCE
S/14 Mile & E/Pierce
Not a drive-by! Very special inside - note 4-bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 is newer. Beautiful white updated kitchen w/all appliances included, family room w/skylights, high ceilings. $234,900. 60PI-20003445
WEIR,MANUEL,SNYDER & RANKE
(248) 644-6300

Bloomfield
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
235 N. Berkshire
RANCH ON WOODED 1¼ ACRES
Newer custom brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, finished basement, more! $314,900.
JOAN GUYMAN
(248) 644-4700
Real Estate One

CANTON - Open Sun. 1-5 6551 Powderhorn Dr., N. of Ford, W. of Sheldon. Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, open floor plan, fireplace & family room. $197,000. 734-414-0082

CLARKSTON - Open Sun. 1-4 Sharp colonial. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, formal living/dining rooms, new carpet, large wooded private lot, landscaped, sprinkler system, central air, full basement, $224,900. Directions: Sashabaw N. to right, Clarkston Rd., E. to Right on Eston south to right on Crestview. 248-394-0709

PLYMOUTH - Open Sun. 12-4 40584 Breckenridge. 1995 Built. 1.5 Story site condo. $272,900. Call Dan or Jen 734-432-9178

Troy
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
4253 Brandywine
N. of Wattles, between Coolidge & Adams
New listing! Sharp 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on cul-de-sac, west Troy. Updated and well maintained throughout! $274,000.
BETTY FINKBEINER
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305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM - Beautifully decorated - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial overlooking Birmingham Country Club, $399,900. Appt., 248-647-0063

BIRMINGHAM - Poppleton Park Bungalow 1350 sq.ft., 4 bedroom, remodeled, white kitchen, full basement 2 car garage, $312,000. Open Sun 2-4, 859 Ridgedale 248-647-0929

305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM - 1000sqft bungalow 3 bedroom, 2 full baths. New kitchen & plumbing, hardwood floors. 1847 Webster. $169,900. 248-761-1819

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3450 sqft 4 bedroom, 2+2 baths, new wood floors in living & dining rooms. Large familyroom w/fireplace & new carpet. Library w/new carpet & built-ins, large kitchen w/new appliances and floors, huge master bedroom suite w/sitting room, backs to commons, many more features. 248-851-1809 Asking $439,900

BLOOMFIELD HILLS RANCH Square Lake & Woodward. New white kitchen & central air, 2 bedroom, fireplace, 2 car attached, family room & great lot. $199,500. Paula 248-737-2265

DESIRABLE FRANKLIN Multi-level contemporary brick home. 3 bedroom with grand master, 2½ baths, living & dining room, family room fireplace, library, gourmet kitchen w/granite island, 2½ car attached garage, more! $419,000. 248-626-6841

MATURE TREES ...dot the beautifully landscaped lot on which this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch sets. Solid wet plaster construction and hardwood floors beneath carpet. Updated kitchen cabinets, Andersen windows, and newer roof. Gorgeous ¾ acre lot in in Franklin Village. $254,900. (#20004469)
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Re/Max Classic Realty
(734)432-1010, ext. 219
PAGER: (313)990-7649
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NEW LISTING! Charming Beverly Hills brick ranch w/1,199 sq. ft. offers plaster walls, hardwood floors, gas fireplace in living room, copper plumbing & fenced backyard. Many updates including: roof, windows, kitchen, concrete driveway & more! $214,900.
Visit my web site at: www.BeverlyHillsSpecialist.com
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NEW LISTING! Sprawling Beverly Hills ranch situated on .76 acres offers an open floor plan, 2,779 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, & summer porch. Updates include: kitchen, furnace, hot water heater, central air. Excellent location! Close to Detroit Country Day & Groves High School, w/excellent access to I-696, Rt. 10, & Southfield Freeway. $284,900. MLS#20010576
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306 Brighton

FIRST TIME offered!! Built 1991. Walk to downtown. 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, 2½ car, 3 daylight windows in lower level. Immediate occupancy. $158,900. Heritage Better Homes & Gardens, 201 E. Grand River. (810) 229-7282

308 Canton

BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom ranch, 1 bath, many updates, minutes from the Summit. $164,900. For appt. call: (734) 397-8513

JUST LISTED!
Fabulous brick home w/3 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets, beautiful family room w/fireplace, updated windows & roof, basement & 2.5 car garage. $166,900 (15CAT)

ATTRACTIVE RANCH
Spacious brick home w/3 bedrooms. Huge great room w/fireplace, partially finished basement w/half bath. Updated windows, furnace, central air, kitchen & bath. $169,900. (99ABL)

Century 21 ROW (734) 464-7111

JUST LISTED!
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Family room w/gas fireplace. Kitchen offers nook, pantry, desk. Master suite w/jacuzzi, his/her walk-in-closets. 1st Floor laundry, finished basement w/bedroom. Walk-out deck w/paved walkway. Call Charlotte Jacunski, pager: (810) 704-6377

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SUPER SHARP X 4
Is this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, dream island kitchen with pantry, family room with fireplace, many beautiful updates & extras, finished, basement & garage, $294,900.
PEBBLE CREEK
Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, open floor plan, large basement, large deck overlooking lovely commons area, attached garage & so much more! $196,900.

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45500 FORD RD. - CANTON

309 Clarkston

HURRY - Charming 2 or 3 bedroom ranch only $122,900!
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309 Clarkston

NEW CONSTRUCTION OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 in 400k+ sub! Packages from $274,900.
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311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

FIRST OFFERING
Vinyl bungalow. Neat & clean. 3 Bedrooms, newer windows, hardwood floors, bright kitchen, formal dining room, large living room, many updates, basement, garage, $122,222.

