HomeTown COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Clarkston Eccentric®

Your hometown newspaper serving Clarkston and Independence and Springfield Townships

MPA MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION 1999
Judged one of the best newspapers in Michigan

Thursday, March 2, 2000 | hometownnewspapers.net | 75¢

Volume 5 Number 33 | Clarkston, Michigan

©2000 HomeTown Communications Network™

IN THE PAPER TODAY

SPORTS

Playoff payoff: *Clarkston's hockey team wins overtime playoff thriller against Port Huron Northern.* / **C1**

VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Did you know that the Clarkston Historical Society has a record book of one of Clarkston's early physicians, Dr. Clark Sutherland, and that book documents every birth that Dr. Sutherland ever attended?

Long-time residents can often find their name in the book because Dr. Sutherland brought them into the world. The Society also has medicine bottles from O'Dell's drug store, which was the only drug store in town before places like Rite-Aid and Walgreen's.

School books, clothes, household items, an old Edison phonograph that still plays cone-shaped wax recordings can all be found in the Historical Society's collection.

Many of these items can now be seen in the Clarkston Heritage Museum, which opened to the public in November. A new exhibit will open in May featuring even more terrific artifacts. As the museum grows, the Historical Society would like to focus on locating more Clarkston treasures before they are lost.

It's time to search your attics and basements, time to pull out that old jar or coin you unearthed while planting your garden in the yard, time to donate those historic treasures to the Historical Society so they can be enjoyed by people for years to come.

The Historical Society has worked hard to preserve these items and showcase them for the entire community. Please help us if you can. To donate an artifact, call the Society at 922-0270.

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

INDEX

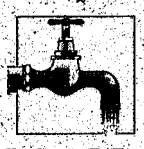
Apartments/**F7**	Movies/**E6**
At Home/**D**	Oakl.Naturally/**B5**
Autos/**C8**	Obituaries/**A2**
Clarkston Life/**B1**	Opinions/**A8-9**
Classified/**B,C,F**	Police news/**A3**
Class Index/**F3**	Real Estate/**F3**
Crossword/**F6**	Service Guide/**C8**
Eating out/**E8**	Sports/**C1**
Entertainment/**E**	Springfield Twp.
Jobs/**B7**	Legal Ads/**A4**



Looking for a new job? Find a great one that's just right for you in the Employment Section of today's
HomeTown Classifieds

6 53174 10014 6

Water issue slated for May vote



■ May 9 is the tentative date for when Clarkston voters will be asked to approve a general obligation bond to pay for the laying of a water main to bring Independence Township well water into the city.

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

If enough voters give their approval, the City of the Village of Clarkston will connect to Independence Township's community well water system.

Proponents believe connecting to the township's well water system will provide residents and businesses with safe water for drinking and sufficient water for fire protection. Residents and businesses now rely on private wells, many of which are antiquated.

The city council unanimously approved a resolution Monday calling for an election in which voters will be asked to approve a 30-year general obligation bond proposal to borrow up to $3 million. This will pay for part of the cost to bring a 12-inch water pipe down Main Street.

The pipe will be installed while the Michigan Department of Transportation conducts its M-15 resurfacing project from Paramus Street to I-75 in Independence Township and through the City of the Village of Clarkston. The MDOT project is scheduled for spring 2001.

The special election is slated for May 9. Councilman Scott Meyland, chair of the committee studying the water issue, said the date isn't definite.

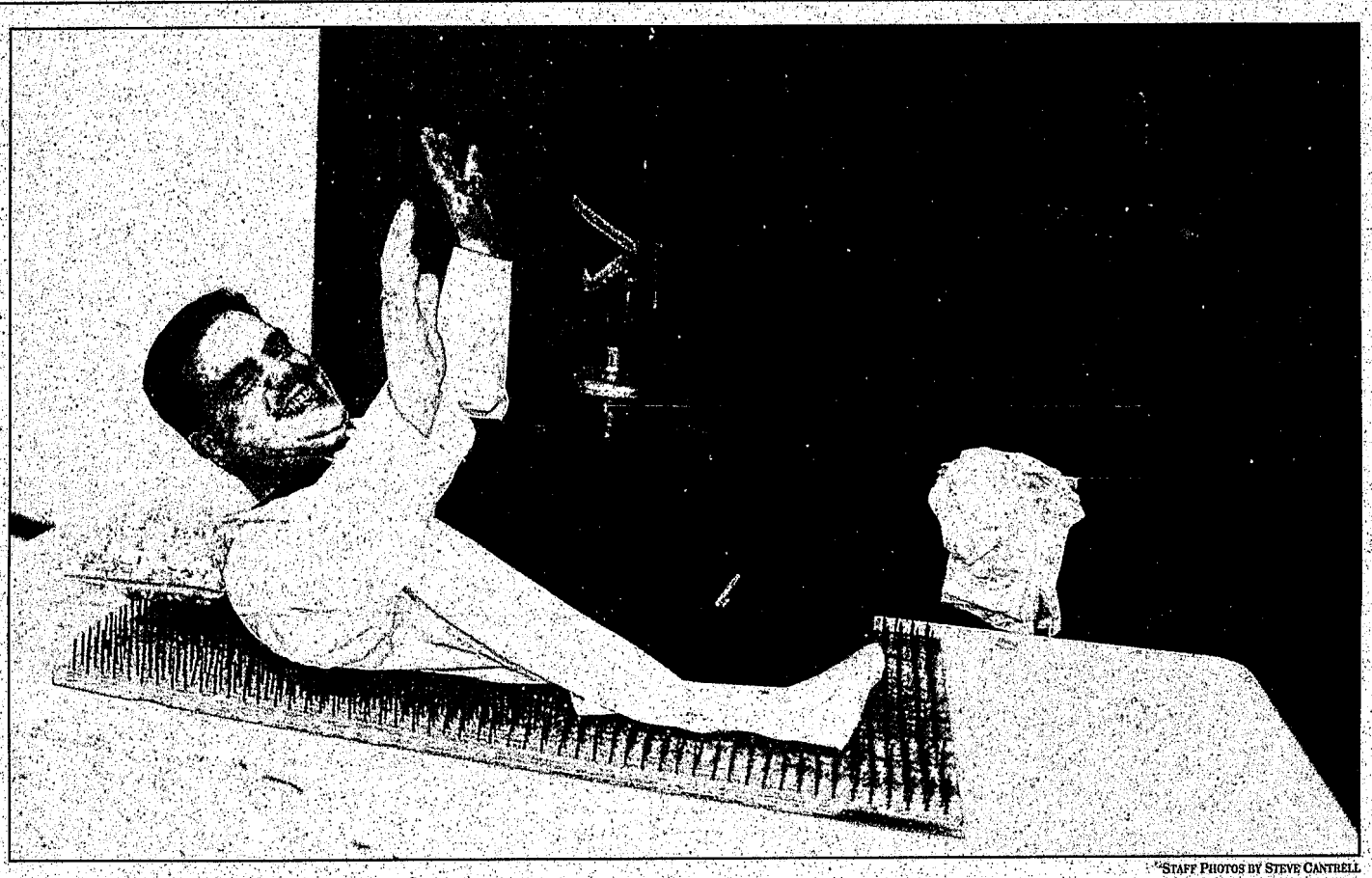
"We have to get approval first from the Oakland County Election Scheduling Committee," Meyland said.

If voters approve the bond issue, it will pass the cost of bringing in the water main to every property owner in the city. The original thought was for only owners affected by the water main to pay for it through a special assessment district. This was a costly proposal.

The estimated annual millage rate to retire the bonds is 3.87 mills, or $3.87 per $1,000 taxable value over the life of the bond issue.

The city has to levy a one-time-only tax of 1.4 mills, however, which will be collected on the July 1 tax bills. This translates into $1.40 per $1,000 of taxable value.

Please see **WATER, A4**



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

A sharp experience: *Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Martin Chaffee demonstrates how to lie down on a bed of nails by distributing his weight evenly.*



Natural drawings: *Taylor Stokes spends time at the science station where Debi Lynch, in costume, taught about butterflies.*

'Magic of science'

Presentation wows pupils, principal

Bailey Lake Elementary School made its new principal, Martin Chaffee, very proud last week. His former boss, Larry Fegel, visited the school to present an assembly, "The Magic of Science," during the school's Hands-On Science Day.

"I am so in awe of the ability of a group of volunteer parents to put on such a great academic experience for our children here," Chaffee said. "I was proud I could show off Bailey Lake to my former boss." Fegel is assistant superintendent of teaching and learning for West Ottowa Public Schools.

Fegel is known as Professor Laszlo when he does his science presentations. Children also saw another assembly, Enviro Magic, in the morning. It was presented by Detroit Edison.

Students also got to experience science at workshops. These were based on aerodynamics, chemistry, computer science, living science and physics. Kindergarten students learned about butterflies and building aquariums.



Fun in learning: *Cody Rosales enjoys the assembly program during Hands-on Science Day.*

Independence massage parlor raided; worker arrested on prostitution charges

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER
pmurphy@oe.homecomm.net

A woman arrested when sheriff's deputies raided a massage parlor in Independence Township was released on bond Tuesday after pleading not guilty to two misdemeanor charges of accosting and soliciting.

Insuk Kim Kang, 39, of Mesquite, Texas, posted $1,000 bond. Her preliminary examination is scheduled for 1 p.m. March 23.

"I have been retained to defend Miss Kang on charges of prostitution," said her attorney, Jonathan S. Baker of Fenton. "I understand she is from Texas, but I have no knowledge as to whether or not she is a U.S. citizen."

Kang was arrested about 3 p.m. Monday when Oakland County Sheriff's deputies raided PK's Salon in the 6400 block of Dixie Highway. Another female employee was detained — but not charged. A male customer — nude except for a towel, according to deputies — was questioned and released.

The basement of the building was equipped with a

Please see **RAID, A4**



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Arrested: *Insuk Kim Kang, 39, is led to a patrol car Monday by Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Young.*

Home Town News... it's all about you!
Clarkston Eccentric

HOW TO REACH US



Justin Wilcox, Publisher
(248) 901-2537
jwilcox@oe.homecomm.net



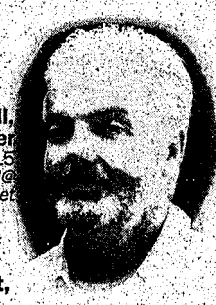
Karen Hermes Smith, Editor
(248) 625-1900 ex. 13
ksmith@oe.homecomm.net



Sally Slaughter, Reporter
(248) 625-1900 ex.11
sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net



Susan Tauber, Reporter
(248) 625-1900 ex.12
stauber@oe.homecomm.net



Steve Cantrell, Photographer
(248) 625-1900 ex. 15
scantrell@oe.homecomm.net



Daniel Stickradt, Sports Editor
(248) 693-4900
dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net



Brad Monastiere, Sports Reporter
(248) 693-4900
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net



Marsha Wengrow, Receptionist
(248) 625-1900 ex. 10
mwengrow@oe.homecomm.net



Robbie Haworth, Ad Representative
(248) 625-1900 ex. 20
rhaworth@oe.homecomm.net



Veronica Sexton, Home Delivery Manager
(248) 625-1900 ex.18

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

* OnLine — *www.observer-eccentric.com* — can be accessed with just about any communications software: PC or Macintosh. You are able to send and receive unlimited e-mail, access all features of the Internet, read electronic editions of The Birmingham Eccentric and other Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and chat with users across town or across the country.
**Photo orders must be for pictures that have been taken by our staff photographers. Please provide publication date, page number and description of the picture, which must have been published within the past six months. Prints are $20 for the first print, $7.50 for each additional print. Payment is in advance (check or credit card).

Home Town News... it's all about you!
Clarkston Eccentric

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

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

CARRIER DELIVERY		MAIL DELIVERY	
One year	$47.40	One year	$55.00
One year (Sr. Citizen)	$38.00	One year (Sr. Citizen)	$44.00
Newsstand	75¢ per copy	One year (outof County)	$65.00
		One year (out of State)	$90.00

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

QUALITY AUDITED CAC MARK OF INTEGRITY
MPA MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION Published 1899
SNA Suburban Newspapers of America

Area libraries to add Internet stations



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Job search: *Steve Sekles of Clarkston looks up job sites on the Internet at Independence Township Library.*

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER
sslaughter@homecomm.net

Independence Township Library plans to speed residents' access to the Internet with the addition of 12 new computer stations.

Library Director Mollie Lynch recently learned the library has received a $50,000 federal grant. Today the library has three computer stations and many times there is a wait to use them. The library has a half-hour time limit, Lynch said.

"I've wanted this for four years," Lynch said.

Township policy dictates that any purchase of more than $10,000 be bid out so that process has to go forward. Lynch said she doesn't know what type of equipment the library will be getting. They will be situated in one of the library meeting rooms.

A concern for some parents is the fact that among the stops on the Information Superhighway are what could be categorized as virtual brothels.

Lynch and Springfield Township Library Director Cathy Forst also said they haven't had any problems with people trying to access sexually explicit sites. Lynch said she has been using the Internet since 1994 and has never come across a pornographic site.

While the two computers near the children's area at the Independence library are filtered for sexually explicit material, the third computer is not. That computer is in a separate study room. The new computers will not have filters.

"Most adults are adults. It's the kids and that's why the ones near the children's area are filtered," Lynch said.

She added the filters are not foolproof. Sometimes they can deny access to legitimate information on topics such as breast cancer or sexually transmitted diseases, she said.

The one computer with Internet access at the 1,800-square-foot Springfield Township Library is not filtered.

An Internet access policy adopted by the Library Board in June includes a section on responsible use. It states, "any restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian... It is the responsibility of the parent to provide the oversight to ensure their children's use of the Internet is in an appropriate and safe manner..."

The library will have a new and larger home in the new Springfield Township Civic Center. Tentative plans include a central area with approximately five computers. Those likely will be unfiltered. Two computers are tentatively planned for the children's area, but Forst said they have not decided whether they will have Internet access.

Forst said the station at the current library is in plain view of the circulation desk.

"Most kids aren't brave enough to do something they aren't supposed to with us right there," she said.

Nominations sought for best K-5 teacher

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

Eight years ago the Clarkston Foundation began a program recognizing an outstanding teacher in the Clarkston Community Schools District. The first winners received some cash, some roses and a hand shake.

The Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000 will receive a handshake and free use of a new leased Ford vehicle chosen by the recipient, for one year. The lease and the vehicle, valued at between $7,000-8,000, is made available courtesy of Flannery Ford in Waterford Township.

The foundation can't give away this generous prize for the first time unless it has someone to give it to. It's asking students, parents, community members, teachers, school staff members and others to pick up an application and nominate a teacher for this prestigious award. Only one nomination form is necessary per teacher.

The March 17 deadline is approaching. Nominee applications are available at all school buildings, at the two locations of Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main St. and 6555 Sashabaw Road, and at Flannery Ford, 5900 Highland Road, in Waterford Township.

Dave Harris, who is on the Clarkston Foundation Teacher of the Year Committee, said it will take someone about a week to fill out the application. He and the other volunteers will be glad to assist anyone who needs it.

"We're looking for 30-40 applications," Harris said.

There are certain restrictions as to whom can be nominated. This year's contest is limited to kindergarten through fifth grade teachers only. The teacher must be a contracted teacher with a minimum of five years of full-time experience in the Clarkston school district, willing to submit a brief description explaining "how they are involving families and community members in the educational process and recommend ways the community can become a more effective partner in the education of our young people," according to the foundation.

Harris said the foundation owes a debt of gratitude for making the prize of a vehicle available to the selected teacher.

"Flannery Ford isn't doing this to benefit itself, but a teacher who's done an outstanding job," Harris said.

To get more information about the award, contact the Clarkston Foundation at (248) 625-7500.

The winner will be announced May 17.

OBITUARIES

BRIAN A. WILLIAM

Brian A. "Dolph" William of Clarkston died Feb. 25, 2000, at age 94.

Mr. William was retired from Fisher Body after 33 years of service and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Pontiac. He was known for his vegetable gardening.

Mr. William is survived by his wife, Sarah "Jane," of 63 years. He is survived by his sons, William (Cindy) of Davison, Thomas (Carolyn) of Waterford; daughter, Betty (Jack) Parr of Clarkston; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday in Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Pastor P.L. Liddell officiating.

Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

CONRAD P. LOOCK

Conrad P. Loock of Clarkston died Feb. 28, 2000, at age 88.

Mr. Loock was retired from Spitzley Corp. and an active member of Waterford Community Church.

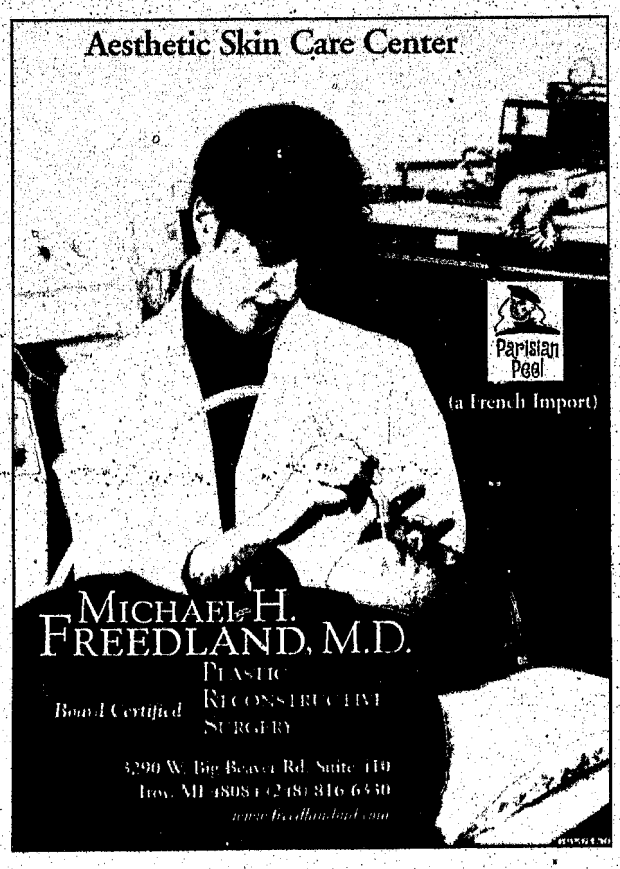
Mr. Loock is survived by his wife, Evangeline; daughters, Constance (Robert) Treat of Northville, Jennifer (Harry) Radcliff of Clarkston, Paula (William) Rapp of Illinois and Gretchen (Michael) Fielek of Williamston; nine grandchildren; a brother, Norman (Martha) of Royal Oakland; and sister, Helen (the late Raymond) Moore of California.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday in the Waterford Community Church, Waterford, with the Rev. Paul Wilson officiating.

Interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Waterford Community Church.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.







Presenting...: *Mrs. Michigan America 2000 Karen Calmes poses with her husband, Steve, and their children, Jadelin (top), Christopher (right) and Olivanna (left).*

Mrs. Michigan

CHS grad uses title to promote adoption

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

staubet@oe.homecomm.net

Remember Karen Knott?

She attended Pine Knob Elementary, Sashabaw Junior High School (as it was called then) and she graduated from Clarkston High School in 1985.

Knott grew up in Waterford Township, where her parents, Earl and Shirley, still live.

The former CHS pom pon team member and marching band color guard participant's name is now Karen Calmes. She married Steve Calmes five years ago.

Sunday she added another title to her name — Mrs. Michigan America 2000.

Winning the pageant in Grand Rapids entitles her to compete in the national pageant in Hawaii in the fall.

Calmes, 32, is excited about earning her new title. She's already Mrs. Michigan State Fair. Although she did earn some perks by winning the Mrs. Michigan America competition, that's not what's important to her. The title allows her to promote a cause. She wants to talk to women about women's issues, such as family, marriage and adoption.

"I want to let people know about the joys of adopting a child," Calmes said from her family's home in Milan. "Sometimes people hear only about the expense of adopting and how long it takes, but I want to talk about the positive aspects."

She knows what she's talking about. The Calmes' oldest child is 2-year-old Hai-Yuan, whose American name is Jadelin. They adopted her while doing volunteer work at an orphanage in another country.

Jadelin, 19-month-old Christopher and 9-month-old Olivanna live with their parents in their new home near Ann Arbor. Steve has a landscaping business, Lawn Master Lawn Care, and Karen helps him with work she can do at home while caring for their children. She has degrees in communications and in nursing from Eastern Michigan and Wayne State universities.

She's looking forward to public appearances as Mrs. Michigan America 2000.

"I joined the Toastmasters International club in Livonia so I can become a better public speaker," she explained.

She must have some great speaking skills already because the judges approved of the way she answered her question on stage. They asked her what she would bring to the title of Mrs. Michigan.

"I said something to the effect of it's important to bring a positive image to the title, but beyond the image is the real thing—integrity, character and virtue. So many people are looking for a role model. It's important to be equipped to be that model," Calmes said.

She's already preparing for the national pageant. That includes getting a costume that represents the state of Michigan.

Her Clarkston and Waterford friends and family will be able to watch Calmes on television in the national competition. She thinks it will air on the PAX network.

Land conservancy looking for a new administrator

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is looking for a new administrator.

Ron Davis, the first person to be hired as executive director of the 28-year-old organization, resigned effective Feb. 15. Davis, who also is president of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce this year, said the job did not fit his professional goals, and NOHLC president Bob Inskeep said it became clear that Davis' qualifications and interests didn't necessarily fit what the job was evolving into. He was overqualified.

"We were trying to open an office and start to develop a presence that had something more to it geographically and physically," Inskeep said. "We were feeling our way along and going through a period of clarification."

■ NOHLC president Bob Inskeep said it became clear that executive director Ron Davis' qualifications and interests didn't necessarily fit what the job was evolving into. He was overqualified.

The parting has been amicable, and Davis is a lifetime member of the Conservancy. Davis' background is in finance and running his own business. He is a former vice president of what is now Bank One. When he took the Conservancy job in August 1999, he was excited about bringing more notoriety to the group and expanding its holdings. The Conservancy now has 29 properties totaling 620 acres, Inskeep said.

What Inskeep said the Conservancy discovered is they needed more of an administrative person. He said they will be initially looking for a part-time administrative assistant. They expect to have a temporary person on board by the middle of March and a more permanent person on board in four to six weeks. Right now, Conservancy volunteers are keeping the office open.

Inskeep said anyone interested in the position can call the Conservancy office at 620-4700. He described a good candidate as someone with "first-class office administrative assistant skills."

Inskeep said they decided they needed someone who could keep the office running, manage the database, set up meetings, arrange presentations and help organize presentations. Conservancy board members, however, would give presentations and speak to groups.

$5,000 grant to help preserve land along the Shiawassee River

A grant from the Land Trust Alliance will allow North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy to begin work to preserve lands along the Shiawassee River.

The Land Trust Alliance is a national organization that gives grants to local and regional land trusts. It recently awarded 17 grants worth $70,000 in the Great Lakes region. The program is funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. NOHLC President Bob Inskeep is director of human resources for the Flint-based Mott Foundation.

■ Inskeep said the money will be used to organize working groups to do parcel-by-parcel inventories of the river.

NOHLC will share its $5,000 grant with the Rochester-based Oakland Land Conservancies.

The Shiawassee River runs through lakes in Rose, Springfield and Holly townships. It is considered an important environmental area.

Inskeep said the money will be used to organize working groups to do parcel-by-parcel inventories of the river in those areas. Then residents will be educated about the river's fragility, and a plan will be set up to protect those lands.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

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

Malicious destruction of property

On Feb. 25, someone drove a vehicle across two front lawns in the 9300 block of Michigamme. The unidentified driver of a vehicle on **Michigamme** at Whipple Lake tried to pass a second vehicle driven by a 39-year-old Clarkston woman and hit the Clarkston woman's car. The first vehicle drove onto a front lawn, struck a basketball pole and continued onto the second lawn. The person left the scene of the accident.

Reckless driving

On Feb. 26, a 17-year-old Waterford Township male was ticketed for reckless driving on **Dixie Highway** near Maybee after he chased a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old Ortonville male and threw objects at the other vehicle. The 17-year-old also cut off the vehicle, causing it to strike a curb and damage a wheel.

Minors in possession, consumption

On Feb. 26, four males received appearance tickets for minors in possession of alcohol and for consuming alcohol. Two 17-year-old Waterford males, a 17-year-old Pontiac male and a 16-year-old Waterford male were stopped for a traffic stop by police on **Dixie Highway** north of Andersonville Road. The males had been in a fight previously at Cherry Hill Lanes, according to the police report. Police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the minors. Each of them took a preliminary breathalyzer test and scored .070, .063, .044 and .042. The legal limit for persons under the age of 21 is zero. One of the minors also was involved in a traffic accident earlier that day.

Abandoned vehicle/recovered stolen

On Feb. 25, someone reported an abandoned vehicle parked in the 4800 block of **Fox Creek**. A LEIN check found the vehicle, a 1985 Toyota Camry, had been reported stolen out of Pontiac. Police found the passenger window partially open and the steering column broken.

Springfield Township

Larceny

On Feb. 27, someone removed a mailbox from a residence in the 9500 block of **Weber**. The resident said the box may have had two days worth of mail inside it.

Larceny from vehicle

On Feb. 27, someone removed a compact disc player and a compact disc from a vehicle parked in the 10400 block of **Andersonville Road**.

Malicious destruction of property

On Feb. 27, someone threw a brick and broke a window of a trailer in the 17000 block of **Sleepy Hollow Boulevard**.

On Feb. 25, someone threw an egg at a vehicle in the 10000 block of **King Road**. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Clarkston Police

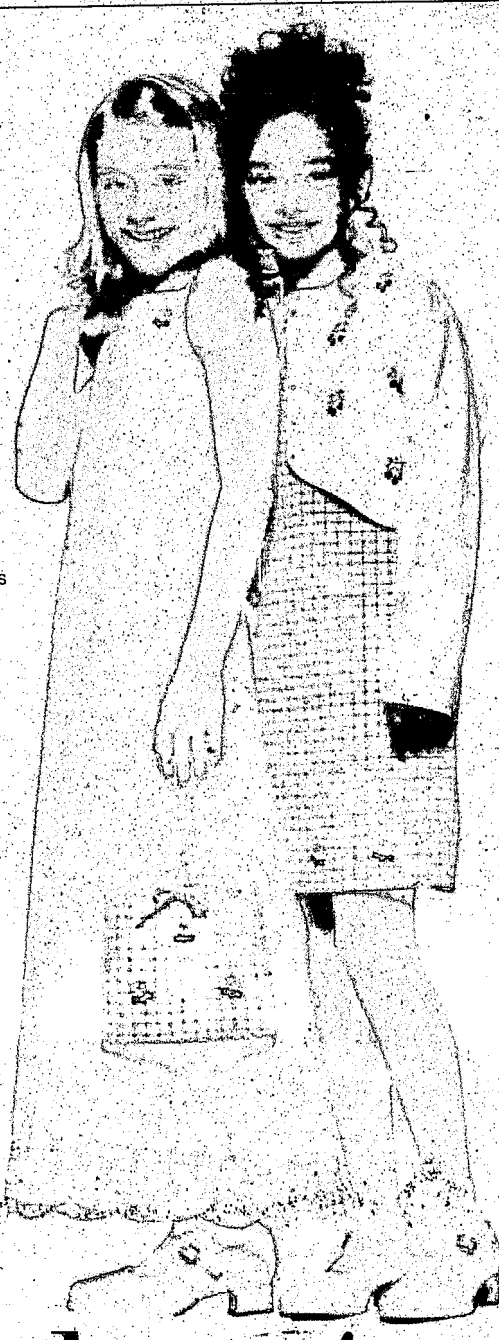
Larceny

On Feb. 27, a **Surrey Lane** resident reported the theft of his wallet. It contained about $300. An investigation discovered a Surrey Lane youth being responsible for the theft. The matter is being referred to juvenile authorities.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to six calls Feb. 25-27. These included four medical calls, one personal-injury call and one automatic alarm call.



Cream of the crop.
Bright red cherry embroidery decorates these charming dresses from Two Turtle Doves. Imported. Girls' sizes 7-14.

White linen/cotton sundress, $68.
Red/white plaid purse, $26.

White cropped sweater, cotton, $56.
Red/white plaid dress, linen/cotton, $60.

In Girls.

Jacobson's
Birmingham • (248) 644-6900 Livonia • (734) 591-7696 Rochester • (248) 651-6000
SHOPPING HOURS • MON-SAT 10-9 • OPEN SUN AT NOON
www.jacobsons.com

Water *from page A1*

City engineer Gary Tressel explained why some of the funding has to be collected this year.

"The city has to make a financial commitment to MDOT for it to start the project next spring," he said. "This means we have to make a financial deposit. If we didn't get this on the taxes for July 2000, the city would have to borrow funds and then pay back interest. In the long run, this is better. It lowers the pay-back costs."

Tressel is with the firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

"We're not sure of the actual figures of what it's going to cost commercial and residential property owners right now," Meyland said. "We know the cost will be considerably lower for businesses than we first expected, but we still have to have some more meetings before we can determine what the amounts will be."

Others on the committee are Steve Arkwright, Douglas Roeser and William Basinger. They worked closely with Tressel and with attorney Dennis Neiman with Miller Canfield.

The city council will host public information sessions prior to the election to give citizens information about the general obligation bond.

"We want to help everyone make an informed decision," Meyland added.

If voters give the city permission to authorize the bond, the city will then discuss the idea of implementing the city-wide water project over a period of seven to 10 years in three phases. Each phase would require a special assessment district.

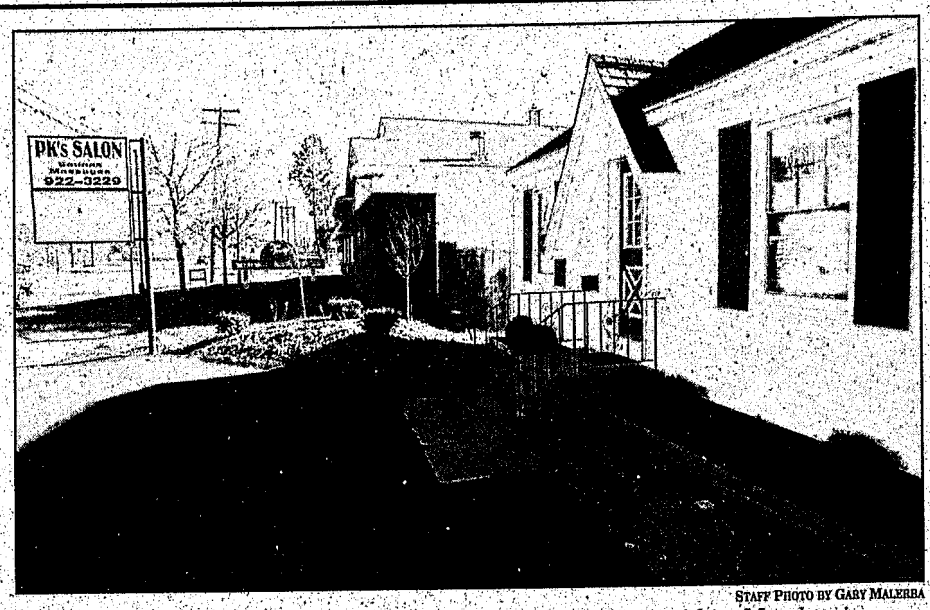
The first phase will be bringing in the main line along Main Street. Phase two and phase three will bring in tie-in lines along the city's side streets.

"This seems to be what makes the most sense construction-wise," Meyland said.

This isn't the first time water has been an issue in the city. It conducted an advisory vote at least five years ago, which was defeated.

Meyland said he mainly supports tying Clarkston in to Independence Township water for safety factors. He said it's a question of safety—enough water for fire protection and safe water for drinking.

"Not everyone in Clarkston has their wells tested regularly," he said. "This would eliminate many issues of water safety in the city."



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

In plain view: *PK's Salon, the site of a Sheriff's Department raid on Monday, is located in a well-kept house at 6475 Dixie, just south of M-15.*

Independence massage law has many exemptions

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

The township ordinance regulating massage activities lists several exemptions from the ordinance. Doctors, therapists, nurses, athletic trainers and massage therapists are among those exempt from the ordinance.

PK's Salon owner Pok Hamlette was a licensed massage therapist when the business opened in early 1999.

That certification exempted her from having to get a license for the business at 6475 Dixie Highway, Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary said. The township ordinance regulating massage activities lists several exemptions from the ordinance. Doctors, therapists, nurses, athletic trainers and massage therapists are among those exempt from the ordinance.

But other people working there would also have to have the same certification in order to comply with the township's ordinance, McCrary said. The township passed the ordinance Jan. 12, 1999.

"When we started talking about it (licensing requirements), she started asking how to get a license," McCrary said.

She said it appeared Hamlette had all the requirements and documents that showed she is a licensed massage therapist. McCrary did not know where Hamlette is from because she didn't have to apply for a license to open the parlor.

McCrary added that it's likely the premises was inspected according to the ordinance prior to its opening, even though it was not technically necessary. But she did not know if it was looked at again.

"People have rights," she said. "You can't go in and inspect places for no reason."

McCrary said she had not heard of any complaints about the business located just south of M-15.

"I think if we would have, something would have been done," McCrary said.

The property itself is owned by Wilhelm Properties, according to records in the township Assessor's Office. Wilhelm Properties operates Wilhelm & Associates, a real estate business located next door to PK's. It is owned by Tom Wilhelm, whose brother Jim Wilhelm said he could not comment on the raid. Jim Wilhelm said his brother would have to be the one to talk about it and he is out of the state until Friday.

Wilhelm employee Jeff Decker said on Monday he never saw anything unusual going on next door. He said he saw few cars there.

"It's rather shocking. You don't expect it in this area," Decker said. "We cater to a much higher clientele."

Raid *from page A1*

mattress, bedding, refrigerator, microwave and television, said deputies.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard said his office received a tip about activity at the small-framed building. An undercover deputy subsequently visited the establishment on two occasions and was offered sex for money, Bouchard said.

The sheriff said he did not know how long the parlor had been in operation. But he decided to act quickly — rather than wait for a lengthy investigation.

'We have an upscale business — selling homes for as much as $500,000. That (alleged activity) isn't good.'

Jeffrey Decker, real estate appraiser

Wilhelm Properties, which operates a real estate business next-door, owns the massage parlor building, according to records in the Independence Township Assessor's Office. Wilhelm Properties owner Tom Wilhelm is out of state until Friday and was unavailable for comment.

Deputies said they found about 25 condoms, concealed in a vitamin container, about $325 and some business records.

The white frame building — with its plain sign advertising saunas and massages — was not a nuisance, nor did its operations attract attention, according to Jeffrey Decker, a real estate appraiser who worked next-door at Wilhelm & Associates, a real estate company.

"It (the parlor) was no problem to us," said Decker. "There were hardly any cars there."

After learning that sheriff's deputies said they had been offered sex for money in the building, Decker said, "That's not good. We have an upscale business — selling homes for as much as $500,000. That (alleged activity) isn't good."

Scholarships available

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is offering three $1,000 scholarships to Clarkston-area graduating seniors. Applications are available at Clarkston High School or the Independence Township Library. The applications are due April 18 with scholarship recipients being notified in May.

The completed applications should be forwarded to the Optimist Club at the following address: Clarkston Area Optimist Club, P.O. Box 891, Clarkston, MI 48347.

The scholarships will be awarded to well-rounded students involved in academics and extra- curricular activities. These individuals are able to maintain above-average academic performance while working or volunteering in a number of extra activities.

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000, beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request by Springfield Investors, L.L.C. 5110 Williams Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48330 to approve the use of two (2) parcels of land P.I. #07-11-351-005 and P.I. #07-11-351-006, for a gas station, convenience store, and car wash pursuant to a site plan submitted by the petitioner and subject to certain expressed conditions.
2. David Sebring Jr., 4123 Windiate Park Dr., Waterford, MI 48329 to allow construction of four (4) structures with a side yard setback of five (5) feet rather than thirty (30) feet. Parcel Address: 8681 Crosby Lake Road, Davisburg, MI 48350. P.I. #07-36-376-010.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: March 2, 2000 D956336

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.

Tentative Equalization Factor:

Real:	1.00
Personal:	1.00

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

Publish: February 24, March 2 and 5, 2000 D950282

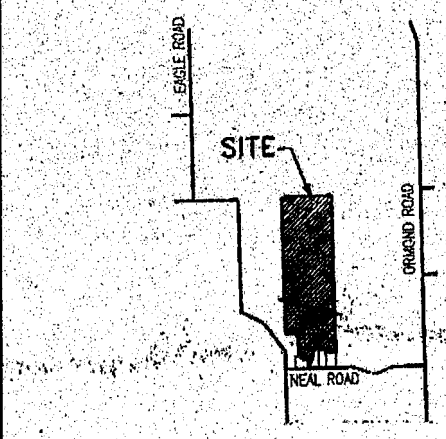
Charter Township of Springfield

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from Steve Riga, 217 Fort Dearborn St., Dearborn, MI 48124 for the following:

Development of a 58-unit one-family residential development on approximately 165 acres, utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

The property is located north of Neal Rd., west of Ormond Rd., and east of Eagle Rd. P.I. 07-30-300-001 and 7-31-100-019.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, March 9, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

A copy of the concept plan and other information related to the request may be reviewed at the Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Mi during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing. Tel. 248-625-4802 or 248-634-3111.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: March 2, 2000 D955980



China hands

OU gains status as authority on 4000-year-old nation

China and Oakland University are hemispheres apart, but old and new ties are drawing them together — and earning the university a worldwide reputation as an authority on the country.

One program, the Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy, promotes understanding between the United States and China in areas such as trade relations, international law, politics and education. The Legacy also fosters exchanges of faculty and students between the two nations.

Each fall, the Woodcock Legacy seminar draws experts on China and international trade from throughout the world, and has featured five prominent Oakland alumni.

They are: Christopher Cynar, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), 1972; Woodcock Legacy Co-chair Mel Gilroy, CAS, 1989; Jerome Hill, CAS, 1970; Ledong Li, OU academic research associate, School of Education and Human Services, 1989; and Michael Michalak, senior economic adviser, Asian Pacific Economic Council National Center, Seattle, CAS 1974.

The Woodcock project aids Michigan's economic development by providing academic and political leaders and potential trade partners with the latest information on China. The program has also played a significant part in working to establish a China trade office in Oakland County.

■ 'The time is right for furthering trade relations with China, especially for Michigan's industrial economy.'

Mel Gilroy,
OU Woodcock Legacy co-chair

The time is right for furthering trade relations with China, especially for Michigan's industrial economy, says Gilroy, a China "hand" who is also an OU Police Department lieutenant.

"We want to foster China's industrial and technical expertise, especially in light of Michigan's production in these areas, to increase our state's exports to China," says Gilroy, of Rochester.

China is beginning to flourish: In the 20 years since the United States established diplomatic ties with that nation, China as grown to rank 11th in world trade, said Wei Ruixing, consul general, consulate general of The People's Republic of China in Chicago. Ruixing made his comments at last year's Woodcock seminar.

"Thirty-two provinces, regions and municipalities in China want to expand trade and other exchanges with the United States," Ruixing said. "The need is increasing for our two countries to stay engaged."

Richard Stamps, associate professor, Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, and Legacy co-chair, agrees with Ruixing.

"China is a growing superpower," says Stamps, a Rochester Hills resident. "For American trade, political and military reasons, it's important to engage China on a friendly basis."

Stamps says OU's connection to China is a tradition.

"OU founders Alfred and Matilda Wilson recognized the need for international studies and technology in the context of the race to outer space," Stamps says. "That's why OU offered China studies. Another reason to study China is its 4,000-year history from which to learn."



From China to Oakland: *Oakland University has a reputation as an authority on China thanks to Richard Stamps (left) and Mel Gilroy. They are photographed standing before an ink rubbing of a relief sculpture of an ancient Chinese Han horse in the college library.*

Stamps is also the coordinator for East Asian studies in OU's Center for International programs.

The School of Education and Human Services' office of Professional Development and Education Outreach will offer an April 14 workshop for individuals and organizations that want to develop or expand markets in China. Registration is due by April 5. Call (248) 370-3033 information.

"Oakland University is an excellent resource on China and has demonstrated a strong dedication to strengthening cultural, economic, political and educational ties between our two countries," says Deanna Rose, International Trade Specialist, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, State of Michigan.

"Mel Gilroy has proved a stellar representative for both OU and the state of Michigan in building our China ties."

March of Dimes' WalkAmerica planned for April

Metro Detroiters can help save babies in southeast Michigan by hitting the pavement April 29-30 for WalkAmerica — the nation's premiere walking event that supports the March of Dimes' mission of saving babies through community services, research and education programs.

$2 million goal

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes has set an aggressive goal of raising $2 million in 2000. Sixty-five cents from every dollar raised by walkers will stay in Metro Detroit.

The money raised will help save babies through community programs such as Healthy Baby Services, which provides free rides to prenatal visits for mothers without transportation. WalkAmerica is the No. 1 fund-raising event for the March of Dimes.

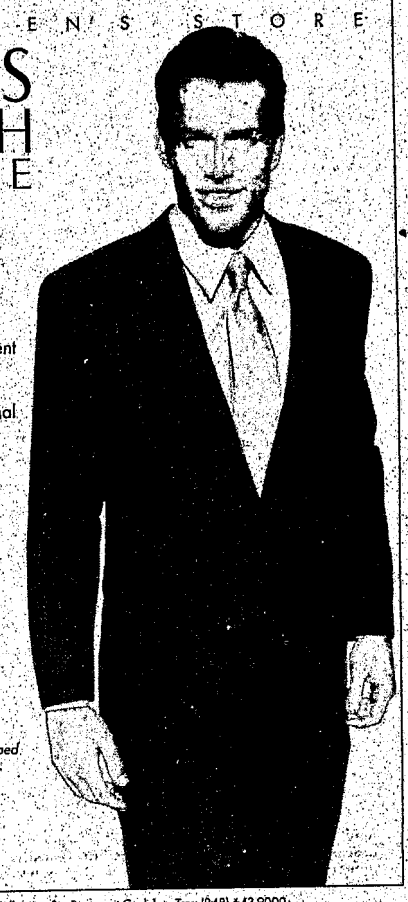
"Nearly everyone has been touched by the March of Dimes and its mission of saving babies," said John McHale, Tigers president and WalkAmerica chairman.

"The March of Dimes is responsible for many major breakthroughs including the polio vaccine and awareness that folic acid, a B vitamin, can prevent birth defects of the brain and spine."

The March of Dimes is relying on the support of Metro Detroiters to reach their goal of $2 million in 2000. Individuals as well as teams are encouraged to sign up for WalkAmerica.

To register for WalkAmerica, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-BIG-WALK.

THE MEN'S STORE
SAKS FIFTH AVENUE



Giorgio Armani
Le Collezioni
Spring 2000
Made-to-Measure Event

Combining exceptional craftsmanship with individual tailoring to provide a truly unique wardrobe.

Saturday, March 4
from 10 to 7
on One in Troy.

Shown: Gray striped suit in wool, $1,895. Blue striped dress shirt in cotton, $195. Pale green silk tie, $96.

The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy (248) 643-9000
Monday through Saturday 10 to 9; Sunday 12 to 6.
Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn (313) 336-3070.
Monday through Saturday 10 to 9; Sunday 12 to 6.

Schenden's Source
A DAY SPA

European Facials
Biometlic Facials
Laser Hair Removal
Professioanl Makeup Consultation
Endermologie
Aromatherapy
Swedish Body Massage
Permanent Makeup
Manicures
European Pedicures
Power Peel



Michael J. Schenden, M.D., Medical Director
201 Big Beaver, Ste. 1130, Troy, MI (248) 524-3622
302 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, MI 48362 (248) 693-2999
www.schendenssource-spa.com
Gift Certificates Available



MEN'S CUSTOM CLOTHING SALE

Thursday thru Saturday, March 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Hickey–Freeman
Custom Suits.....save $200
Custom Sport Coats.....save $100

Hart, Schaffner & Marx
Custom Suits.....save $100
Custom Sport Coats.....save $60

Dress Shoes Sale 20% OFF
By Cole Haan and Johnston & Murphy

Custom Shirt Sale 20% OFF
when ordering 4 or more shirts from Gambert

Mitzelfeld's
312 Main ~ Rochester ~ (248) 651-8171

Learn more about the **Henry Ford Academy** for students entering the ninth grade.

The Henry Ford Academy, a new innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science and technology, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about a unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade this fall.

Open Houses
Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn

March 9th
Thursday, 5 to 7 pm

March 13th
Monday, 5 to 7 pm

March 12th
Sunday, 1 to 3 pm

March 22th
Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard.

For more information, please call 313.982.6100, x. 2912.
www.hfacademy.org

HENRY FORD ACADEMY
20900 Oakwood Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan
48124-4088

The Henry Ford Academy is a partnership between Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and Ford Motor Company and is chartered by Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.



"Now I can finally create my dream furniture my way."

Imagine being able to create a sectional that will fit perfectly into any room. Imagine choosing your style of arm, back and leg or skirt. How about relaxed, regular or firm seating? My Choice! The fabric or leather selection at Boycott's is endless. With the help of Boycott's designers and the craftsmen that built my furniture, I now have a robin that exceeds all my expectations.

Come to Windsor and save!
40% off Love seat or Matching Chair with Sofa at reg.
All Sectionals 20% off

GUARANTEED NEVER TO SAG
With over 37 years experience at building sofas in Windsor, Boycott's have developed the only seating support system that is guaranteed never to sag.

PLUS YOU PAY IN CANADIAN $'S. SAVINGS OF 1/3
PLUS NO TAXES OR DUTY
PLUS NO HASSLE DELIVERY (Anywhere In The Metro Detroit Area)

Factory & Showroom Open To Public Mon.-Thurs. 9:30-6, Fri. till 8, Sat. 9:30-5 Sun. Noon till 4 p.m.

Boycott's
FURNITURE & DRAPERIES
Handcrafted Expressly for You



11865 County Rd. #42 (519) 979-8188

Federal grant helps 52-2 district court attend to victims' needs

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER
akingsbury@oe.homecomm.net

"They do not despair. The proof: They persist in surviving not only to survive, but to testify. The victims elect to become witnesses."

—Elie Wiesel

It's a sad fact of life in our times, but on any given day, crime is a given. The recounting of it fills our newspapers, radios and televisions. Our tax dollars pay to house those convicted of wrongdoing.

But what about the victims? In Oakland County until recently, attending to the needs of victims of crime had been the job of prosecuting attorneys and a few volunteers. Now, thanks to a federal grant, 52nd District Court has expanded its victim advocacy program and is providing trained staff to shepherd victims through the often harrowing maze of the legal system.

The grant for $62,000 was awarded under the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 by the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission. Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca's office is providing the required local match through the use of volunteer hours.

"I am committed to reducing the confusion, frustration and trauma that can occur when a crime victim is required to go through the legal system without adequate support services," Gorcyca said. "By providing victims direct contact with a victim advocate early on, we will ensure that they are thoroughly prepared for the court process and are not re-victimized."

Advocate Nicole Bain of Clarkston and Oakland University intern Amanda Wooton of New Baltimore are currently covering all four branches of 52nd District Court. Court branches are located in Clarkston, Novi, Troy and Rochester (the latter of which includes Addison, Orion and Oxford townships).

Bain is a certified paralegal who has been an advocate for two years. Wooton, who is thinking about a legal career, is in her first semester of an internship. Their goal is to make it easier for victims to understand what to expect, from the time a police report is filed all the way through to a verdict.

"I think about it as if the victims I was working with were my family," Bain said. "I would want someone to work with them, beginning to end."

Referrals can come from prosecutors, who may flag cases they think need victim services. Advocates also scan court dockets regularly, searching for potential cases.

"We've had a lot of real good feedback about the program," said Dan Cojanu of the prosecutor's office, who supervises the advocacy program. He said he will be re-applying for additional grant money to try to expand the program even further.

Cojanu said 52nd District Court was chosen over others because it is county funded and has a high volume of cases. "We want to reach as many crime victims as we can," he said.

Previously, prosecutors received help from volunteers through such agencies as HAVEN and Common Ground. "Because they're volunteers, we don't always have someone here," said 52-3 District Judge Julie Nicholson. "Anytime you have these resources available, it's very helpful for us. Everybody's got their role to play."

Bain said she's never had a victim tell her good-bye before a trial was over. Some even stay in touch long after a case is completed, such as one man who called on Christmas Eve to wish her a happy holiday.

"It's a very good program," said 52-2 District Judge Gerald McNally. "Sometimes the victim just becomes another witness, particularly in rape and domestic violence cases. The Victim Services Unit gives the victim the special consideration they deserve.

"This kind of treatment is long overdue. It's a good move."

CLARIFICATION

The e-mail of Tracie McCallum with Home & Garden Party incorrectly had a hyphen in it in the Feb. 27 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric. Here is a different e-mail for her: TracieHGP@aol.com

AT&T Stores
Your source for all AT&T services.

Ann Arbor
926 W. Eisenhower Pkwy.
248 372-7901
Birmingham
34200 Woodward Ave.
248 372-7939
Canton
43241 Ford Rd.
734 981-1207
Dearborn
22137 Michigan Ave.
248 372-7991
Detroit
Chene Square Plaza
2660 E. Jefferson
313 961-5424
Lathrup Village
27631 Southfield Rd.
248 372-7921
Novi
43267 Crescent Blvd.
248 372-7981
Roseville
31902 Gratiot
248 372-7911
Utica
13307 Hall Rd.
248 372-7931

Also available at these authorized retailers and dealers:

BEST BUY · STAPLES (For Staples store locations near you call 1 800 333-3330.) · CIRCUIT CITY · COMPUSA · OfficeMax · LET'S TALK CELLULAR & WIRELESS · Office DEPOT

ALLEN PARK
Discover Communications
313 294-1400
ANN ARBOR
Activate Cellular
734 669-0926
Control Data Systems
Briarwood Mall
AUBURN HILLS
Activate Cellular
Great Lakes Crossing Mall
Alternet Wireless
248 377-0400
Global Network Communications
248 745-9600
BERKLEY
My Page Limited
248 546-6488
BELLEVILLE
Metro Paging & Cellular
734 699-9080
CENTERLINE
TV Clinic
810 759-2900
CLINTON TWP.
Aloha Communications
810 228-1700
DEARBORN
Activate Cellular
313 593-1989
Adray Appliance
313 274-9500
Comp at Us
313 584-5666
Control Data Systems
313 945-6670
Control Data System
Fairlane Town Center
313 593-1989
DETROIT
Digital Plus Communications
313 843-3006
Electronic Essentials
313 964-7046
E-Z Link Communications
313 417-1980
International Paging & Cellular
313 538-7474
Interstate Communications
313 368 7070
248 691-4425
Yates Office Supply
313 538-4444
Yates Office Supply
Ste. 116
313 972-1100
EASTPOINTE
Automatic Appliance
810 775-4532
Audio Trends
810 774-9900
FERNDALE
Interstate Communications
248 691-4425
FRASER
Surge Communications
810 415-0500
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Great Lakes Wireless, Inc.
313 881-1144
HAMTRAMCK
APB Communications
313 873-2914
HIGHLAND
Global Network Communications
248 889-3900
LATHRUP VILLAGE
Link Communications Group
248 395-5500
LIVONIA
Digital 2000
734 432-2000
Don-Lors Electronics
248 477-6402
International Cellular & Paging
Laurel Park Place Mall
734 953-3322
Mobile Communication Sales
313 427-1980
MADISON HEIGHTS
Audio Trends
248 547-9759
Champion Cellular Warehouse
248 583-5555
Control Data Systems
248 542-8000
MONROE
Lync Communications, Inc.
734 242-7500
NOVI
Activate Cellular
12 Oaks Mall
Cellular Plus Systems, Inc.
43448 West Oaks Dr.
800 520-7701
Multilinks
248 476-0077
OAK PARK
In Touch Communications
248 967-0005
PLYMOUTH
Don Lors Electronics
734 455-3011
Hello! Cellular & Wireless, Inc.
734 354-6000
REDFORD TWP.
Reach Out Cellular & Paging
313 538-0113
ROCHESTER HILLS
Amcom
248 601-2112
ROYAL OAK
Royal Radio
248 548-8711
SHELBY TWP.
Champion's Cellular Warehouse
810 726-7442
SOUTHFIELD
Champion's Cellular Warehouse
248 356-6666
Headquarters Cellular & Paging
248 356-8868
ST. CLAIR SHORES
Activate Cellular
810 778-0118
STERLING HEIGHTS
Activate Cellular
Lakeside Mall
Champion Plus Communications
810 247-3600
Control Data Systems
Lakeside Mall
Digital Plus Communications
810 268-4100
V.I.P. Paging
810 939-2238
TAYLOR
Phone Care
313 388-9670
TRENTON
Pic Pac Market
734 671-6310
TROY
In Touch Communications
248 558-7181
Troy Auto Glass, Inc.
248 649-3109
V.I.P. Paging
248 828-7676
WARREN
Autoway
810 977-2730
Mobile Tec
810 755-1891
Troy Auto Glass
810 264-5564
WATERFORD
Activate Cellular
Summit Place Mall
WAYNE
Champion's Cellular Warehouse
734 641-3355
WEST BLOOMFIELD
Mobile Technology
248 788-7900
WESTLAND
Activate Cellular
Westland Mall
Mobile Tec
734 421-0999

WITH UP TO
500
ADDITIONAL ANYTIME MINUTES
people are bound to talk.

Get up to 500 additional anytime minutes every month for your first six months, when you sign up now for a qualifying AT&T wireless plan.

AT&T Digital PCS Plans

CALLING PLAN	INCLUDED MINUTES (every month)	ADDT'L. ANYTIME MINS. (every month for your first six months)	TOTAL MINUTES (every month for your first six months)
$69.99 a month	1000	+ 500 =	1500
$49.99 a month	500	+ 500 =	1000
$24.99 a month	100	+ 200 =	300

1 800-IMAGINE
www.att.com/wireless/
PHONES BY NOKIA
CONNECTING PEOPLE
AT&T

Important Information ©2000 AT&T. Credit approval required. AT&T Digital PCS calling plans require a one-year contract, and a Digital multi-network phone and a subscription to AT&T Wireless Services long distance. Activation charge may apply. Promotion is available to new activations only on AT&T Digital PCS Calling Plans $24.99 monthly and above for the first six months of service. Promotional minutes apply only to airtime used in your Home Calling Area, applicable long distance charges additional. Domestic calls only. Airtime for each call is measured in full minutes and rounded up to the next full minute. Included and promotional minutes cannot be carried over to any other month. Included minutes are for airtime only. Out-of-bucket minutes range from 22 to 35 cents each. Wireless long distance and roaming charges may apply and are set forth in your Calling Plan. Coverage available in most areas. Other charges, surcharges and taxes may apply. Digital PCS features not available in all areas. Full terms and conditions are contained in the AT&T Wireless Services Guide, Rate Sheet or Calling Plan brochures. Promotional offer expires March 31, 2000 and may not be combined with any other promotional offer. Other restrictions may apply.
Safety Your most important call
#BP951014

THINKING ABOUT CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING
LENNOX
FREE ESTIMATES
(734)525-1930
UNITED TEMPERATURE
8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA
L055065

Temple Israel
is holding a very Limited Ticket Raffle
Win the Sexy New 2000 Jaguar S Type



Or
$30,000 Cash
2nd prize of $1,000
3rd prize of $500
TICKET PRICE: $100
A limit of ONLY 1500 tickets to be sold!
You need not be present to win.
Tickets can be purchased by phone, mail, fax or email. Use your MasterCard, Visa or check payable to Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323-2373, Attn: Alan Ellias, phone (248) 661-8545, fax at (248) 661-1302 or email at aellias@temple-israel.org. Ticket stubs will be sent to you upon receipt of your check or credit card information. Drawing will be held Sunday, March 26, 2000 at 9:30 p.m. at Temple Israel. For further information, please call the number listed above.
Your ticket purchase will be helping the
TEMPLE ISRAEL CARING COMMUNITY
Including feeding/housing the homeless, maintaining community support groups, drug & alcohol abuse programs, food collections for shelters and soup kitchens and more.
State of Michigan License #R55490

Exploring trade

Lawmakers make India trip

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
mmalott@homecomm.net

"Hyderabad is the Silicone Valley of India," said State Sen. Gary Peters, (D-Bloomfield Township).