MINT! MINT!
Well cared for 3 bedroom ranch. Country kitchen, living room, 25x15 family room, newer roof, freshly decorated, Home Warranty, 2 car garage. $99,900.

CENTURY 21
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JUST BEAUTIFUL
This Dearborn Heights home has it all. Newer roof, windows, driveway and skylight. 2.5 car garage, huge brick-paver patio, fantastic pool with deck, park-like setting and much more. $120,000. North of Ford Road and West of Beech Daly. (JGBE-P)
Call Jeff Galunas today

REMERICA
HOMETOWN II
(734) 453-0012

WOW!
This 3 bedroom ranch with newer windows & roof, finished basement, central air, 2½ car garage. Only - $114,900

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312 Detroit

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314 Farmington/ Farmington Hills

ASK FOR THE GOLD TEAM
734-525-9600
"GREAT BUY"
3 Bedroom ranch, over 1200 sq. ft. Remodeled kitchen, bath, many updates. Extra lot included in price. $119,900.
CENTURY 21
HARTFORD NORTH

3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH
Built 1980, updates include roof, furnace, water heater, kitchen, bathroom, paint, carpet, deck. Full basement, large country lot. Farmington Schools. FHA/VA & 0 down terms. $125,000.
Ask for Larry VanZandt/ Mike Snearly
248-473-6200
Re/Max Great Lakes

FARMINGTON HILLS - By owner. Completely updated throughout, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage, w/220, $154,900. (248) 474-8825

FARMINGTON HILLS NEW CONSTRUCTION
Exclusive "Pinebrook Estates" Subdivision
ONLY 2 HOMES REMAIN
2463 sq. ft. 4 bedroom 2½ bath Contemporary Colonials with great room & cozy family room. Come see why we have sold 25 homes in 4 months!! Immediate occupancy priced from $300k. Contact Billie @ 248-538-5555 for an appointment.

314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

IMMACULATE 3 bedroom brick ranch. Attached garage, air condition. New windows/kitchen/bath & roof. Finished basement & Fla. room. ¾ acre lot. 21710 Lundy Must see! 248-473-6939

JUST LISTED
Beautiful move in condition, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch. Offers gorgeous updated kitchen plus windows & newly finished basement with sauna, wet bar and 2 car garage. Great location. Walk to town. $185,000. (CO333)
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New 2-story colonial on spacious homesite. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, wood flooring, fireplace, master suite with walk-in closet and private bath. 1st floor laundry and much more!
$239,900.00
Adler Building's Ravines of Woodland Lake Community
Call Rick at (810) 229-1713

Waterford Open House
Saturday & Sunday 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.



New Homes with All-Sports Pleasant Lake Access, 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, Basement, Garage
Close-out Only 4 Homes Left from $174,800.00
Eagle Landings Community off Hospital Lake Rd. between Elizabeth Lk. Rd. and Cooley Lk. Rd.
Adler Building & Development
Call Sherri at (248) 681-0096

Century 21 **OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4PM**



Brand New Executive Colonial, Price Reduced $10,000, 3317 sq. ft., many up-grades, owner transferred. 325 Highlands Drive, Canton. South of Cherry Hill Road between Canton Center & Beck Roads.
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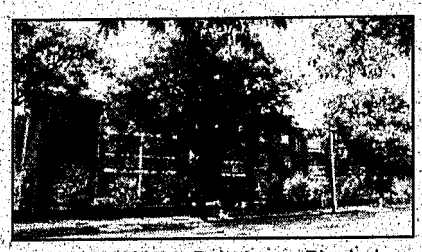
OAK PARK – Three bedroom bungalow in Northern Oak Park. Finished basement, hardwood floors, Florida room off dining room. Large eat-in kitchen. Great location. Berkley schools. $139,900 (13LIN) 248-626-8800



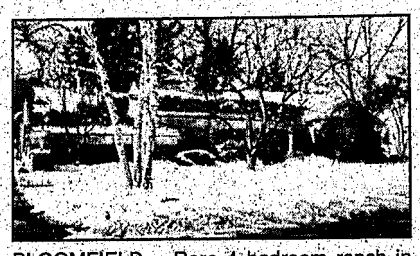
BIRMINGHAM – Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 full bath 2 story home. Fabulous master bedroom suite, hardwood floors, newer carpet and paint. Full basement, great deck and garage. $364,500 (28RUF) 248-642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS – Stunning four bedroom, 2 ½ bath home with 3 car side entry garage, private yard with brick patio. Dining room with wood floors & butler's pantry. Gourmet kitchen with appliances. Custom throughout. $474,900 (47HIC) 248-524-1600



BIRMINGHAM – Downtown Birmingham custom ranch condo. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, professionally decorated. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths. Custom lighting, window treatments and much, much more. $247,000 (44CHE) 248-626-8800



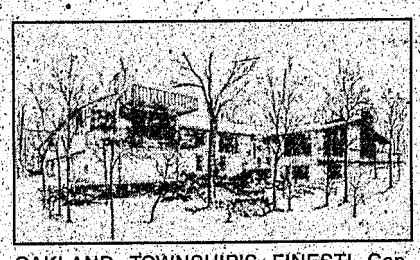
BLOOMFIELD – Rare 4 bedroom ranch in Foxcroft! Updated kitchen, family room, huge master bedroom with updated bath suite. $339,900 (90SUR) 248-642-8100