A city with a population of 4.7 million it ranks as the fifth largest in that country and serves as the capital of the region of Andhra Pradesh.

Located in Central India, Andhra Pradesh is a little smaller than Michigan, but is home to an estimated 90 million residents, 10 times as many as our state holds, Peters noted.

It is also the center of India's information technology industry. That fact spurred a delegation of Michigan lawmakers to travel around the world on an exploratory trade mission. Peters along with Rep. Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston) and Clarke Hansen (D-Detroit), visited the region last month.

They took with them representatives of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce as well as officials from Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Oakland and Wayne State universities.

The purpose was to spur trade between the two countries, Peters and Raczkowski explained. And although actual deals may be in the future, both said the trip achieved impressive results.

For one, William Bassitt, vice president of development for the Detroit Chamber, signed a memorandum of understand with his counterpart in Hyderabad that will lay the groundwork for a sister-city relationship between the two cities. That will facilitate an exchange of information and visitors.

Officials from India are already scheduled to come to the Detroit area in the next few months, they said.

Additionally, university officials were able to lay the ground work for distance learning and student exchange programs, Raczkowski said. Members of the delegation also high-ranking Indian government officials, including the chief minister of the region and members of Parliament in Delhi.

He even heard interest from an Indian firm, which already has a small office located in Troy and which would like to expand here, to consider the old Compuware building in Farmington Hills, once that company completes its move to downtown Detroit.

Southeast Michigan has one of the largest concentrations of Indian immigrants in the country, Peters and Raczkowski explained. There interest in the trip was spurred by constituents in their district who expressed interest in expanding trade with India.

Victor Naidu, president and CEO of the Michigan-based Ramsoft Systems company, helped organize the trip and traveled to India with the lawmakers.

Such international trade missions are not uncommon. Michigan has an office in Hong Kong aimed at increase business between the state and Asia. State lawmakers took a similar trip last year to Israel. But the legislatures paid for the cost of their own travel, they said. No state money was used for the trip, they said.

Peters said that one of the highlights of the trip was that, following a speech he gave to government officials in Delhi, he was approached by a representative of another region, who asked that next time the lawmakers visit his area of India.

Raczkowski said he learned of on technique the Indian government is using to spur new businesses. The government established incubators, or industrial buildings where businesses can begin operations with significant tax breaks for up to two years, before they are required to move out on their own.

As many as two thirds of new small businesses in the U.S. fail, he noted. But the Indian government's use of incubators is having success at creating stable new small businesses.

Bill seeks to control booze sold to minors on Internet

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
mmalott@homecomm.net

The Internet is making many changes in our society — like how underage drinkers get their booze.

Websites now exist offering beer, wine and liquor for sale, to be delivered to the home by United Parcel Service or Federal Express, according to state Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), who has introduced legislation aimed at keeping computer-ordered alcohol out of the hands of youngsters.

The sale of alcohol to minors, whether in person or over the Internet, is already illegal in Michigan. But minors have been able to get home delivery of such beverages, according to legislative aide Daphne Reznik, as a recent sting conducted by the Ingham County Sheriff's Department showed.

Reznik noted that in another sting operation, conducted in Alabama, a minor was able to order and receive delivery of alcohol even though none of the information submitted to the seller matched the credit card to which the purchase was charged. Not only did the seller not check the buyer's age, it didn't check the credit card's billing information.

Cassis' bill would clarify that liquor control laws also apply to beverages sold over the Internet and make it clear that Internet sellers must comply with Michigan law.

Labelling provisions

Cassis said she is adding provisions to the proposal to require that the package be labeled when it contains alcoholic beverages. She said she will adjust the requirements to match the current labeling practices of the major parcel delivery companies, such as UPS and Federal Express. But if adopted, the law would require delivery companies to get adult signatures for those packages identified by label as containing alcohol.

House Bill 4752 won approval from the Committee on Regulatory Reform Tuesday, Feb. 8, and was moved to the House for consideration.

Car trouble on campus? Here's the solution — and it's free

If you're on the Oakland University campus and you've got a problem with your vehicle, OU has a new truck that can come to your rescue quicker than towing services.

And the price is right — service from the EMVAT, or Emergency Motor Vehicle Assistance Truck, is free.

The OU Police Department recently acquired a 1999 GMC four-wheel-drive pickup truck to meet the need on campus for jump-starts, helping changing flat tires and a little gas for empty tanks. Cadets drive the golden Grizzmobile, as it's nicknamed, around campus to deter crime and to help students, faculty, staff and visitors.

"The EMVAT is part of our continuing efforts to make the campus safe and provide more services to the OU community," said OUPD Director Dick Leonard. "The extra patrol vehicle reassures the OU community members so that they feel safer."

Cadets patrolling in the truck are also available to escort students or staff to their cars in the evening. "We recommend that people on campus walk with somebody in the evening, but if nobody else is available, the cadets are glad to help," said OUPD Lieutenant Mel Gilroy.

EMVAT services is for anyone on campus; users do not have to show campus identification.

The truck also saves steps for cadets and provides them practical experience as they pursue careers in law enforcement. About eight cadets work in paid positions for the OUPD each semester, acting as extra eyes and ears. Sergeant Allen Steele Jr. and Officer Early Alexander supervise the cadets.

For EMVAT help daily, noon-midnight, September through April, call 3331 or get the attention of the cadets on patrol.

ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET
Antiques and Collectibles
FLEA MARKET
Mardi Gras Sunday March 5
JEWELRY DAY
316 E. 11 Mile Rd. (248) 548-8822
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY 8AM - 3PM

WALTONWOOD
Redefining Retirement Living
Experience the pleasure of independent living
Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
Visit our new center at:
27475 Huron Circle
(248) 735-1500
adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall
Take comfort in this elegant community that offers the ultimate in independent living. Choose from one or two-bedroom luxury apartments with kitchens and patios or balconies. Enjoy our fitness center, hair salon, activities, transportation and more. We offer everything you need to live in style with extras such as prepared meals, housekeeping and laundry. Just minutes away from shopping, dining, golf and other pleasures. Call today for more information about our exciting new community or visit our website at www.waltonwood.com.
Waltonwood communities offer the finest in independent living and assisted living. Call today for a personal tour:
Rochester Hills (248) 375-2500
3250 Walton Blvd.
Royal Oak (248) 549-6400
3450 W. Thirteen Mile Rd.
Canton (734) 844-3060
2000 N. Canton Center Rd.
The Waltonwood communities in Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and Canton are licensed homes for the aged. No entry fee or deposit required.
SINGH
L956278

PRETTY TILE, UGLY GROUT?
(THE STUFF BETWEEN THE TILES)
Tired of moldy, missing, dirty, cracked grout? We clean, seal, repair, regrout & stain/change color!
FREE ESTIMATES
The Grout Doctor
248-358-7383

$3000 CASH BACK*
Live in Oxford for only $325 per month*
$190 base site rent for 1 year*
Open 7 Days
Over 200 Models on Display!
call 248 628-5552
or one of our six in-park Home Dealers:
Hill Street Homes 248 628-3608
Little Valley Homes 248 969-5555
Parkhurst 248 969-3670
YCD Homes 248 969-9000
American Living 248 628-9909
New Millennium 248 969-3100
*On select models. Based on finance amount of $38,095, 10% down, 300 payments at 9.25% APR.
I935825

If you think your life choices are limited, think again
William Tyndale College makes earning your bachelor's in business administration a viable option -- even if you're a working professional! And through our accelerated degree program, you can complete your bachelor's degree in as little as 19 months.
Choose William Tyndale College.
William Tyndale College is currently enrolling students for our next session. Classes are scheduled to begin April 1st in Dearborn Heights, and April 4th in Troy. For more information, attend our **Information Session on Thursday, March 9th at 6 p.m. or on Saturday, March 11th at 10 a.m.** at our Farmington Hills Campus. Call **Jan Crain at 1-800-483-0707** to reserve your seat for this information session now!
1-800-483-0707
35700 W. TWELVE MILE ROAD • FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48331

OXFORD 7
Downtown Oxford on Lapeer Rd. (M-24) 248-628-7100
$3.50 Twilight Shows 4pm to 6pm daily
ONLY $4.00 Matinee before 4 pm, Kids, Seniors, & Everyone all day Tuesday
$4.50 with Student ID after 6pm
$4.00 Late Show Fri & Sat · Digital Stereo
No passes or Tuesday discounts
Unlimited Free Drink Refills & .25¢ Corn Refills
Stadium Seating Gives YOU An Unobstructed View
MOVIE GUIDE
ALL 7 THEATERS DIGITAL STEREO
ALL 7 THEATERS STADIUM SEATING
HANGING UP (PG-13) 12:20, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 9:35
REINDEER GAMES (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
WHOLE NINE YARDS (R) 12:25, 2:35, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
THE BEACH (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G) 12:00, 1:45, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00
SNOW DAY (PG) 12:05, 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:15
THE INSIDER (R) 9:00
SIXTH SENSE (PG-13) 12:10, 2:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40
COUPON
ONE FREE 46oz POPCORN
WITH THIS AD OE
HIT OUR WEB @ www.gqtl.com

Hitchhiker • Montana • Real Life • Save $ • Forest River • Salem • Jayco
The RV Shows Are Over Except At Lloyd Bridges Traveland.
We're having the biggest show going on right now thru March 31st!
•We represent seven of the top ten manufacturers
•Over 250 RVs on seven acres to choose from
•Motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth wheels, truck campers, light weights and expandables
•$325,000 in manufacturers factory rebates on existing inventory
•Hurry in before sale ends!
WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD! WE WILL BEAT ANY DEALER'S PRICE ON A COMPARIBLE UNIT!
•Save thousands of $$$ on the RV of your choice
•We have negotiated special low interest rates to save you even more money
•$1600 of free camping at Michigan's finest RV resorts with any RV purchase
•NADA appraiser on hand to give you top dollar for your trade
Lloyd Bridges Traveland
1603 S. Main Street • Chelsea, MI 48118
800/475-1347
L955778
Tradewinds • Tropical • Seabreeze • Dolphin • Georgetown • Cougar • Gulf Stream
Keystone RV • Windsong • Diesel Pushers • Nu-Wa • Cargo Mate • Bobcat • Conquest • Salem
Hitchhiker • Montana • Real Life • Save $ • Forest River • Salem • Jayco

Clarkston Eccentric®

OPINION

A8(CI) 7073 DIXIE HIGHWAY, CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN 48346 THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000

Teaching by example

Parents best reading promoters

March is Reading Month, and Clarkston schools have many special programs planned to promote reading.

For example, Springfield Plains Elementary School will have "celebrity readers" — leaders from the Clarkston community — read their favorite stories from childhood to groups of students on Tuesday, March 28.

As fine as these programs are, teachers, librarians, reading specialists and other school personnel can only do so much to get children interested in reading.

The rest is up to parents, who are their children's first and most influential teachers.

We encourage parents to put into practice time-honored methods for motivating kids to read. (See Sally Slaughter's interview with Lesley Banycky, instructional specialist in the area of reading at Pine Knob Elementary School in Clarkston on the front page of today's Clarkston Life section.)

Those methods include:

■ **Reading to your children.** Commit to a certain amount of time each day to read to your children.

■ **Reading yourself.** Children emulate their parents and, more often than we'd like to admit, pick up on their good and their bad habits. Challenge yourself to read more often.

■ **Turning off the TV and other distractions like video games.** Make reading a priority in your house, and enforce the rules that help to make it a priority.

Reading continues to be fundamental to learning. Without good reading skills, children have a harder time succeeding in other subject areas.

Remember that all reading doesn't have to be from books. Banycky recommends newspapers, magazines and even the Internet as good alternatives to books.

The Clarkston Eccentric can be a good tool for encouraging young people in the Clarkston area to read. As a community newspaper, it contains stories about their schools, churches, neighbors and friends that they're likely to find interesting. And, most of the news is positive in nature, informing readers of the good things going on in the community.

The important thing is to find materials you and your children enjoy — and then read, read, read.

Open primary — and process

Michigan's 2000 Presidential Primary is history. The people have spoken. But our political power-brokers (real and imagined) don't seem to like what they're hearing.

It's an open secret these days that Republican leaders want to tighten up Michigan's open primary, where folks vote their choice, and Democrats can be Republicans (or vice versa) for a day if they wish.

A closed primary, with its exclusionary rules and registrations, would be a blow to positive politics and good government, and we hope more rational views prevail.

But back to that Feb. 22 primary. Ah, but the grapes must have tasted sour that evening at the Southfield Westin Hotel, as state and local Republican leadership — from Gov. John Engler to Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus to Secretary of State Candice Miller to Oakland Executive L. Brooks Patterson — watched their horse finish a dismal second in the GOP Primary.

In case anyone's missed it, Arizona Sen. John McCain, riding high on crossover votes from Democrats and independents, upset establishment-backed Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the closely-watched Michigan Republican Primary. Our GOP power elite didn't like the outcome one bit.

It's less apparent that Bush, the presidential *heir apparent*, will become the most powerful human being on Planet Earth now that Michigan's votes have been counted and its delegates awarded.

Michigan's message should have been that conservative George "Dubya" — as attractive a candidate as he's been and will be — has trouble attracting moderate voters. All America isn't Bob Jones University, you know.

But to hear Michigan's GOP leadership tell it, their primary was hijacked and their candidate was — ah, "Bush-whacked" is the term we'll use — by those damn crossover Democrats and independents . . . who did nothing more than speak their minds at the polls.

Did we say Michigan's primary was important and closely-watched? Well, the venerable British Broadcasting Company from across The Pond bothered to quiz Gov. Engler after the votes were in.

"We've never seen a candidate like John McCain who went out to rent Democrats for a day," Engler told the BBC. "John McCain isn't party building, he's party borrowing, and there's a big difference."

Right now, state GOP leaders are stroking their chins and thinking, "Isn't there a way to check their IDs at the polling-place door to see that only registered Republicans get to pick Republican candidates?"

Limiting the Republican primary to registered Republicans would amount to the "closed primary" that looks so good to so many very unhappy Republicans right now.

But, as we said, a closed primary is not the way to go. To close the primary is to limit voter participation — and to take a step backward to the days of sneaky deals conducted in smoke-filled rooms and ward-heelers delivering the ethnic vote for Boss Somebodyorother on election day.

Our political leadership should be doing just the opposite: Opening the political process — and that includes the primaries — to as many voters as possible. It's the people, not the parties, that should pick the candidates.

So, Republicans, please keep that primary open, and welcome Democrats, independents, whomever to your fold. You just may gain lifelong friends and supporters.

And Democrats, please consider dumping that creaky old caucus system. You may think it works fine, but it is just a few steps closer to the bad old days (open a window — it's smoky in there!) of the ward-heelers. An open Democratic primary, a twin of the Republican's, would be a wonderful idea. We're tired of taking phone calls from irate voters asking why they couldn't vote for Bill Bradley in the Michigan Primary.

An ideal setup: On primary day at the polling place, you simply ask for the ballot of choice and then vote your choice. We like the idea of a system that allows voters to be Republicans or Democrats (or vice versa) for a day.

Politicians and public servants of all parties need to remember that they serve the people, not the other way round. They're not serving the people if they exclude them from the political process.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think the historic buildings at Clinton Valley Center should have been saved?

This question was asked at Pete's Coney Island II on Dixie Highway.



"Yeah. I think they should have been saved."

Bob Carey
Waterford Township



"Yes. I thought they were beautiful."

Aileen Carey
Waterford Township



"I think it should be saved."

Bryan Marotz
Waterford



"It's so complicated because they've torn so many of them down. It would be nice to save some history."

Ernie Bedford
Clarkston

LETTERS

Keyes is the right man for job

It's time that the electorate took back the right to elect candidates for public office and put the media on notice to that effect. In Iowa and Michigan the man in the street recognizes that the most outstanding candidate for the presidency of the United States is Alan Keyes.

Ambassador Keyes is a scholar and a gentleman. On every issue Dr. Keyes is the most perceptive of all in the race for the presidency. He puts Bush and McCain to shame with his erudition. He holds out to all citizens a higher standard of ethics than Gore and Bradley. Isn't it time that Michigan voters recognize that 2000 is the time for the first African American president of the United States? He will be a president of whom we will all be proud.

Irene Sloan Rauth
Clarkston

Fire video needs returning

The Fire Prevention Bureau of Independence Township Fire Department offers to the community the service of fire prevention awareness. Included in this service are fire prevention videos available to the public.

A video, "Fire Power," was loaned to a family in the past year. The video has not been returned. The video was very informative and used quite frequently. We have had several opportunities where the tape would have been beneficial for a family. To replace the video is quite costly.

Should this be familiar to any family, we would be most appreciative to have it returned. We are very hopeful this will jog an individual's memory. Thank you.

Gregory F. Olrich, Fire Marshal
Independence Township Fire Dept.

Scholarships available for future lawmakers

Oakland County students entering graduate school this fall in public policy, political science, public administration or related fields can apply for a $2,500 scholarship.

Sprint Corp., in coordination with the Women's Network of the National Conference of State Legislatures, is providing funds to award four first-year students.

This scholarship provides a financial boost to those beginning the long haul of graduate study. The $2,500 can help make graduate study and a career in public service feasible for four deserving students.

Sprint's contribution enhances education that will improve the effectiveness and quality of students aiming to become part of government. I commend the company for its initiative.

Applicants must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Scholarship awards will be decided based on scholastic achievements, a written essay, a two-page policy paper and community/school involvement. Two letters of recommendation are also required.

Applications are available by calling Sprint at 1-800-796-3464 before June 9 and must be returned by June 20. My Lansing office is available at 1-800-510-RU2H or (517)373-1798.

State Rep. Ruth Johnson
46th District

Keep Elian in United States

I think Elian Gonzalez should stay with his relatives in the United States. Elian's mother risked her life to make a new life for her son and her. Her desire for her son to live in freedom must have been very strong because she died trying to give him the opportunities he didn't have in Cuba.

Everyone who has seen his adorable face and heard of his sad story and miraculous rescue at sea feels very emotional and protective of this young boy. His family in the U.S. has been very kind and welcoming to Elian. It is obvious they're treating him well, love him and want the opportunity to raise him the way his mother planned. However, his father and grandmothers seem to want him back in Cuba with them.

As Sen. Spencer Abraham suggested, "Juan Gonzalez might have been acting under duress when he expressed a desire to stay in Cuba and for his son to return." We can never be sure what Juan Gonzalez truly wants for his son because he isn't allowed to speak his mind without fear of punishment. If we grant Elian citizenship, he will get to experience the core democratic values. He would be able to follow his dreams, have the freedom of speech and the right to justice. With a life in Cuba where the government controls so much of your life, he would never have these chances.

There was only a small percentage of a chance he would survive in those shark-infested waters, but he did. He should live his life well because he is lucky he still has one. This is why I think Elian should stay in the U.S. with his relatives where he would have many more opportunities and a much better life.

Alexandra Hall
Birmingham
Derby Middle School
6th grade

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

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Clarkston Eccentric, 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346. Or e-mail to: ksmith@oe.homecomm.net

County Commissioners

2nd District
(All of Springfield and northern half of Independence)

David Galloway - R
Board of Commissioners
1200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, MI 48341
Phone: 248-858-0100

3rd District
(Southeast section of Independence)

Lawrence Obrecht - R
1200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, MI 48341
Cty. phone: 248-858-0100
Cty. fax: 248-858-1572
Home phone: 248-693-8231
Home fax: 248-693-8232

4th District
(City of Clarkston and southwest section of Independence)

Frank Millard - R
6060 Dixie Hwy.
Suite A
Clarkston, MI 48346
Phone: 248-623-3280
Fax: 248-623-3282

Clarkston Eccentric®

KAREN HERMES SMITH, EDITOR, *248-625-1900, ksmith@oe.homecomm.net*
BILL CLUGSTON, RETAIL SALES MANAGER, *248-901-2501*
LARRY HESSEN, HOME DELIVERY MANAGER, 248-693-4900
TOM CARRON, CIRCULATION MANAGER, *248-693-4900*
MARK WARREN, CIRCULATION DIRECTOR, *248-901-2548*
RICK FICORELLI, MARKETING DIRECTOR, 734-953-2150
JIM JIMMERSON, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, 724-734-2180, *jimj@homecomm.net*
JUSTIN WILCOX, PUBLISHER, *248-901-2537, jwilcox@oe.homecomm.net*
BANKS DISHMON, VP/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, *734-953-2252, bdishmon@oe.homecomm.net*
HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.
PHILIP POWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD JEANNE TOWAR, VICE PRESIDENT/EDITORIAL RICHARD AGINIAN, PRESIDENT

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

— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Pressure for good grades must ultimately come from within



JAIME GREEN

Going to college is a great leap in your life. In high school you worry about whether your grades are good enough for college. Your parents, family, friends, teachers and counselors put so much weight on your grade point average (GPA)! All of this pressure accumulates, making you feel stressed out. What really does make the grade?

Having a 3.4 means you have a B+ grade point average. A 3.0 means a B, and a 2.4 means you have a C+ average. If your parents are/were anything like mine, the minimum GPA allowed is a 3.0. A 2.999 wouldn't cut it; it has to be a B+ average. I know it's got to be easier to get into college with a 3.0, but is all of that stress necessary?

■ Your future is what you make of it. What my parents say has an impact, but not as much as what I feel. I know that in order to get into a college I need to do well in school.

At Clarkston High School, representatives from colleges come in to try to recruit us. I've been to numerous presentations. At every school the entrance/acceptance standards are different. You don't have to have a 4.0 to get into college, or a 3.7; all of that is in your head.

Teachers give out way too much homework. Yeah, I admit that's coming from a 16-year-old, but seriously! On average, you have six classes a day. Say every teacher gives you a half hour's worth of homework. That's three hours spent on homework every night. Say you have something going. You don't have time for three hours of homework. Students have jobs, commitments. Clarkston is well-known for its athletics. What are you supposed to do if you have practice until 6 o'clock, then you have to go home and eat dinner? Making sure that you're showered and in bed by, say 10 o'clock, would be impossible.

You wouldn't have time for all three hours of homework. Then the next day in school, you can't do the homework you didn't have time for in another class because you'd miss something important in that subject. You end up not getting credit for the assignment, and then it brings down your grade, which ultimately brings down your GPA. No, one missing assignment isn't going to ruin your GPA, but add up a few, and it becomes a problem. I'm not saying that we shouldn't have homework. We need practice, but it does get overwhelming sometimes.

High school is supposed to be the best four years of your life. How is it fair to us if we have to spend it doing homework, and under total stress? Your parents are probably the ones who put the most pressure on you. It's normal because they only want what's best for you. It's just that all of the worrying and nervousness causes you to hate high school. What we all really need to do is step back and take a good look at the picture. High school is not the deciding factor in our lives.

If you have a hard time with school, you can always get help. Nobody is perfect, and no one is going to laugh since you aren't. I'm far from perfect, and I'll be the first to admit it. The thing is, we all have our own special talents. I'm better at history and English, rather than math and science.

There is nothing wrong with that, but when you feel that people are harping on you for not being perfect in a subject, it gets hard. They only want the best, and I understand that, but every parent out there needs to know that having a 2.7 means you have a B- GPA. What is bad about that? It's good!

Don't get me wrong. You need to try your hardest in school. I learned that the hard way my freshman year. I've been struggling since to bring up my grade point average. I'm not doing it because my parents want me to; I'm doing it for myself. Your future is what you make of it. What my parents say has an impact, but not as much as what I feel. I know that in order to get into a college I need to do well in school. I need to have a good GPA, and that's all there is to it. Yet, I won't do it for someone else. I'll do it for my future. That's what makes my grades.

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.

McCain's win exposes party split



PHILIP POWER

The only person I know who expected Sen. John McCain's big win in last Tuesday's Michigan Republican primary election was State Sen. John J.H. (Joe) Schwarz, McCain's Michigan campaign chairman.

"I really didn't know what would happen until we got to Traverse City on Monday," Schwarz told me. "But when I saw the way McCain was connecting big time with all those people, somehow I knew what was going to happen."

McCain took on Texas Gov. George W. Bush and virtually the entire Michigan Republican hierarchy, headed by Gov. John Engler, and beat them badly. Bush won only six of 58 Michigan delegates to the GOP national convention, despite early loose talk by Engler that Michigan was a firewall" against further Bush slippage after losing the New Hampshire primary.

Most subsequent media coverage focused on the obvious — and obviously wrong — story: Whether the election showed John Engler was suddenly a political has-been. *The Detroit News*, for example, headlined: "Party splintering, Engler's lameduck status may hurt in fall."

The only people I know who think that are a few reporters and headline writers for the big city newspapers. John Engler remains the most politically skilled governor in recent Michigan history.

With three more years to go in his last term, anybody who thinks Engler has lost it better think again.

Where Engler & Co. bungled, however, was last year when they figured the threat to Bush would come from Steve Forbes and the right wing of the Republican Party. Carefully managing Bush's image as a "compassionate conservative" who could appeal to the political middle, they set the rules so as to open the Michigan Republican primary election to moderate Democrats and Independents. Back then, nobody imagined the real challenge to Bush would come from McCain and would involve countless thousands of energized independents and conservative Democrats.

That miscalculation raises the main issue: How willing are Engler and the Michigan Republican Party to court defeat in November in pursuit of party orthodoxy and a pre-anointed presidential candidate?

On the one hand, you have Sen. McCain who has demonstrated extraordinary appeal to Independents and Democrats. On the other hand, you have Gov. Bush who has moved to the right to capture the Republican base, but at the risk of terminally alienating votes in the center. And you have the entire GOP hierarchy swearing up and down that Bush is their guy and that he'll do fine in November.

I don't understand it.

Sen. Schwarz agrees. "A majority of the voters do not feel represented by either traditional party, Republicans or Democrats. Last Tuesday, you had a record number of first time voters, of young people 18-25 years old and around 65 percent of Independents announcing they'll stick with McCain in the fall.

"But you have Bush moving to the right, bringing out all those aggressive spokespeople and isolating himself from the mainstream of American politics. And the Republican Party hierarchy continues to support Bush, cutting him and the Party off from a majority of the electorate.

"They just don't get it," Schwarz concludes.

I think he's right. The threat to the Michigan Republican Party has always been the ideological split between hard-right social conservatives and much more moderate and pragmatic main street Republicans. It has been only John Engler's extraordinary political skills and toughness — coupled with general and persistent incompetence by the Democrats — that have held the GOP together over the years.

It took the unexpected emergence of McCain as a wildly attractive personality with a compelling reformist message to expose to full public view the fissure that has lain quiescent at the core of the Republican Party.

John Engler did not cause the fissure. He succeeded in managing it for years. The question now is can he control it?

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

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY
Lighthouse Emergency Services Center
Pontiac/Clarkston
CORNER

Hunger walk to help county's working poor make ends meet

The economic picture looks very bright for many Oakland County residents; however, for others it is a day-to-day struggle. Adults with limited skills and education must make choices between paying their rent or purchasing groceries. There are still many working households in need of assistance from human service agencies and food pantries in order to sustain themselves.

■ Lighthouse Emergency Services' Clarkston branch assists more than 1,000 individuals per month with food, clothing, rent and utility assistance, medical and other miscellaneous needs. More than half of these individuals are under age 9.

Children in Oakland County go to school and to bed hungry everyday. Lighthouse Emergency Services' Clarkston branch assists more than 1,000 individuals per month with food, clothing, rent and utility assistance, medical and other miscellaneous needs. More than half of these individuals are under age 9. One hundred years ago, hunger was a children's issue. Today, it is still a children's issue.

A child sent to school hungry on a regular basis cannot focus on learning. John Arnold, executive director for the Food Bank Council of Grand Rapids, has studied the ramifications of hunger. In a recent presentation, "Waste Not, Want Not," Arnold provided information placing a direct correlation between hunger and juvenile delinquency. While it is not the sole reason, Arnold clearly states that there would be fewer delinquency problems if many of these children were properly fed nutritious meals.

There is hope and as citizens of Oakland County there is a means to reduce the hunger that silently preys on children and their families who have been labeled the "working poor."

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20, and join Lighthouse Emergency Services in the Annual Walk for Hunger. This is a wonderful family event with all age groups able to participate. The walk will take place at the Centerpoint Campus of General Motors on South Boulevard near Opdyke. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the walk at 9 a.m.

Many local walking groups, school track teams, professional sports teams and local businesses join individual walkers for a morning of fun, healthy exercise and a commitment to stop hunger in the community. Proceeds from the Hunger Walk help to purchase needed food for the Clarkston and Pontiac offices. Walkers may pick up pledge sheets from either office of Lighthouse Emergency Services beginning in mid March. May will be here very soon.

The citizens of Northern Oakland County have been very generous to Lighthouse and to helping those less fortunate in the community. Please show that wonderful support again on May 20. Together, all things are possible.

This column space is shared by local community groups. Today's column was written by Kathleen Carolin, Lighthouse Emergency Services branch manager. Up next week: Task Force for Youth



We can turn your home equity into cash.

The cash you need to fund a college education, take a dream vacation, jump start a retirement fund or buy a new car?
It's waiting for you now at Oxford Bank.
We can help you access cash fast at the highly competitive rates shown below. Overnight approvals possible!
Call the Oxford Bank Financing Center at 248-969-7215 or any of our 6 Branch Locations for a quick assessment and even quicker approvals.

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

Addison Oaks (810)752.4555
Clarkston (248)625.0011
Dryden (810)796.2651
Lake Orion (248)693.6261
Ortonville (248)627.2813
Oxford (248)628.2533

OXFORD BANK
"A. Real Community Bank"
www.oxfordbank.comm.
Member FDIC

**(As of Jan. 6, 2000) Annual Percentage Rates may vary based on market conditions but will not exceed 18% APR. The interest you pay may be 100% deductible (Consult your tax advisor) No closing costs or annual fees.

Marching mom answers critics on gun laws

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite angry reaction from some gun owners, Lori Spillane is confident that the Million Mom March, calling on Congress to enact "common-sense gun controls" and stronger enforcement, is unstoppable.

The Troy mother of two, who is a logistics manger for the U.S. Army, expects a couple of thousand women from metropolitan Detroit to head to Washington, D.C. for the May 14 Mother's Day march.

"It's still kind of a Mom-to-Mom thing," she says, following a recent meeting with Million Mom March coordinators from Plymouth, Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe. "They are a pretty proactive, high-energy group," she says. "Each person takes the idea to the people and groups they're affiliated with."

The movement was begun by a New Jersey woman after the August shooting at a day care center in Los Angeles. The day care and Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado also prompted Spillane's involvement.

"The women we're attracting," she says, "they've got kids, they've got jobs, they go to school, they're real go-getters. I'm having the best time meeting these people."

Spillane prefers to talk about the positive - the assistance of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the endorsement of the Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control — rather than any negative mail or calls received.

"People with opposing viewpoints have a right to voice their opinions, just as we do," she says. "However, they don't seem to believe we have the same right. No one ever said we were taking anyone's guns away, yet they jump to this reactionary opinion.

"It's the extremists' names that I'm keeping track of," she says. After all, "We're the ones who don't have the guns."

Meantime, the Archdiocese will support the Million Mom March by sending written notice to its parishes the first weekend of March and again in early April.

Steve Spreitzer, from the Archdiocese Office of Social Ministry, further committed to sending the MMM flyer with a cover letter in the parish mailing in mid-March; distributing it to key contacts at parishes over the next several months; and passing it out at interfaith events he attends.

In addition, he will "inform my wife Mary, mother of Zachary, 8; Benjamin, 6 and Emily, 3."

"He has been a pleasure to work with," Spillane says.

One local woman who plans to participate is Marj Jackson Levin, who heads the Birmingham-based Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control. "The women who can't get to Washington to march can register their protests in November by voting for those candidates who support gun control," she emphasizes.

Those opposed to the march talk in terms of enforcing the gun laws already on the books, not adding to them:

"Responsible gun owners support your (MMM's) calling for greater enforcement-prosecution efforts," says James Vass of Waterford. "We do not support more restrictive laws that the criminals (your 'real' target) will ignore, and honest citizens will have to endure."

Spillane counters that, "The problem is that they have paid lobbyists to make sure that huge loopholes exist in these laws. We're just trying to stem the gun flow and keep them out of the hands of kids."

"How about a Million Mom March to protest decades of big federal social programs that have miserably failed," says Richard Hirneisen of Birmingham. "Why not protest the creation through those 'feel-good' programs of what may be a permanent underclass of disenfranchised citizens in our ghettos, millions of people plagued by drugs, violence, unemployment, bad schools, broken families, disintegrating family values and decaying communities? Why not protest the excessive violence of Hollywood and TV productions, the inspiration of the two crazy teen killers at Littleton?"

John Kleinhelter, too, is concerned "that these mothers are not marching to find solutions to the problems that are driving this nation's youth to committing such drastic actions. The fact that the teens used guns to slay their classmates is irrelevant, the fact that they went to such lengths to plot those deaths is what is relevant," the Whitmore Lake resident says.

The Million Mom March Web site is the hub of the national movement, which, Spillane said, will start gaining momentum in March via several articles in the national press.

The march is endorsed nationally by the National League of Women Voters, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Reform Action Center and the Jewish Community Center Association.

Bus transportation will be available from the metro Detroit area and special fares are available via airlines that fly from Detroit to Washington, D.C.

Family activities and an interfaith service are planned prior to the march.

*To find out more about the Million Mom March, visit the Web site at **www.millionmommarch.com** or call the national hotline at (888) 989-MOMS. For local information, call (313) 821-5357. Your name and telephone number will be forwarded to Spillane.*



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

One in a million: *Troy's Lori Spillane, shown at home with her children Breanna, 4, and Amanda, 2, plans to join the Million Mom March on Washington on Mother's Day.*

Raise your standards, without raising your payments.



mercury sable ls premium

features include: 24-valve, 200-hp V-6 engine • Power-adjustable foot pedals • New dual-stage front airbags*** • No-charge Leather seating surfaces† • Remote Keyless Entry system • Electronic Automatic Temperature Control • SecuriLock™ passive anti-theft system

$269 per mo./24 month lease
cash due at signing after $1,000 cash back
$2,669* for returning lesses**
includes refundable security deposit
excludes tax, title and license fees

Mercury — Live life in your own lane
www.mercuryvehicles.com

*LEASE PAYMENT SUBJECT TO $500 DEALER CONTRIBUTION AND VARIES BASED ON ACTUAL DEALER CONTRIBUTION. NOT ALL LESSEES WILL QUALIFY FOR THE LOWEST PAYMENT. SEE DEALER FOR QUALIFICATION DETAILS. Some payments higher, some lower. Residency restrictions apply. For special lease terms and cash back, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2000. **Customers eligible for the $500 lease renewal incentive must terminate their new or used Lincoln or Mercury vehicle lease by 3/31/2000. ***Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat. † Leather seating surfaces included at no charge on 2000 Sable LS Premium.

Visit Your Metro Detroit Mercury Dealer.