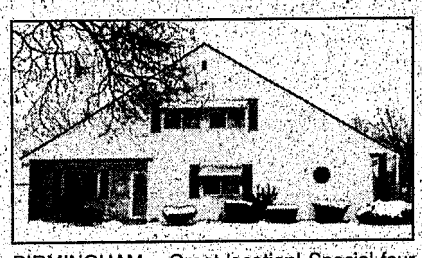
TROY – Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial featuring updated windows, in-ground sprinklers, fireplace, family room, dining room & first floor laundry. Troy schools. One year home warranty. $209,900 (01ENG) 248-524-1600



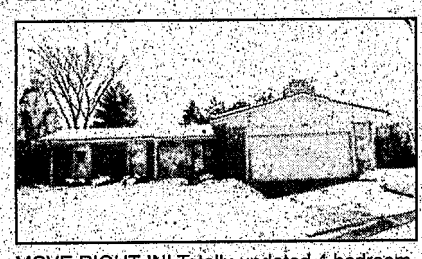
TOTALLY RENOVATED ranch with vaulted ceilings, new kitchen, appliances, new ceramic floors. Many updates and features a partially finished basement. Great location in a great neighborhood. $200,000 (98SMI) 248-626-8800



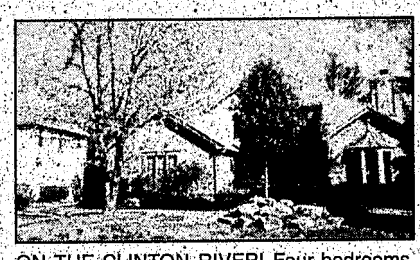
OAKLAND TOWNSHIP'S FINEST! Contemporary ranch with up-north feel. Stone fireplace, vaulted ceiling, great room, billiard room. Backs to 7 acre park. $695,000 (45LIV) 248-652-8000



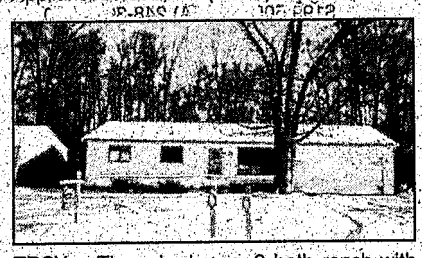
BIRMINGHAM – Great location! Special four bedroom, two bath home on double lot. First floor master bedroom, living room with fireplace, family room, dining room, kitchen with white ceramic floor. Studio above garage. Appliances. $259,900 (83VIL) 248-524-1600



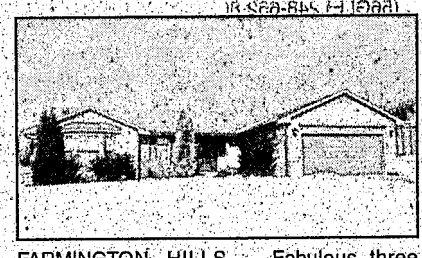
MOVE RIGHT IN! Totally updated 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath brick ranch. Full basement with large rec. room, bedroom & bath. Berber carpet and Parquet floors in kitchen, family and dining room. $229,900. (22STR). 248-626-8800



ON THE CLINTON RIVER! Four bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, library with Judges paneling, second master in-law suite, custom kitchen with Merillat cabinets & island, 3-car garage, cathedral ceilings, walk-out & wooded lot. $509,900 (22QUA) 248-652-8000



TROY – Three bedroom, 2 bath ranch with gourmet kitchen, family room. Three tier deck to in-ground pool & Jacuzzi. Wooded lot. Two car attached garage, basement, Andersen windows. Troy schools. $189,990 (30ELL) 248-524-1600



FARMINGTON HILLS – Fabulous three bedroom, 2 ½ bath ranch with beautiful great room, full basement, new carpet throughout, freshly painted interior, new kitchen, foyer, laundry room and more! $224,900 (39LAN) 248-626-8800



VORHEIS LAKE FRONTAGE – Magnificent 4 bedroom Tri with approximately 92' lake frontage. Premium updates & upgrades. Great lake views from most rooms including master suite balcony, multi-level deck with hot tub. $489,900 (25WAR) 248-652-8000



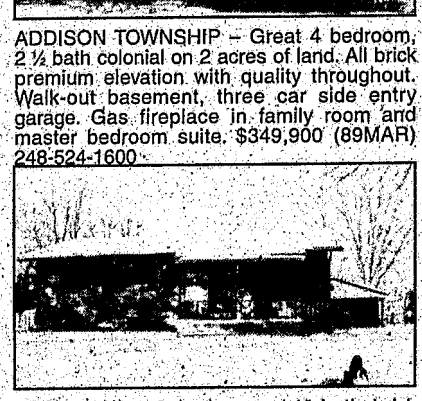
ADDISON TOWNSHIP – Great 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath colonial on 2 acres of land. All brick premium elevation with quality throughout. Walk-out basement, three car side entry garage. Gas fireplace in family room and master bedroom suite. $349,900 (89MAR) 248-524-1600



WEST BLOOMFIELD – Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath tri-level home with many updates. Family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors in kitchen. Costly landscaping. Plus Pine Lake privileges. Must see!! $275,900 (41NOR). 248-626-8800