ANN ARBOR — Apollo — 2100 W. Stadium Blvd. at Liberty — (734) 668-6100 — apollolincmerc.com
CLINTON TOWNSHIP — Stu Evans — 17500 Hall Rd. at Romeo Plank — (810) 840-2000 — stuevanslakeside.com
DEARBORN — Krug — 21531 Michigan Ave. Between Southfield & Telegraph — (313) 274-8800 — krugim.com
DETROIT — Bob Maxey — 16901 Mack Ave. at Cadieux — (313) 885-4000 — bobmaxeyim.com
DETROIT — Park Motor — 18100 Woodward Ave. Opposite Palmer Park — (313) 869-5000 — parkmotorsim.com
FARMINGTON — Jack Demmer — 31625 Grand River Ave. 1 Block West of Orchard Lake Rd. — (248) 474-3170 — demmerlm.com
GARDEN CITY — Stu Evans — 32000 Ford Rd. Just West of Merriman — (734) 425-4300 — stuevansgardencity.com
NOVI — Varsity — 49251 Grand River I-96 1 Block South of Wixom Exit — 1-800-850-NOVI (6684) — varsityim.com
PLYMOUTH — Hines Park — 40601 Ann Arbor Rd. at I-275 — 1-800-550-MERC — hinesparklm.com
ROCHESTER HILLS — Crissman — 1185 South Rochester Rd. Between Hamlin & Avon Rd. — (248) 652-4200 — crissmanlm.com
ROSEVILLE — Arnold — 29000 Gratiot at 12 Mile Rd. — (810) 445-6000 — arnoldlm.com
ROYAL OAK — Diamond — 221 North Main Street at 11 Mile Rd. — (248) 541-8830 — diamondlm.com
SOUTHFIELD — Star — 24350 West 12 Mile Rd. at Telegraph — (248) 354-4900 — starlm.com
SOUTHGATE — Stu Evans — 16800 Fort Street at Pennsylvania — (734) 285-8800 — stuevanssouthgate.com
STERLING HEIGHTS — Crest — 36200 Van Dyke at 15 ½ Mile Rd. — (810) 939-6000 — crestlincmerc.com
TROY — Bob Borst — 1950 West Maple Troy Motor Mall — (248) 643-6600 — borstlm.com
WATERFORD — Mel Farr — 4178 Highland Rd. (M-59) 2 Miles West of Telegraph — (248) 683-9500 — farrlm.com
YPSILANTI — Sesi — 950 East Michigan 9 Miles West of I-275 — (734) 482-7133 — sesilm.com

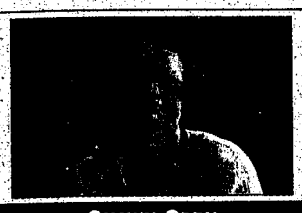
Clarkston Life

The Eccentric

Karen Hermes Smith, Editor 248-625-1900 | on the web: http://observer-eccentric.com | Thursday, March 2, 2000

INSIDE:
Clarkston Community Calendar, B3

Page 1, Section B



SHAWN SPRY

Toddler talk takes a linguist, or a mom, to interpret

No one ever told me that when I agreed to become a parent, I would also need a degree in linguistics. However, it has become apparent that my job description includes understanding rare alterations of the English language.

The field of toddler translation includes dissecting and reconstructing odd combinations of sentence parts. Thank goodness for ninth-grade grammar and diagramming. Mrs. Allebach's wisdom did transcend depositing gum in the corner receptacle!

My 22-month-old sponge—I mean son—has in less than two short years become quite adept at communicating. Amazingly, most people can understand him without much translation. He has become a walking recorder and talking dictionary, repeating most everything.

Yes, everything. Body functions seem to be his favorite these days. I hate to admit it, but at times I even find myself chuckling at his clever combinations. I have to turn my face lest he consider my amusement encouragement. He gets enough of that from his 4-year-old sister.

She is his favorite teacher. Please note: Everything in parentheses from

Please see SPRY, B2

D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S

Mommy, read me a story...

Parents can help kids become life-long readers



BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER
sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Reading can be a lifelong source of entertainment and education. That line sounds good, but it doesn't play well to a 13-year-old who has Nintendo, CDs and movies at his disposal.

It can be difficult to make children habitual readers, but parents have lots of tools to help them, said Lesley Banycky, instructional specialist in the area of reading at Pine Knob Elementary School in Clarkston.

March is Reading Month, and it's a good time to give parents a refresher course in ways to keep the fire for reading burning brightly in children as they and their interests grow.

Most parents know they should read to their children daily practically from birth. For many, it becomes a daily ritual.

"They say you should continue reading to your children even when they get older," Banycky said.

Even teenagers enjoy being read to, and teachers are often encouraged to read aloud in class. Banycky said more advanced works can be shared because generally, a parent's reading level is higher and at the same time, children's listening comprehension skills are better than their reading comprehension skills.

■ 'Make reading a priority in your house. You have to turn off the TV, turn off the video games.'

—Lesley Banycky
Instructional Specialist

Also important is for parents to set an example for their children. Even if a parent is not an avid reader, he or she should try to read daily.

"Make reading a priority in your house. You have to turn off the TV, turn off the video games," Banycky said.

And set that pattern early — as soon as the children begin learning how to read.

"You can't wait until they're older to set that expectation," she added.

Even so, older kids might lose interest and balk at setting aside a reading time each evening. But Banycky said parents can be flexible. Reading takes many forms. Books are great, but she said newspapers, magazines and even doing research online can improve reading skills.

Clarkston Community Schools recommends that children grades K-2 read 10 minutes per day. In grades three-five, children should read 20 minutes per day and students in grades six-12 should read at least 30 minutes per day.

Banycky suggested the following authors for picky readers.

Lower elementary: Eric Carle, Mem Fox and Kevin Henkes

Please see READ, B2

H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

YOUR SUBURBAN FORD DEALERS

2000 FORD TAURUS SE

★★★★★...SAFETY RATING*....★★★★★



Safety, Security and Value

Current lessees can Re-Lease a 2000 Taurus SE

For as low as $215 A month(1) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease.

With $2,426 customer cash due at signing.

Includes security deposit; excludes tax, title and license fee
Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates.
Payment includes $500 renewal cash, plus $1000 cash.

2000 FORD WINDSTAR LX



Safety, Security and Value

Current lessees can Re-Lease a 2000 Windstar LX

For as low as $225 A month(2) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease.

With $3,159 customer cash due at signing.

Includes security deposit; excludes tax, title and license fee
Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates.
Payment includes $500 renewal cash, plus $1500 cash.

Ford BREAK OUT

www.suburbanforddealers.com

OPEN SATURDAYS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

(1) Lease payments subject to dealer participation. Payment may vary based on actual dealer discount. 2000 model Taurus SE with optional equipment, MSRP of $19,610 excluding tax, title and license fee. Lease payment assumes a dealer discount of $500. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2000. Not all Lessees will qualify for lowest payment. (2)Some payments higher, some lower. Not all Lessees will qualify for lowest payment. For special lease terms and RCL Cash, $1500 RCL cash on 2000 Windstar, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2000. RCL Cash may be taken in cash, but is used towards down payment in examples shown. Lease renewal cash of $500 on Taurus and Windstar, only available to customers terminating their new Ford Division Red Carpet Lease and re-lease for 24 months by 3/31/2000. Leases terminated early qualify if terminated within program dates. Supplies are limited, not all dealers will have all featured models. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details. *Driver and passenger front crash test. Government data only useful in comparing vehicles within 500 pounds.

ARRANTS Ford

968 M-15 HWY
Ortonville
248-627-3730

DAR honors area teen for good citizenship

John Schwartz knows a lot more about the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution today than he did just a short while ago.

The senior at Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Pontiac was chosen as one of the recipients of its Good Citizen award through the General Richardson Chapter.

He was chosen for his demonstrations of "the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism," according to his certificate.

It's easy to see why.



John Christian Schwartz

While in high school, he's been active, for example, on the debate team, student council, forensics team, varsity track and field team, Optimists Club and more. He studies piano, plays guitar, does volunteer work at Colombiere Center, works at the Independence Township Library and is the recipient of several other awards.

Schwartz, who lives in Independence Township, said the award was a big surprise. His parents are Michael and Judy Schwartz.

"My counselor nominated four people for the award from our school and didn't tell us." A vote in a religion class made Schwartz the final candidate.

"Then I had to sit in a room for two hours and write an essay on a given topic," he said. "I knew a little bit about the DAR before then, but I sure know a lot more about it now."

Some of that he learned at a tea honoring the students from 12 schools within the chapter's geographic region.

Schwartz plans to study business and pre-law in college. But he doesn't know where that will be yet.

"I've narrowed it down to University of Notre Dame, Albion College, John Carroll University or Miami of Ohio," he said.

He sounds like the kind of teen any college would want.

Optimist club's dinner dance to benefit youth

Clarkston Area Optimist Club will hold its annual dinner dance Saturday, March 13, in Deer Lake Athletic Club, Clarkston.

The event is the Optimist Club's only fund-raiser to provide financial support for several programs benefitting youth.

For example, the money raised will provide prizes for oratorical and essay contests, scholarships for high school graduates, financial support to youth programs at the middle schools and high school and to young people who have specific needs as well as various community needs.

The evening will include dinner, dancing and chances to bid on several items through live and silent auctions. Door prizes, including cash, will also be awarded.

Items to bid on include a trip to Hilton Head and Palm Beach, a big-screen TV, sports memorabilia and tickets, digital camera, gift certificates for local jewelers, restaurants, retail shops and local services such as tennis lessons, spring cleanup by the Jr. Optimists, health care, baked goods, sporting events and a hosted dinner to name a few.

Tickets are $75 each.

For more information or to buy tickets, call Wendy Halsey at (248) 625-6971. If you would like to make donations, contact Craig Judd at (248) 620-1112.

CHS vocal students earn top honors

Clarkston High School vocal music students earned top honors at the recent 2000 District Solo and Ensemble Competition at Southfield High School.

They performed solos and quartets for judges. Those earning one ratings will compete in the state event April 8 at Novi High School.

CHS students who earned one ratings are:

■ Soloists: Brian Witkowski, Andrew Szykula, Lindsay Witt, Jessica Arsenault, Diana Baer, Nic Thompson, Kim Burleigh, Nicole Kay, Tori Lauzun, Heather Lauzun, Lisa Smith and Jennifer White.

■ Quartet members: Diana Baer, Lindsay Witt, Dan Jones and Brian Witkowksi.

Those earning number two ratings include:

■ Soloists: Keith Chadrick, Brianna Purrett, Amanda Green, Crystal Evans and Kourtney McLean.

■ Quartets: Heather Lauzun, Kourtney McLean, Amanda Green and Nicole Kay. Keith Chadrick, Dan Jones, Brian Witkowski and Dustin Coleman.

■ Large groups: Madrigal men singers.

NOTABLE

Nora Zurek of Clarkston recently received Creative Memories' award for Top New Performer at the company's Detroit Regional Convention. The honor was given for her performance as a new consultant in personal sales and recruiting for 1999.

Headquartered in St. Cloud, Minn., Creative Memories is an international direct sales company that teaches people how to organize and preserve photographs in safe scrapbook photo albums. Home classes and hands-on workshops are offered by more than 45,000 consultants worldwide.

Spry from page B1

this point forward is the translation from Jakish (the language of Jake). "Bailey Dune" (June) is immensely proud to hear her brother act out and utter the drama and lines he learns from her.

Just yesterday as he and I played an intense game of hockey, he dropped his "tick" (stick) and fell to the floor in anguish after I shot the puck past him into his goal. I came over him to make sure he was okay. He looked at me with fluttering eyes and whispered in a weak voice, "I fant." A brief moment later I understood what he had picked up from his damsel-in-distress sister. He had fainted. I broke out in a fit of laughter.

Jake revealed another of his favorite "f" words today. It didn't take me long to figure out that Dad gets all the credit for this one. We were sitting together reading a book when I heard the obvious sound of gas passing. Then he said it. Not "flatulence" or "flutter," rather with pride he smiled and announced, "I faht-ed." Like father, like son.

He could say the ugliest of words, yet his sweet little voice makes them sound so cute. When he wants to spend a half-hour with his favorite purple dinosaur, he declares in an Italian mobster tone, "Me watcha Bahrney!"

The "s" sound hasn't quite found its place in his vocabulary yet. Just last week he was excited to play outdoor in the "no" and delight, "Me build a no man." And when he sneezes and green snot comes shooting out of his nose, he cries, "Mamma, wipa my not!"

His mannerisms speak volumes. As small as he is, he is endeared to little things ... his sister's Barbie's baby sister or the wee segments at the top of a navel orange. The tiny bear he finds hiding on the pages of his book elicits a scrunched-up-face-with-squinted-eyes-and-little hands-together-with-finger-twiddling-under-his-chin expression.

There's just nothing like it. Watching and listening, I am amazed at his command of communication. The dialect Jakish will soon disappear. Once his "l" sound arrives, he will no longer "pay Emo" on the computer and he will forget whining sweetly, "Momma seep wif me."

He will soon grow into "l" and grow out of needing me to fall asleep. I smile sadly and realize these days pass so quickly. It's easy to get wrapped up in the moment when parenting. It's good to cherish them. Moments make up our lives.

I try to write down all the funny things my children say. But I don't have enough space in my journals, or enough time to write. But we share enough gazes and hugs and kisses and wishes that I hope to remember enough of the good things even as my memory ebbs.

As toddler Bailey used to say when she wanted to be held, "Hoad you," now Jake asks, "Hoad me." The words may be fleeting, but if I can translate the experience of listening into feeling, maybe the memories won't fade so fast.

Shawn Spry is a Waterford resident. Her column on mothering in the new millennium runs the first Thursday of each month. Messages may be left for her by e-mail at ddean@oe.homecomm.net

Read from page B1

Upper elementary: Patricia Riley-Giff or Patricia Polacco

Clarkston Middle School media specialist Suvonne Sanford said parents need to keep encouraging children to read.

"Once they get out of elementary school, parents tend to let up a little," she said.

That's a mistake. Sanford has some suggested authors for middle schoolers. They include Avi, Susan Cooper, Caroline Cooney, Robert Cormier, Gary Paulsen, Will Hobbs, Lois Lowry and Jerry Spinelli.

She said Spinelli's work is amusing, Cooper writes fantasy and Paulsen and Hobbs write books that boys might be especially interested in.



Insure. Invest. Protect the ones you love. Everyone has different financial goals. At Huntington, we have the insurance and investment services to help fulfill yours. Let one of our Insurance and Investment Representatives help you determine the financial strategy for your way of life. Stop by your local Huntington office for your complimentary Personalized Financial Analysis.

Call toll-free 1-877-480-7384
or visit e-Bank® at www.huntington.com

Huntington
Banking. Investments. Insurance.

Not FDIC-Insured ♦ May Lose Value ♦ No Bank Guarantee

Securities are offered by The Huntington Investment Company, member NASD/SIPC, a subsidiary of The Huntington National Bank. Insurance products are offered by Huntington Insurance Services and are underwritten by insurance companies unaffiliated with The Huntington National Bank and are offered by licensed insurance agents. ®, Huntington® and e-Bank® are federally registered service marks of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. © 2000 Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. *Financial services since 1866.* 1IVOC35P1ALL

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS Invites You To Win.....

Plush Winnie The Pooh 3ft tall characters! Entry forms available at show.

11th Annual Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome™

MARCH 2-5

SPRING HAS ARRIVED AT THE MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW. LET YOUR SPRING PLANS FOR HOME AND GARDEN START HERE.

STROLL 18 BEAUTIFUL LIVING GARDENS.
Your stroll will produce 100's of ideas you can use for your yard or garden including landscaping and design.

FIND HOME IMPROVEMENT IDEAS BY THE 100'S.
From the basement to the attic and all rooms in between, the Michigan Home & Garden Show has just about everything for your home.

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS.
Daily seminars on the Builder's Stage with Glenn Haege, America's Master Handyman; Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor; Don Booth, "Lookin' At Your Home"; Garden Stage, Nancy Szerlag, Garden Writer; Jeff Ball, Garden Author and many more. For a complete speaker list visit www.showspan.com



WIN
A LARGE Home Theater System From CIRCUIT CITY
Complete description of prize rules at Bose display at show. No admission required.
Random drawing of all entries to be held March 5, 2000

11th Annual Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome™ MARCH 2-5

$1 OFF

Thursday 3 pm - 10 pm
Friday 12 noon - 10 pm
Saturday (No Coupon) 10 am - 10 pm
Sunday (No Coupon) 10 am - 6 pm

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.

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 NIGHT ALIVE
7-8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 3449 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Family Night. Complimentary desserts. "Uncle Norm" will present a magic show, black light chalk art and ventriloquism to delight the whole family. Free admission; contributions accepted. For more information, call (248) 394-0200.

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.

TUESDAY, MAR. 14

TUESDAY MUSICALE
1 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford. Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac will observe St. Patrick's Day at its March meeting with a program performed by several long-time members. Martha England, Joyce Merle, Martha Windscheif and Margaret Warczak will perform a variety of music on a program entitled "Celts and Beyond." Using two Irish harps, a recorder and a violin, they will explore authentic Irish folk music as well as music of other national origins and several periods of history. Guest fee is $2. For more information, call (248)673-5817.

THURSDAY, MAR. 16

LEARN AND INFORM
7:30-9 p.m., Independence Township Library, Clarkston. The Michigan Women's Commission (Lansing) advocates supportive legislation for women. You are invited to an update about progress for women in our state. An informative and lively presentation will be given by the director, Martha Truscott. This is sponsored by Clarkston Community Women's Club and Garwood & Associates. Coffee, tea and refreshments. For further information call Susan Wotring at 634-3328 (Home) or 625-3123 (Work).

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.

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

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.

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY

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

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

EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY

WEUNITE (WISDOM OF ELDERS, ENERGY OF YOUTH....CONNECTING GENERATIONS)
7-8:30 p.m., St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Contact person: Maria Rotondo Mark at 625-9154 or 623-9348.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

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

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON
7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads. New Clarkston chapter welcomes new members. International club promotes communication and leadership skills. For more information and to RSVP, contact Barry Gair (248) 877-6271 or Ann Blizzard (248) 393-1820 or visit club at www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7232.

EVERY SATURDAY

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING
10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8895 or Kim Tombrella at 620-2616.

MADD honors winners, participants of this year's poster/essay contest

Winners and participants in the MADD Oakland County Poster/Essay Contest were awarded and honored Tuesday.

The contest is open to all schools in Oakland County, both public and private. Students in grades 1-12 enter posters, essays and/or public service announcements using an anti-drinking and driving theme provided by MADD's national organization. First-place winners advance to state-level competition.

This year's theme was "There's Nothing Funny About Drunk Driving." There were more than 30 entries received. The following Clarkston students were honored for their participation and/or winning entries:

2000 Poster Entries
1st Place — Michael Ulinski, Oakland Technical School
2nd Place — Elizabeth Flaga, Clarkston High School
Honorees — Tim Whitehead, Clarkston High School; Stephanie Kyle, Oakland Technical School; John Beck, Oakland Technical School; Derek Johnson, Oakland Technical School; Holly Roux, Clarkston High School; Jeremy Jarvis, Oakland Technical School; Megan Malugin, Clarkston High School; Jerad Morales, Clarkston High School; Erin Keesling, Clarkston High School; and Robert Strickland, Oakland Technical School.

Nature center's gardens, BMX volunteers receive awards from state rec association

■ The sensory herb garden and the meditation water garden invite the nature center's 85,000 visitors to "look" with their eyes, hands and noses.

The old and the new at Oakland County Parks took top honors in two Michigan Recreation and Park Association annual awards categories.

The Rubach Sensory and Water Meditation gardens garnered the top spot for landscape design. The award was for the creation and installation of a water garden at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Also, the Bicycle Motocross volunteer association at Waterford Oaks County Park was honored for 25 years of community service.

"What better classroom than the outdoors" was the philosophy that brought two outdoor features to life at Oakland County Parks. The sensory herb garden and the meditation water garden invite the nature center's 85,000 visitors to "look" with their eyes, hands and noses. The project was made possible by donations from the Rubach family as a living memorial to family members.

The sensory garden features 100 species of flowers, plants and herbs selected for their appeal to the five senses.

As a complement, the water garden is complete with a waterfall, flagstone rim and stepping stone path across the water. The pond holds 2, 500 gallons of water complete with clusters of water hyacinths. A nearby wooden bench invites time for quiet reflection.

The bicycle motocross volunteers were honored for 25 years of community service. Volunteers host two nights of practice, amateur race night and a National Bicycle League race every week. National events require 70 volunteers.

Kelly Burnette and his wife, Lawrie, of Clarkston are two such volunteers, contributing time and energy since 1974. Vicki Zuithof and husband Dave of Drayton Plains started the program in 1980. Together these two couples have accumulated 88 years volunteering at Waterford Oaks BMX.

MRPA is a member organization committed to providing professional development, advocacy, programs and services in the recreation field. The awards were presented at MRPA's winter conference in Lansing.

For more information, contact Desiree Stanfield at (248)858-4627. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

ACHIEVERS

MATTHEW J. HARLTON

Matthew J. Harlton, son of Bruce and Kathryn Harlton of Independence Township and a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester at Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design.

Matthew is a senior photography major.

GREAT BARGAINS FOR LESS THAN A BUCK!



2 FOR 99¢ SWEATER SALE
AT LISTED STORE LOCATIONS
Huge Savings • Great Selection
Vintage Items
Tuesday March 7 • Wednesday March 8
"Everything you want for a whole lot less"

24021 Van Dyke, Centerline
5854 W. Fort Street, Detroit
15725 Grand River, Detroit
14922 Kercheval, Detroit
140474 E. Seven Mile, Detroit
28417 Telegraph, Flat Rock
25201 W. Outer Drive, Melvindale
158 Main Street, Mt. Clemens
750 North Perry, Pontiac
12354 Fort Street, Southgate
23746 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores
14040 E. Nine Mile, Warren

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORES
1-877-ST VINCENT

Camp Corner Directory

Every Summer thousands of children look forward to camp...



.....Give them the opportunity to experience yours with an advertisement in our 2000 Summer Camp Corner.

TROY SPORTS CENTER
• All Sports Camps
• Hockey Instructional Camps
• Learn To Skate Programs
248-689-6600
1819 East Big Beaver Road • Troy, MI

ROCHESTER HILLS STABLES
Summer Day Camp
• Two English riding lessons daily
• Hands-on care of horses
• Horse show on the last day of camp
3 Two-Week Sessions
4 One-Week Sessions
June-August 9:30-3:30 p.m.
For more information & brochure
(810) 752-9520 / (810) 752-6020
Ask about early registration discount

ARTSTART SUMMER CAMP
Creative Experiences for Children • Ages: 3-9
• Art • Music • Drama
• Science • Outdoor Activities • Water Play
• Computer • Special Visitors
31195 W. 13 Mile • Farmington Hills
248 626-2850 Open 7:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. Full & Half Days Available

Northville Montessori Center
Summer Day Camp
15709 Haggerty Road
(Between 5 & 6 Mile)
734-420-0924 or 248-348-5093
• Preschool
• Elementary
• Extended Hours Available

CAMP HENRY
Kimball Lake
Newaygo, MI
over 60 years of Camping Experience
A ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Members of American Camping Association and Christian Camping International
• Summer Camps
• Retreat Programs
• Corporate Teambuilding
• Environmental Education
(616) 459-CAMP
www.camphenry.org

Basketball America
257 W. Clarkston Rd., Lake Orion, MI
SUMMER CAMPS
• Camp Shirt • Basketballs • Player Evaluation
(248) 693-5858 • Roller Hockey Camp
4 different one week sessions to meet the needs of a complete player. Ages 6-16
Individual Basketball lessons are available!!

New Morning School
Full Day or Half Day Summer Camps
SLIPPERY, SLIMY, STUPENDOUS SCIENCE July 24-28
Experiment, create, and concoct using everything from liquid lasagna to chocolates. Ages 6-11
LET'S BUILD July 31- August 4
Construct with edible architecture, create cities, be a contractor, build a hovercraft. Build 'em Construction Co. needs you. Ages 6-11
SUPER SLEUTHS August 7-11
Become a forensic scientist, work the crime scene, analyze the evidence, and testify in court. Ages 7-12
All camps are filled with hands-on activities that make learning FUN!
Latchkey available before an camps.
734/420-3331

Orchard Lake St. Mary's
BOYS - GIRLS BASKETBALL
GIRLS.....June 25 to June 29
BOYS.....July 23 to July 27
July 30 to Aug. 3
Overnight
Extended Day 9-9
Day 9-4:30
Call Sylvia (248)682-1885
For information contact Rich : 734-953-2069

DIAMONDS
Specializing in Over One Carat
•Certification by G.I.A., H.R.D., or E.G.L
•Large Selection of Mountings & Wedding Bands
VERY COMPETITIVE PRICING
ROSE JEWELERS
A Family Tradition Since 1908
336 Main St.•Rochester •248-652-2400

Observer & Eccentric

PERSONAL SCENE



To listen and respond to ads, call 1-900-773-6789

Or call toll free using your credit card 1-877-253-4898

Call costs $1.98 per minute. Must be 18+.

To place your FREE ad, call 1-800-518-5445



Women seeking Men

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF 33, H/W proportionate, long red-dish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1659

SOPHISTICATED-HAPPY
Brown-eyed blonde, 5'6", fit, bubbly, outgoing, with a zest for life, interests: golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
DWPF, 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, interested in energy work, T.T., reiki, nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, interested in alternative medicine and metaphysics. N/S. ☎1860

HONEYSUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a cool-minded daughter too, enjoys cooking, baking—how about a sample? Seeking best friend; real and fun conversation. ☎5602

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustwor-thy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall; passionate, humorous WM, 48-60, for dating. LTR. ☎1635

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 28-35, for possible LTR. ☎1756

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, roman-tic, 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, intelli-gent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking a SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humor-ous, 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 horse-man SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking fam-ily-oriented, outgoing, commitmen-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 dining, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed rela-tionship. ☎6304

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

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, bik-ing, travel, cooking. Seeking finan-cially/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 a SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and stay-ing 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, 5'6", 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, read-ing, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, with high morals, for monoga-mous LTR. ☎1770

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

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, con-certs, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'6", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking a 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 possi-ble LTR. ☎1363

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with tradition-al manners, who's intelligent, inter-ested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-56, 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

I 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

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area ☎1808

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, ho-nest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a pos-sible LTR. ☎1783

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entre-preneur, 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

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

TOUCH OF CLASS
Soar into a LTR with classy, attrac-tive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, and adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1785

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companion-ship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and the-ater. Possible LTR. ☎1798

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'5", 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, 48, 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. ☎4997

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2" 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys 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/ha-zel, 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? ☎1700

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys out-doors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for rela-tionship 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 SM for companion-ship, 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 non-denominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing. Wa-terford. ☎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, learn-ing, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1666

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attrac-tive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1478

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

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walk-ing, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking a 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, pro-fessional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

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

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ago 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 attrac-tive, sincere man. Race unimpor-tant. ☎1429

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

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygo-ing, good-humored, very affection-ate, down-to-earth DWF, 46, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 46-60, 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 ro-mance 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, like-wise, emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1588

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 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, pos-sible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with sim-ilar interest, for possible LTR. ☎1533

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially se-cure, active, retired, widowed WF, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1646

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, Euro-pean blonde, with very sophisticat-ed tastes, seeks successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50...54's, brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for con-certs, 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, enter-taining, movies. Seeking prosper-ous Christian gentlemen, with simi-lar interests, N/S, H/W proportion-ate 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 unim-portant. ☎1448

Men seeking Women

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, out-doors, dinners; movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

LOYAL, HONEST, NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, handsome, fun-loving, DWM, 53, 6'1", 190lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive S/DWF, 35-49, physically fit, slim, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. ☎1834

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'11", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes horses, country life. Seeking a charming, smart, attractive lady, under 40, for friend-ship first. ☎1836

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
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

ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
A creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks lively lady, mid-age, with a interest in or curiosity about same. ☎1833

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
what the ads say, two people just have to click. Is it us? Seeking intel-ligent, personable, shapely, humor-ous lady. I'm 63, N/S, 5', many interests and talents. ☎1830

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sin-cere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seek-ing SWF, 25-40, for dating & romance. ☎1698



It's almost Spring. Cultivate a Budding Romance

Meet the right person and love will blossom quickly! Voice personals make it easy to find exactly the right person.

Observer & Eccentric PERSONAL SCENE

Call to listen and respond to ads.

1-900-773-6789

Calls cost $1.98 per min. Must be 18+

©2000 THE TPI GROUP

Place your ad via e-mail at observereccentric@placepersonal.com

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educat-ed, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for LTR. ☎1264

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Successful, Big 3 professional, dis-plays impeccable class, honor, respect. 38, 5'11", 162lbs, fit, emo-tionally/financially secure, advan-ced degreed. Strong ethics, morals, and lasting optimism. Delightfully humorous. Great listener and con-versationalist. ☎1760

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attrac-tive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casi-nos, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF for friend-ship first. ☎1611

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcy-cles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for com-mitted 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

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

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

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

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 84, 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

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

THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-38, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. ☎1522

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attrac-tive SWM, young 47, 6'1", mod-est/conservative interests. Seeks fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS
DWM, 5'7", medium build, H/W pro-portionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emo-tionally secure, recently retired pro-fessional. Broad interest, open to pleasures, shared by healthy, alive partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. ☎1799

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive profes-sional. Enjoys golf, bowling, mo-vies, sports, walks, romance. Seek-ing new best friend for loving, car-ing, sharing relationship. ☎1757

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleye, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful, (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who does-n'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, inde-pendent female with similar inter-ests. ☎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, goa-tee, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for com-mitted 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 com-municate, express thoughts. Li-onte. ☎1693

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

EDUCATED ATHLETE
SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, red/blue, N/S, athletic build, likes golfing, ski-ing, tennis, biking, movies, dining. Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6"+, H/W pro-portionate, N/S, to share my com-mon 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

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 170lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeown-er, seeks slim, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR? N/S only. ☎1378

MAKE IT HAPPEN
DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, humorous, no dependents, seeks earthy, active, S/DF, age surprise me, com-bine interest, have some fun, possi-ble LTR. All replies answered. ☎1689

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 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. ☎4998

LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM seeks 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

UNION LAKE AREA
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Ca-tholic, enjoys boating, amateur the-ater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1384

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

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

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dat-ing, 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 little drinker. Seeking spe-cial lady, 30-45. ☎1142

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, perse-vering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seek-ing 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, cus-tom's parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

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

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

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, H/W proportionate, N/S, willing to work on possible relationship. ☎5519

TOTALLY INSANE-NOT!
SBM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking. Seeking SF, 26-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, with similar interests for friendship first. ☎1665

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

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

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal orient-ed 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, available 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, 5'9", 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

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 28-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and work-ing out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slen-der, 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, com-mitment-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, and much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is enter-taining, 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", 187lbs, entrepre-neur, 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, lib-erty, 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

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

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

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

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motor-cycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking SDWF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 185lbs, 42, decpted, playful father, believes in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks genuine, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for mar-riage, all replies answered. ☎1699

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 con-nection with a SWF, 36-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dat-ing, possibly more. Race/age unim-portant. All calls answered. ☎5454

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

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine din-ing. Seeking a 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 rela-tionship. ☎1681

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 rela-tionship, starting as friends, possi-ble LTR. ☎5840

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage chil-dren, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 36-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

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 inter-ests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. ☎1514

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

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, con-certs, 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 gentle-man. ☎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. ☎1519

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
DM, 5'10", 175lbs, dark/brown, with sense of humor seeks attractive SF, 30-42, dark hair, who likes dining, dancing, movies, for friendship and fun times. ☎1837

REAL ROMANTIC MAN
Educated SM, 5'11", 160lbs, Med-iterranean looks, black hair, who enjoys dancing, outdoor activities, and fun. Seeking a SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1838

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. Seek-ing petite W/HF. ☎5879

HARD-WORKING
Honest SWM, 41, brown/green, seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok. ☎1528

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN
Triple-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike, seeks SWF for nice dinners, romance, and long walks. ☎1524

**GOOD CAT

That 'early' robin may get the worm, but a spring myth bites the dust

OAKLAND. . . NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

A fat robin waddling about a Southfield condo complex lawn during the waning days of February has nothing to do with spring. Nor does a boisterous flock of sassy robins chowing down on scraggly old fermented berries outside my West Bloomfield office. The first was reported to me by a highly excited grandmotherly type. Bless her. The latter I witnessed along with an army of my "Mommy and Me Nature Club" snowsuit-clad pre-schoolers. Bless them.

And as Dave Berry is so fond of saying, I am not making any of this up. Robins are false prophets of spring.

And for the record, let me state with unequivocal certainty — at the risk of establishing myself as the Nature Grinch that dethroned Mr. and Mrs. Robin — robins are nothing more than well-adapted warm-blooded worm slurpers, many of which (just like the eastern bluebird) stay put all winter. Some of these red-breasted worm slurpers are presently hopping around suburban yards up to their kneecaps in crusty snow with a bewildered "Where did all the worms go?" look. Like the worms are underground, bird brain. Watch out for the cat! And get away from those TV cameras.

But any day now, Bill Bonds, Amy Lange, Rich Fisher, Carman Harlan or another well-established TV personality will grin, glance at their notes and report in deadpan seriousness — on a slow news night of course — that "Mrs. Jones" saw the first robin of spring in her yard. And with that bit of news hyperbole they will sign off and wish us a good evening. Yawn. Don't blame them for the false information.

Forget the snow. Forget the robin sightings. Spring is going to sweep across the countryside even if Mrs. Jones reports an elephant in her yard instead of a lonely looking robin. Pre-spring robins are not news stories. Not in Milford, Rochester, Clarkston, Commerce, or outside the upscale shops of Birmingham and Franklin.

Want facts? When autumn berry crops are abundant, many robins forget to pack their bags and head south. Instead they hang out in large flocks like teens at the mall. But as snow melts and water-logged earthworms come wiggling to the surface, robins "magically" appear in yards to eke out live-meat meals and rejuvenate the spring myth.

I am not suggesting you trash your little ones drawings of the stick-figure robin that is proudly plastered on the refrigerator door. If I had a little one, I would put the inevitable robin drawing on my refrigerator shrine. But the truth is, robins are not harbingers of spring. A good number of them did not even notice the arrival of autumn. And you do not need a problem-solving undercover video to discover the truth.

Want some real signs of spring? Try swollen pussy willows glistening on a frosty morning. Or how about rowdy rural roosters crowing at sunrise. (You should hear my barn at dawn with two competing Rhode Island Reds.) Crows cavorting and maple sap dripping into tin buckets are perfect spring signs. Skunk cabbage pushing up through a blanket of half-frozen mud is about as springy as you can get. Robins? No way.

OK Amy, Bill, Carman and Rich or any other media takers. I'll escort you in the field and we will go live with signs of spring. Call me. And if you really truly need a bird that announces spring, my vote goes for the red-winged blackbird. Makes a darn good sound bite too, that cheery sound of the red-wing as he flashes his brilliant red epaulettes.

Just get your camera person positioned ankle-deep in chilly marsh muck and you and I will squish our way out among the cattails. We'll do the news proud. Lights, camera, sound. Nature's way on the air. Red-wings are coming home. Robins never left.

Maybe I'll expose the Easter bunny next. Maybe I won't.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger and naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and writes on nature's way for the Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com He expects red-winged blackbirds in his Brandon Township marsh any day now.

Naturescapes

HUMAN SURVIVAL FOR KIDS, MARCH 4, 2 P.M.

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester/Utica

Kids love this With the help of a parent, children 10 years and older learn basic knots and lashing techniques. They'll build a sled that transforms into a shelter. Pre-registration required. (810) 781-4621

BLUEBIRDS, THEIR HOMES AND YOU, MARCH 5, 2 P.M.

Kensington Metropark Nature Center near Milford/Brighton

Journey to a bluebird habitat and find out how you can help bluebirds make a comeback. Pre-registration is required. (248) 685-0630 or (800) 477-3178

TAPPING THE SUGAR BUSH, SATURDAY, MARCH 18

E.L. Johnson Nature Center - Bloomfield Township

Making maple syrup is a rite of spring.See the trees being tapped, sap collected and the boiling that produces syrup. Tour times begin at 11 a.m. $3 per person. Details on how to register from Bloomfield Hills Recreation-Community Services, (248) 433-0885



Children have many special needs....and because parents don't always have a lot of time, the Observer & Eccentric has created this unique directory to make life just a little easier.

CHILD CARE

TLC
PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE
★ AGES 21/2 - KINDERGARTEN
★ Full/Half day • 7:00am-6:00pm
★ Includes Hot Lunches & Snacks
734-427-0233

For more information about advertising call Rich at: 734-953-2069



Don't miss our new play, "Sell it in three, or we'll run it for FREE!" now appearing in the Classified section of your hometown newspaper. In fact if you don't sell it with three Classified ads, we'll run your ad free three more times! Now that's worth a round of applause.

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS HomeTown News... It's all about you!
HOMETOWN CLASSIFIEDS
Part of HomeTown Communication Network

Oakland County — 248-644-1070 Wayne County — 734-591-0900
Rochester-Rochester Hills — 248-852-3222
Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Waterford — 248-475-4596

INTERNET ADDRESS DIRECTORY

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

O&E ON-LINE!