COUNTRY LIVING MINUTES FROM ROCHESTER – Four bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, living room, dining room, fireplace with California ledge rock. Ceramic floors, walk-in closets, 2 car garage, extra 2 car garage. Walk-out basement. Built in pool. $388,900 (16BUE) 248-652-8000



TROY – Nice 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath brick ranch, short walk to elementary school. Cozy family room with natural fireplace. Many updates include roof, central air, windows, furnace, electrical. Deck, covered patio, above ground pool. $174,900 (63ELL) 248-524-1600



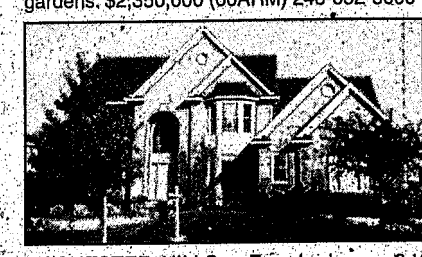
BLOOMFIELD HILLS – Excellent opportunity, area of multi-million dollar re-development. Home has updated marble bath, newer kitchen and full basement on mature lot. Tear down, or add on, highly desirable subdivision, land cannot be split. $549,000 (25LON) 248-642-8100



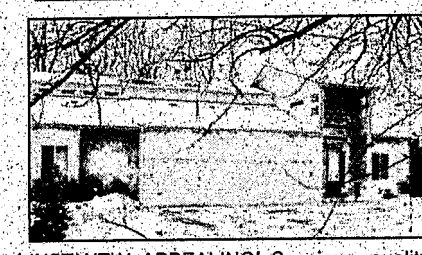
OAKLAND – Four bedroom, 2 ½ bath. Beautiful country home, high elevation wrap-around front porch, treed lot, hardwood floors, custom fireplace, large living and dining room. Six person Jacuzzi, Florida room. $349,900 (10DUT) 248-652-8000



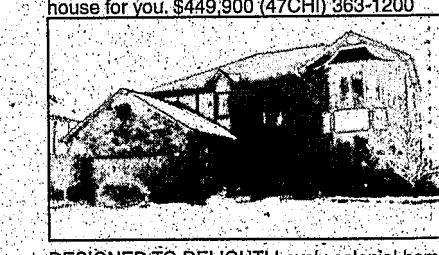
ADDISON TOWNSHIP – Executive retreat. Meadowbrook designed estate. Hand carved great hall beams, leaded glass windows, slate floor and roof, cedar pool house, separate guest quarters. Completely restored. Pool & gardens. $2,350,000 (00ARM) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS – Four bedroom, 3 ½ bath executive caliber colonial. Formal dining room, butler's pantry. Soaring 9' ceilings. Three car side entrance garage. Basement. Elegant master bedroom suite. $499,900 (63GRE) 248-524-1600



INSTANTLY APPEALING! Spacious, quality home on the water to Cass Lake. Features 4 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, 3 car attached garage. Finished walk-out lower level, 2 fireplaces, open floor, large deck overlooking the lake, 10' ceilings w/soft contemporary style. This is the house for you. $449,900 (47CHI) 363-1200



DESIGNED TO DELIGHT! Lovely colonial home w/3 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, C/A, 2 car attached garage, 2 story great room w/ cathedral ceiling & natural fireplace, game room, finished basement w/sauna. Woodwork thru-out, alarm, fantastic dog run, theater area, kitchen & more. $299,000 (44BEM) 248-363-1200



NEW CONSTRUCTION – Spacious four bedroom, 2 ½ baths, 2 car attached garage. Full lower level, first floor laundry. Call for more information. $249,999 (50MEA) 248-363-1200

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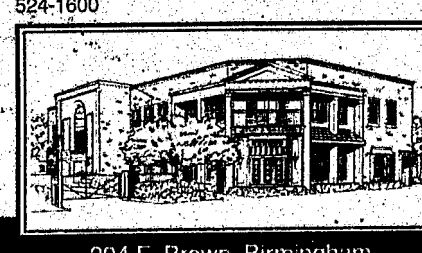

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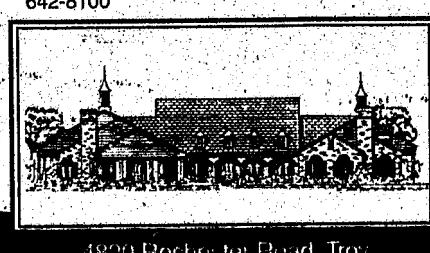

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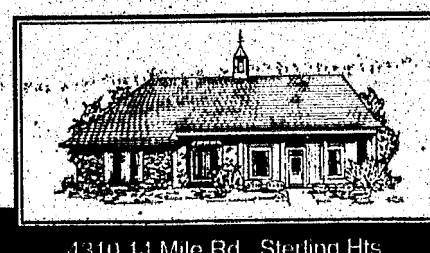

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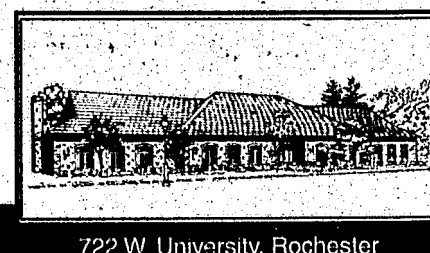

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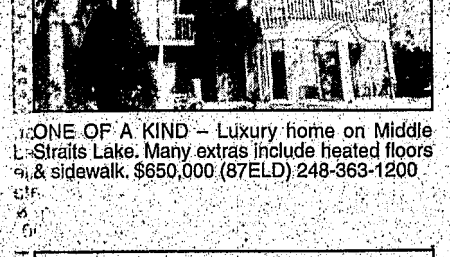

CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION – Great floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, first floor laundry, 2 car attached garage. Don't wait call now! $249,999 (49ROL) 248-363-1200



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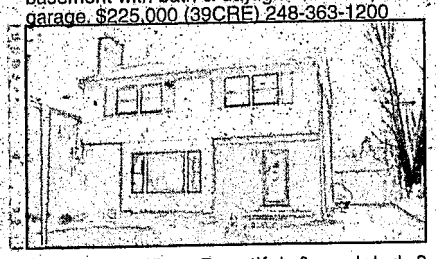

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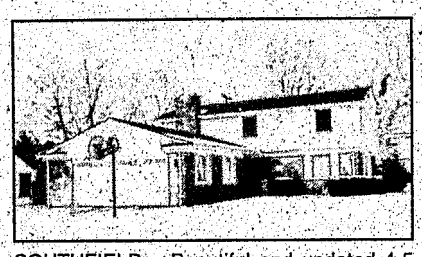

SOUTHFIELD – Beautiful and updated 4-5 bedroom, 2 ½ bath colonial, fifth bedroom located in basement. Updated kitchen, first floor laundry and professionally finished basement. Note: nice size rooms. $218,500 (16KES) 248-642-8100



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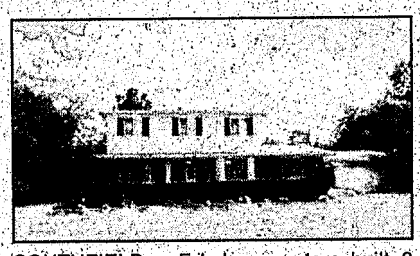

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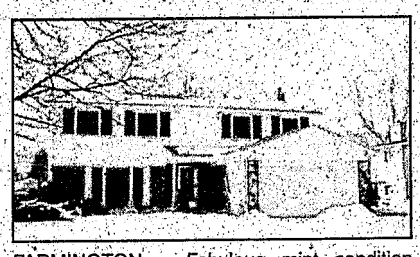

FARMINGTON – Fabulous mint condition colonial! Four bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, updated throughout, beautiful decor, hardwood floors in living room, dining room, upstairs bedrooms & hallways, park-like treed lot. Shows great! $253,888 (23GIL) 248-626-8800



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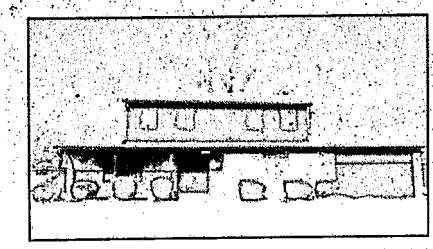

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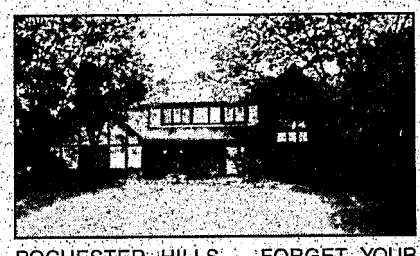

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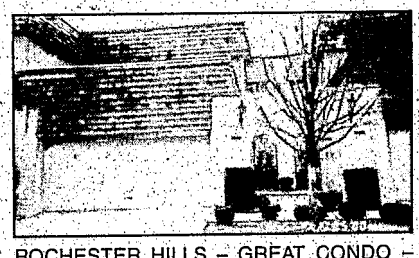
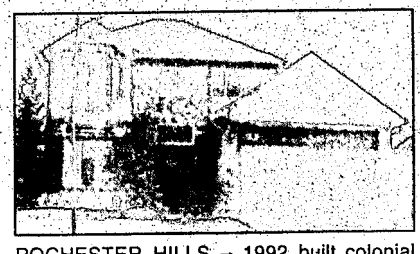


ROCHESTER HILLS – GREAT CONDO – Many upgrades, newer appliances, Corian counter, white cupboards with sliding shelves, ceramic in foyer, kitchen and ½ bath, built-in buffet, finished basement with bar, rec. room & office. $229,900 (93OAK) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS – 1992 built colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. Finished basement, attached garage. Nice interior lot. Skylight, bay window, Andersen wood windows. First floor laundry. $282,900 (79PRI) 248-524-1600



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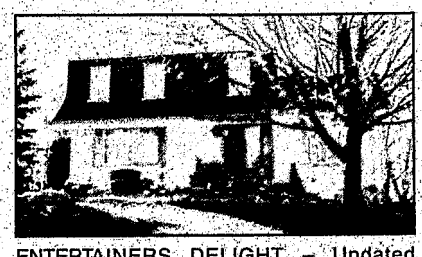

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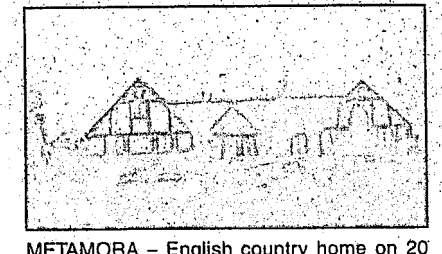

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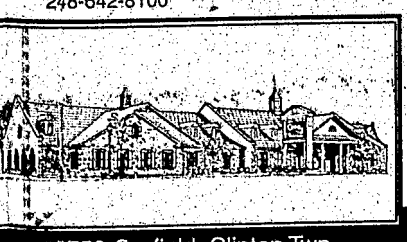

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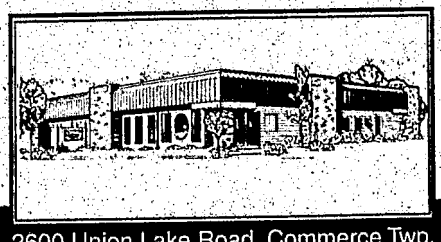

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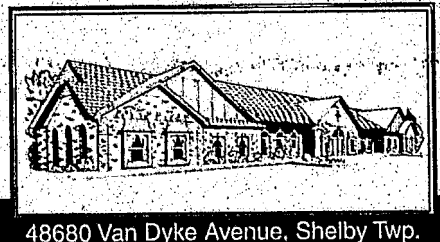

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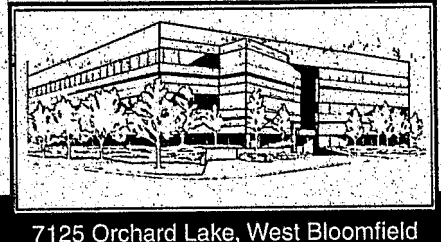

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323 Howell

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329 Novi

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331 Orion Twn/Lk. Orion/Oxford

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334 Plymouth

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336 Rochester/Auburn Hills

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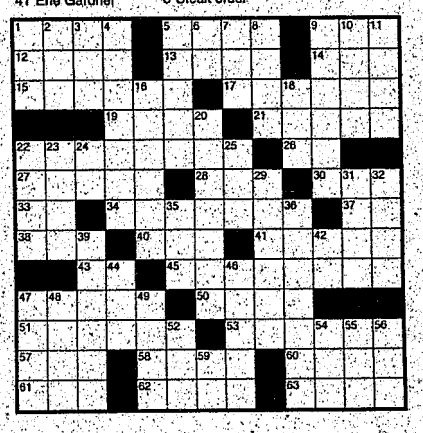

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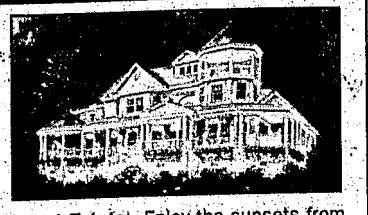

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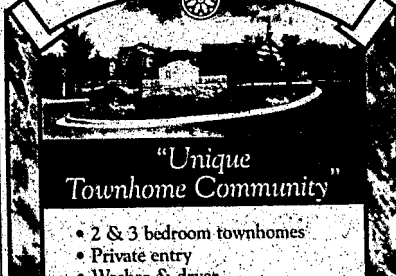

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- Sharp full brick Tudor with limestone accents
- Four bedrooms plus numerous quality features
- Fireplace, wet bar, library, first floor master
- Attached four car garage. (BL942)

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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)

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HEART OF BIRMINGHAM!
- Custom built Colonial with three bedrooms, two baths
- Great floor plan, generous room sizes, sunny interior
- Kitchen loaded with amenities, doorwall to deck/hot tub
- Fabulous master w/ walk-in closet & wonderful bath. (HA584)

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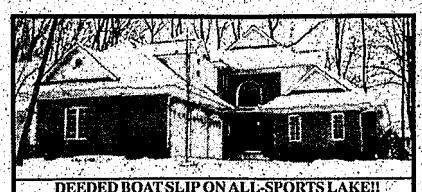

DEEDED BOAT SLIP ON ALL-SPORTS LAKE!!
- Over 4,200 sq. ft. of quality & elegance!
- Mahogany woodwork throughout with cherry wood kitchen
- 1st floor master w/ 2-way fireplace into marble bath w/ Jacuzzi!
- See video tour of home @ realtor.com20002043. (FO118)

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WHITE LAKE - PREMIUM LAKE FRONTAGE
- Enjoy waterfront views from this meticulously landscaped Colonial situated on two acres!
- Master bath with jetted tub & separate shower
- French doors, walkout lower level, multilevel deck. (TE234)

$490,000 • 248 624-3015



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP - COUNTRY CREEK
- Beautiful four bedroom Colonial on .7 acre cul-de-sac lot
- Neutral decor. Large eating & hearth area with 2-way fireplace to family room. 2 story foyer with black ceramic tile
- Attractive landscaping, paver patio & walkway, sprinkler system. (YO344)

$409,000 • Eleanor Feeley • 248 656-4404



SOUTHFIELD - FABULOUS HOME
- Smashing builder's quality home
- State of the art kitchen, wine cooler, indoor grill
- Dry sauna, steam bath, wet bar, and outstanding recreation room. Inground pool & so much more! (WO293)

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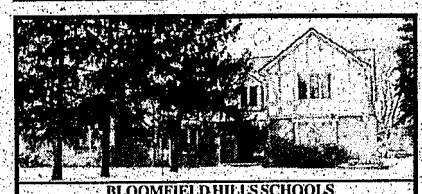

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS
- Spacious four bedroom Colonial for immediate occupancy
- Master with marble whirlpool tub, firelit family room, dining & breakfast rooms, library/study. Appliances.
- New roof. Two car garage. Finished basement. (WI392)

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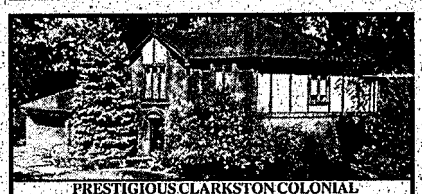
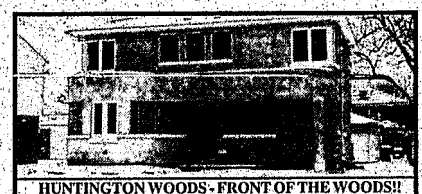


PRESTIGIOUS CLARKSTON COLONIAL
- 1.7 acre private paradise with view of Deer Lake
- Four bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, formal living & dining
- Finished walkout basement, dual 2 car garage
- Minutes to downtown Clarkston & I-75. (DE787)

$369,900 • 248 625-5700



HUNTINGTON WOODS - FRONT OF THE WOODS!!
- Restored 1930's home with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Library, sun room, and large, carpeted recreation room
- Great kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances
- Hardwood floors, newer windows, large yard. (HE254)

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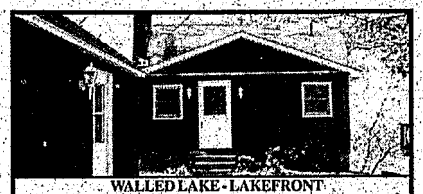

WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
- Two story Cape Cod on east side of lake
- Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
- Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)

$350,000 • 248 624-3015



TROY'S BEST - PARK-LIKE SETTING
- Subdivision offers custom homes on beautiful large lots
- Four bedroom Colonial, 2.5 baths, private library, 2,850 sq. ft.
- Stunning decor has wood blinds, new carpet, & fresh paint
- Full basement, side-turned garage. Award winning schools. (JO67)

$334,900 • 248 641-1660



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP - EVERYTHING NEW!
- Totally remodeled farm house on 2.8 acres
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, wood floors in kitchen and living room. Ceramic tile, new three car garage
- Professional landscaping. Close to I-75 & M-59. (NE138)

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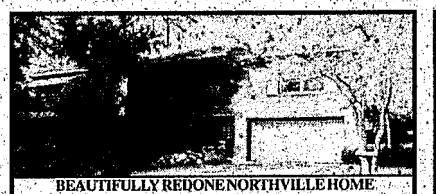


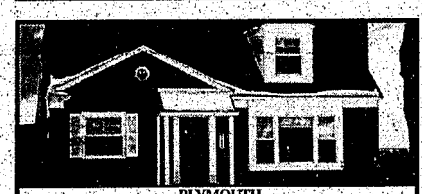
BEAUTIFULLY REDONE NORTHVILLE HOME
- Captivating ranch with gorgeous park-like yard
- Three bedrooms, 2,000 sq. ft., 2 full & 2 half baths
- Pond & gardens to the side overlooking woods
- Enjoy the numerous updates. (MA473) MUST SEE!

$278,900 • 248 324-3800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - CUSTOM 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL
- 2 story foyer. Circular stairway. Master bedroom with walk-in closet, dressing area, bath with jet tub & separate shower
- Many updates. Circular driveway. Professional landscaping. Walking distance to Green School. (DU583)

$272,900 • 248 851-4400



PLYMOUTH
- Walk to town from this charming brick Cape Cod!
- Newer windows, lovely hardwood floors, stunning full wall stone fireplace with custom mantel, and four bedrooms
- French door to multilevel deck, finished basement. (HA132)

$269,900 • 248 324-3800



FARMINGTON HILLS
- Dramatic marble foyer & sun-drenched living level
- Soaring ceilings, striking views, designer appointments
- Kitchen w/ breakfast area leads to deck. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Private yard w/ arbor & patio backs to River Rouge. (FA242)

$269,900 • 248 647-6400

ROCHESTER HILLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-3



2768 Winter Park ~ N. of Walton, E. off Adams
- A lovely family neighborhood - quality built Colonial!
- 4 large bedrooms, 2.5 baths, private library with built-ins
- You'll love the kitchen which opens to the family room
- Newer carpeting, freshly painted, & WOW - Pella windows!! (WI276)

$264,900 • 248 641-1660

LAKE ORION ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



3830 Long Meadow Lane ~ S. of Maybee, W. of Baldwin
- Two-way fireplace between island kitchen & great room
- Charming dining room with pillars, dynamite 1st floor master suite with private bath, 2.5 baths, & deck
- Subdivision with pool, tennis courts, & sidewalks. (NO383)

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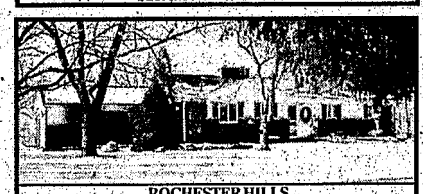


ROCHESTER HILLS
- Beautiful brick ranch on secluded 1+ acre lot
- Combination great room/dining room with fireplace
- Hardwood floors, four bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Finished walkout, 2 car garage, patio & pool. (CH177)

$255,000 • 248 651-8850



TROY - MUST SEE!!
- Lovely 1994 Colonial on dead-end street with excellent curb appeal
- Move-in condition & beautifully landscaped
- Hardwood floor in living room, neutral colors throughout
- Appliances & satellite dish included. Many updates! (MA261)

$254,900 • 248 641-1660



COUNTRY LIVING IN ROCHESTER HILLS!!
- Spacious rooms, cove ceilings, and hardwood floors compliment this charming Colonial
- Newer furnace, central air, and carpet
- Full basement. Lovely country setting. (CH435)

$254,900 • Nancy Ritter • 248 656-4420



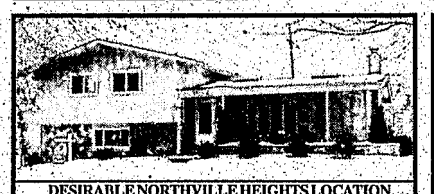
BRIGHTON - BREATHTAKING VIEWS!!
- Beautiful 1.5 story wood home on 4 acres with private pond
- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Dramatic ceilings, ceramic foyer, 1st floor master with doorwall to deck, firelit great room
- Finished walkout basement, 2 car garage. (WA125)

$249,900 • 248 324-3800



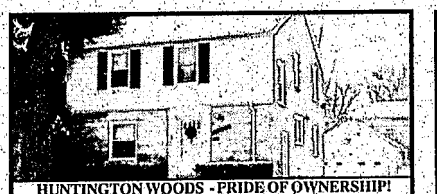
BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF WALLED LAKE
- Brand new 1,900 sq. ft. contemporary offers three bedrooms, three full baths, library, & custom kitchen
- View of lake from every room!
- Short walk to beach, playground, & downtown. (WA585)

$249,900 • 248 624-3015



DESIRABLE NORTHVILLE HEIGHTS LOCATION
- Spacious four bedroom contemporary with three full baths
- Neutral decor & numerous updates! Newer furnace, water heater, garage door & exterior paint
- Walk to schools & downtown! (EL413)

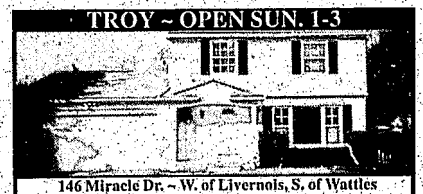
$239,900 • 248 324-3800



HUNTINGTON WOODS - PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!
- 2 story Colonial with open floor plan, great for entertaining
- Remodeled kitchen with lots of counter & cupboard space
- Finished 19x14 rec room & glass enclosed Florida room
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great location on quiet, tree-lined street. (EL100)

$234,000 • 248 647-6400

TROY ~ OPEN SUN. 1-3



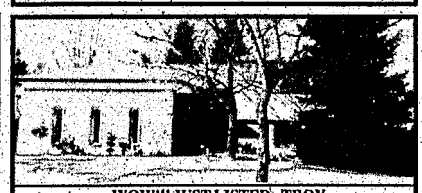
146 Miracle Dr. ~ W. of Livernois, S. of Wattles
- Classic updated four bedroom Colonial in Western Troy
- Updates include: spacious white kitchen, shingles, central air, carpet, garage, entry door, & much more!
- Natural fireplace in family room. Subdivision park. (MI146)

$233,900 • 248 641-1660



EXQUISITE GOLF COURSE & WATER VIEWS
- Four bedroom almost new contemporary 1.5 story home
- Frosted maple kitchen, ceramic tile, dining room, great room, gas fireplace, and 1st floor laundry
- Central air, appliances, full basement, and alarm. (OA131)

$219,999 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



WOW!!! JUST LISTED - TROY
- Super sharp! 3-4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Excellent location & privacy in Stoneridge Subdivision
- Huge kitchen & family room with fireplace
- Basement, side-turned garage, burglar alarm. (TO227)

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MILFORD ACREAGE - PRICE REDUCED!
- Very peaceful views of nature - almost 2.5 acres!!
- Open living/dining area. Eat-in kitchen
- Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, fireplace
- First floor laundry, central air. Sellers motivated! (LO134)

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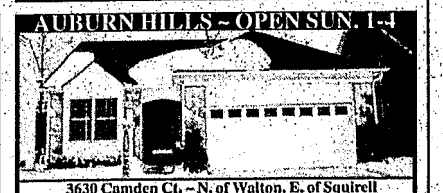
AUBURN HILLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



3630 Camden Ct. ~ N. of Walton, E. of Squirrel
- This ranch offers tall ceilings, fireplace, 1st floor laundry, and two bedrooms in prime cul-de-sac location!
- Great active adult community for age 55 & over!
- Many organized activities! (CA363)

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BEVERLY HILLS
- Extra charming three bedroom, two bath ranch
- Beautiful fireplace in living room & lots of hardwood floors
- Open & large kitchen with dining area and doorwall to patio
- Master with dual closets & many additional updates. (HU160)

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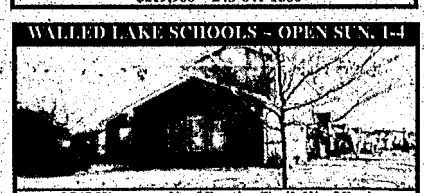
WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



2563 Wenona ~ N. of Pontiac Trail, W. of Beck
- Two story, three bedroom, 2.5 bath home with open floor plan, basement, & attached garage. Immediate occupancy
- Island kitchen, deck off family room, & recessed lighting
- Conveniently located to shopping, schools, & x-ways. (WE256)

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OXFORD TOWNSHIP LAKEFRONT
- Newer windows throughout and updated kitchen
- 60 feet of frontage on all sports Clear Lake
- Large master bedroom with deck overlooking lake
- Three bedrooms, two full baths. (MA584)

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LIVONIA - NEW CONSTRUCTION
- Already landscaped on desirable corner lot
- This lovely contemporary home offers 2nd story loft or study & 1st floor master suite. Over 1,300 sq. ft.
- Neutral decor, 1st floor laundry, & more! (DE187)

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