ACCOUNTING
Kessler & Associates P.C.——www.kesslercpa.com
Sosin, Sklar, Rottman, Liefer & Kingston, P.C.——http://ssrlk.com

ADVERTISING PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS
Monograms Plus——http://oeonline.com/monoplus

AD/HD HELP
AD/HD (Attention Deficit)——www.adhdoutreach.com

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Legal Notice——http://oeonline.com/~legal

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

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

ARCHITECTS
URS Greiner-Wooward Clyde——www.urscorp.com

ART and ANTIQUES

ART GALLERIES
The Print Gallery——www.everythingart.com

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

ASPHALT/CONCRETE PAVING
Ajax Paving Industries——www.ajaxpaving.com
S&J Asphalt Paving——http://sjasphaltpaving.com

ASSOCIATIONS
ASM - Detroit——www.asm-detroit.org
Asphalt Pavers Association of Southeastern Michigan——http://apamichigan.com
Oakland Youth Orchestra——www.oyomi.org
Suburban Newspapers of America——www.suburban-news.org
Suspender Wearers of America——http://oeonline.com/swaa

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

AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES
AVS Audio——www.avsaudio.com

AUTOMOTIVE
Auto Warranty Extend——www.htnews.com/autoextend
Competition Limited——www.htnews.com/comptltd
Great Lakes Components——www.greatlakescomponents.com
John Rogin Buick-Isuzu-Suzuki——www.johnrogin.com
Ramchargers Performance Centers——www.ramchargers.com

AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES
Marks Mgmt. Services——www.marksmgmt.com

AUTO RACING
Milan Dragway——www.milandragway.com

BANQUET FACILITIES
Genoa Woods——www.genoawoods.com

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

BOOKS
Apostolate Communications——www.apostolate.com

BUILDING PRODUCTS
Lenover's Professional Building Products——lenovers.com

BUSINESS NEWS
Insider Business Journal——www.insiderbiz.com

COMPUTER HARDWARE/PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE SUPPORT
Thermal Engineering Services Inc.——tes-inet.com

CERAMIC TILE
Stewart Specialty Tiles——www.specialtytiles.com

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
BirminghamBloomfield Chamber of Commerce——www.bbcc.com
Garden City Chamber of Commerce——www.gardencity.org
Livonia Chamber of Commerce——www.livonia.org
Redford Chamber of Commerce——redfordchamber.org

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center——http://oeonline.com/svsf

CLASSIFIED ADS
AdVillage——http://advillage.com
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers——http://observer-eccentric.com

COMMUNITIES
City of Birmingham——http://ci.birmingham.mi.us

COMMUNITY NEWS
HomeTown Newspapers——http://htnews.com
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers——http://observer-eccentric.com

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
Visions of Suanne Big Crow——http://suannebigcrow.org

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Beverly Hills Police——www.beverlyhillspolice.com
Detroit Regional Chamber——www.detroitchamber.com
Hearts of Livonia——www.heartslivonia.org
Sanctuary——http://oeonline.com/~webscool/teenhelp
Wayne Community Living Services——www.wcls.org

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS
Idea Computer Consultants——www.ideacc.com

COMPUTER GRAPHICS
Logix, Inc.——www.logix-usa.com

CREDIT BUREAUS
Ann Arbor Credit Bureau——www.a2cb.com

COMPUTER HARDWARE/PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE SUPPORT
Applied Automation Technologies——www.capps-edges.com

COMPUTER PRODUCT REVIEWS
CyberNews and Reviews——http://oeonline.com/cybernews

CRAFTS
Linden Lane Farms——www.fibersofmichigan.com

CRYOGENIC PROCESSING
Cryo-tech, Inc.——www.cryofrz.com

DANCE INSTRUCTION
Scarab Studios——www.scarabstudios.com

DENTISTS
family dentistry——www.familydentist-sinardds.com
Smile Maker——www.smilemaker.org

DUCT CLEANING
Mechanical Energy Systems——www.mes1.com

EDUCATION
Global Village Project——http://oeonline.com/gvp.htm
Oakland Schools——http://oakland.k12.mi.us
Reuther Middle School——http/oeonline.com/~rms
Rochester Community The Webmaster School——http://rochester-hills.com
Western Wayne County Internet User Group——http://oeonline.com/wwciug

ELECTRICAL SUPPLY
Caniff Electric Supply——www.caniff.com
Progress Electric——www.pe-co.com

ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND REPAIR
ABL Electronic Service, Inc.——www.ablserv.com

EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANY
Genesys Group——www.genesysgroup.com

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Advantage Staffing——www.astaff.com
Employment Presentation Services——www.epsweb.com
HR ONE, INC.——www.hroneinc.com

EMPLOYEE SERVICES
Rooney Personnel——careers-hrl.com

ENVIRONMENT
Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of SW Oakland Co.——http://oeonline.com/rrrasoc

EYE CARE/LASER SURGERY
Greenberg Laser Eye Center——www.greenbergeye.com
Michigan Eyecare Institute——www.micheyecare.com

FINANCIAL
Equitas Financial Advisors——www.equitasadvisor.com
Fairlane Investment Advisors, Inc.——www.fial.com

FLOORING
Dande Hardwood Flooring Company——www.dandefloors.com

FROZEN DESSERTS
Savino Sorbet——www.sorbet.com

GALLERIES
Cowboy Trader Gallery——www.cowboytradergallery.com

GOVERNMENT
Livingston County Human Services——livearlyon.org

HAIR SALONS
Heads You Win——www.headsyouwin.com

HEALTH CARE
Family Health Care Center——http://oeonline.com/ehrmann

HERBAL PRODUCTS
Nature's Better Way——http://oeonline.com/nbw

HOME ACCESSORIES
Laurel Home Accessories & Gifts——http://laurelhome.com

HOME IMPROVEMENTS
Aceent Remodeling 1 Inc——www.accentremodeling.com

HOSPITALS
Botsford Health Care Continuum——www.botsfordsystem.org
St. Mary Hospital——www.stmaryhospital.org

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES
Innovative Laboratory Acrylics——www.htonline.com/ila

HYDRAULIC AND PNEUMATIC CYLINDERS
Hennells——www.hennells.com

HYPNOSIS
Full Potential Hypnosis Center——oeonline.com/hypnosis

IDENTIFICATION & LAMINATION
Identification Lamination Products——www.identlam.com

INSURANCE
J. J. O'Connell & Assoc., Inc. Insurance——www.oconnellinsurance.com

INVENTIONS/PRODUCTS DEVELOPED/PATENTS
Martec Products INternational——www.martecmpi.com

MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES
Electronic Resources——www.esirep.com

MICHIGAN INFORMATION
Michigan Web——www.michiganweb.com

MORTGAGE COMPANIES
Mortgage Market Information Services——www.interest.com/observer
Spectrum Mortgage——www.spectrummortgage.com
Village Mortgage——www.villagemortgage.com

MUSIC MEMORABILIA
Classic Audio Repro——www.classicaudiorepro.com
Jeff's Records——www.jeffsrecords.com

NURSING EDUCATION
Michigan League for Nursing——http://oeonline.com/mln

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS
Dawn Van Amburg, Independent Distributor——www.flash.net/~dvanambe/reliv.htm

OFFICE PRODUCTS
Office Express——www.officeexpress.com

ORIENTAL RUGS
Azar's Oriental Rugs——www.azars.com

PARKS & RECREATION
Huron-Clinton Metroparks——www.metroparks.com

PARTY SUPPLIES
1-800-PARTYSHop——www.1800partyconsultant.com/8070

PLANNING AND TRAFFIC CONSULTANT
Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc.——www.birchlerarroyo.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Hamburg Police Department——www.htnews.com/hamburgpd

POOL SUPPLIES
Water Specialties——www.htonline.com/waterspecialties

POWER TRANSMISSION
Bearing Service, Inc.——www.bearingservice.com

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
Profile Central, Inc.——www.profile-usa.com

REAL ESTATE
REALnet——http://oeonline.com/realnet.html
American Classic Realty——http://americanclassicrealty.com
AMP Building——www.ampbuilding.com
Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors——www.justlisted.com
Century 21 Town & Country——www.century21towncountry.com
Cornwell & Bush Real Estate——www.michiganhome.com/cornwell
Detroit Association of Realtors——www.detroitassocofrealtors.com
Griffith Real Estate——www.eragriffith.com
Hall & Hunter Realtors——http://s0a.oeonline.com/hallhunt
Langard Realtors——www.langard.com
Max Broock, Inc.——www.maxbroock.com
Moceri Development——www.moceri.com
Real Estate One——www.realestateone.com
RE/MAX in the Village——www.1stvirtualrealeaste.com
Sellers First Choice——www.sfcrealtors.com

REAL ESTATE AGENTS
Bill Fear——www.billfear-era.com
Dean Fileccia——www.remax-pride-fo-mi.com
Fred Glaysher——http://homes.hypermart.net
Linda Kilarski——www.kilarski.com
Claudia Murawski——http://count-on-claudia.com
Bob Taylor——www.bobtaylor.com
Sandy Smith——www.sandysmith.com

REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
BBRSOAR Appraisers Committee——http://justlisted.com/appraisal

REAL ESTATE EDUCATION
Real Estate Alumni of Michigan——www.ramadvantage.org

REAL ESTATE - HOME INSPECTION
AmeriSpec Property & Environmental Inspections——http://inspect1.com

RELOCATION
Conquest Corporation——www.conquest-corp.com
Kessler & Company——www.kesslerandcompany.com

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
Asghar Afsari, M.D.——www.gyndoc.com
Midwest Fertility and Sex Selection Center——www.mfss.com

RESTAURANTS
Albans Restaurant——www.albans.com

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES
Presbyterian Villages of Michigan——www.pvm.org
Woodhaven Retirement Community——www.woodhaven-retirement.com

SHOPPING
Birmingham Principal Shopping District——http://oeonline.com/birmingham

SURPLUS FOAM
McCullough Corporation——www.mcfoam.com

SURPLUS PRODUCTS
McCullough Corporation——www.mcsurplus.com

THEATER
MJR Theatres——www mjrtheatres.com

TOYS
Toy Wonders of the World——www.toywonders.com

TRACTOR REPAIR
Magnetos——www.htnews.com/magnetos

TRAVEL AGENCY
Cruise Selections, Inc.——www.cruiseselections.com
Royal International Travel Service——www.royalint.com

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers——oeonline.com/webpgs/html

WHOLISTIC WELLNESS
Roots and Branches——www.reikiplace.com

WOMEN'S HEALTH
PMS Institute——www.pmsinst.com

WOODWORKING
Art Squared——www.artsquared.com

WORSHIP
First Presbyterian Church Birmingham——http://fpcbirmingham.org
Rochester First Assembly Church——www.rochesterfirst.org
Unity of Livonia——http://unityoflivonia.org

YOUTH ATHLETICS
Westland Youth Athletic Association——www.wyaa.org

Put your business On-Line!, call 734-953-2038

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS — It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Apartments

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... **www.oeonline.com**

This Classification Continued from Page 7F.

400 Apartments/ Unfurnished

STERLING HEIGHTS - 19 Mile/ Mound. 2 bedroom, 1st. floor unit. Patio, covered parking. $645/mo. Available now. Call Char: 248-494-5913

WALLED LAKE area. 1½ bedroom apt. Quiet adult building. Non-smoking/Pets. Clean. $475 includes heat. (248) 624-4310

W. Bloomfield - large & sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, 1st floor, lakefront. $960 + utilities. 248-737-2774

Franklin Square Apartments

1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments

FREE HEAT & WATER



Super Location In Livonia
(734) 427-6970

SOUTHFIELD / FRANKLIN
2100 SQ. FT.
OPEN 7 DAYS
- Luxury 2 & 3 bed, 2.5 baths
- Formal dining room,
- Fireplace
- Washer & Dryer in apt
- Full basement
- Intrusion alarm
- 2 car attached garage

WEATHERSTONE TOWNHOUSES
Call Murielle at: (248) 350-1296
Franklin Rd., S. of 13 Mile
www.rent.net/direct/weatherstoneapts

STERLING HEIGHTS - Great Location!! Just minutes from shopping and entertainment. Ryan between 14 & 15 Mile. 1 & 2 bedroom with washer & dryer in each unit, lighted. Cathedral ceilings & fireplaces in select apts. Modern Kitchen. From $724. CALL TODAY FOR OUR MOVE-IN SPECIALS ON SELECT APARTMENTS! 810-978-3710

WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious 1700 sq.ft. 2 bedroom apartment with garage & plenty of storage in the prestigious Aldingbrooke Community. Call to schedule your private tour today! 248-661-0770 (Drake Rd., N. of Maple)

Southfield
PUT
$500 * BUCKS
IN YOUR POCKET
2 BEDROOM - 2 BATH LUXURY APARTMENTS
- No Move In Fees
- No Credit Check Fees
- No Cleaning Fees
- Free Carports
- Free Intrusion Devices
- Fitness Center

248-356-0400
12 Mile At Telegraph
* On Select Units

TROY AREA - Perfectly situated for your lifestyle. Located near the Troy Corridor, Dequindre south of Big Beaver. 1 & 2 bedroom apts., washer/dryer in each unit, lighted carport, private entrances & cathedral ceilings in select apts. Near Oakland & Somerset Malls, GM Tech Center and I-75. From $749. CALL TODAY FOR OUR MOVE-IN SPECIALS ON SELECT APARTMENTS! 810-268-5580

SIMPLE FAST • FREE
Apartment Search
- Your #1 Source for Finding an Apartment
- Our Expert Consultants Will Save You Time
- Short/Long Term
- Corporate Relocation
- Open 7 Days

Ann Arbor 800-732-1357
Canton 800-235-1357
Farmington Hills 800-856-5051
Novi 800-648-1357
Clinton Twp. 800-472-1357
Rochester Hills 800-937-3685
Royal Oak 800-688-1357
Southfield 800-777-5616
Troy 800-457-1357

Troy
1st MONTH FREE RENT
on 1 Bedroom Apts. (Select units only)
$100 SECURITY DEPOSIT
SUNNYMEDE APARTMENTS
561 KIRTS
1 block S. of Big Beaver, Between Livernois & Crooks
248-362-0290
www.rent.net/direct/sunnymedeapts

HAMPTON COURT APARTMENTS
"The place to live in Westland"
1 Bedroom from $505
2 Bedroom from $595
Extra Large Apts. feature storage in your Apt.
Swimming Pool
Carports Available
OPEN WEEKENDS
(734) 729-4020

Westland
ORCHARDS OF NEWBURGH
Larger Apartments
1 & 2 Bedroom Plans
- Playground Area
- Beautiful Courtyards
- Carport Included
- Rents starting at $520/mo

(734) 729-5090

Westland
VENOY PINES APARTMENTS
1 & 2 bedroom apts. some with fireplace
Clubhouse
CENTRALLY LOCATED IN WESTLAND
(734) 261-7394

"SPRING SPECIAL"
WESTLAND CAPRI
California Style Apts.
- 1 bedroom from $525
- Heat & water included
- Cathedral ceilings
- Balconies • Carport
- Fully carpeted
- Vertical blinds
- Great location to malls
- Livonia school system

(734) 261-5410

401 Apartments Furnished

Birmingham • Novi
Royal Oak • Troy
Furnished Apts.
- Monthly Leases
- Immediate Occupancy
- Lowest Rates
- Newly Decorated

SUITE LIFE
248 549-5500

Troy
THREE OAKS
WINTER SPECIAL
$200 OFF MOVE-IN ON SELECT UNITS
One, One + Den and Two Bedroom Apartments with
- All Electric Kitchens
- Neutral Carpet, Blinds
- Storage Room, Free Carport
- Tennis
- Pool & Fitness Room

Security Deposit $400
Open 7 days
248-362-4088
Wattles Rd. (17 Mile) Btwn. Crooks & Livernois

Westland Open Sunday
HURRY & $ SAVE $
(While they Last!)
$300* Off move in 1st floor only
"Livonia Schools"
2 BEDROOMS
Super closets - breakfast bar Appliances - pool laundry facilities - security doors intercom - cable ready central heating and air conditioning
SECURITY DEPOSIT $400
734-422-5411
*on select units only
Warren bet. Wayne/Newburgh

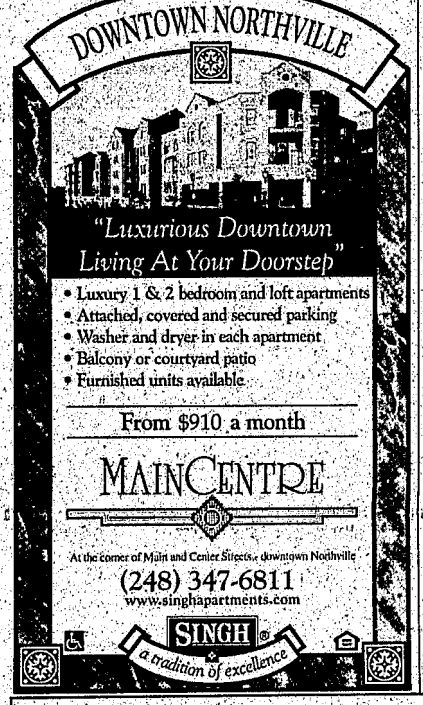
Westland
YES!!! NOW LEASING!
One & Two Bedrooms
- Free carport
- Free heat
- Vertical blinds

Ask about our specials
734-459-6600
On Joy Bet. Hix & Newburgh

www.oeonline.com

BLOOMFIELD LAKES
Furnished 1 & 2 bedroom apts. in small, quiet complex. Includes dishes, linens, etc. Cleaning services available. Beach privileges. No pets please. Rents from $650. Heat & water included. Short term leases. 248-681-8309

ROYAL OAK DOWNTOWN
Fully furnished studio apartment in quiet secured complex. $475 mo. plus security deposit. You pay electric, we pay heat. No pets. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking available. Minimum income requirement, $25,000. (248) 258-6200



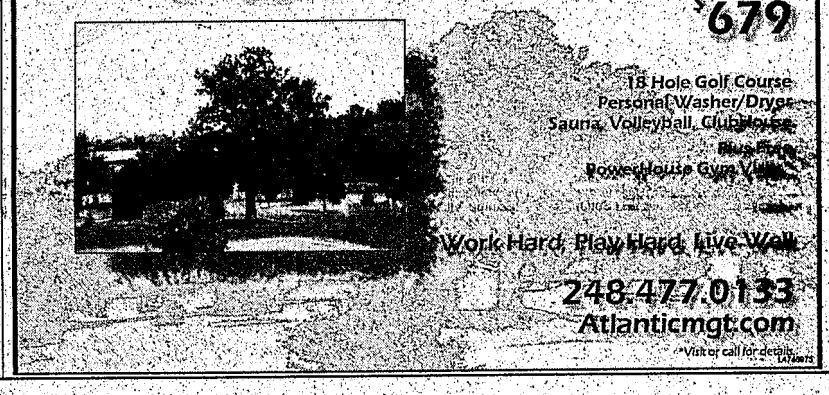


SOUTH LYON AREA
FROM $509
- Large 1 & 2 Bedroom
- Walk-In closets
- Fully carpeted
- Swimming pool, clubhouse
- FREE HEAT

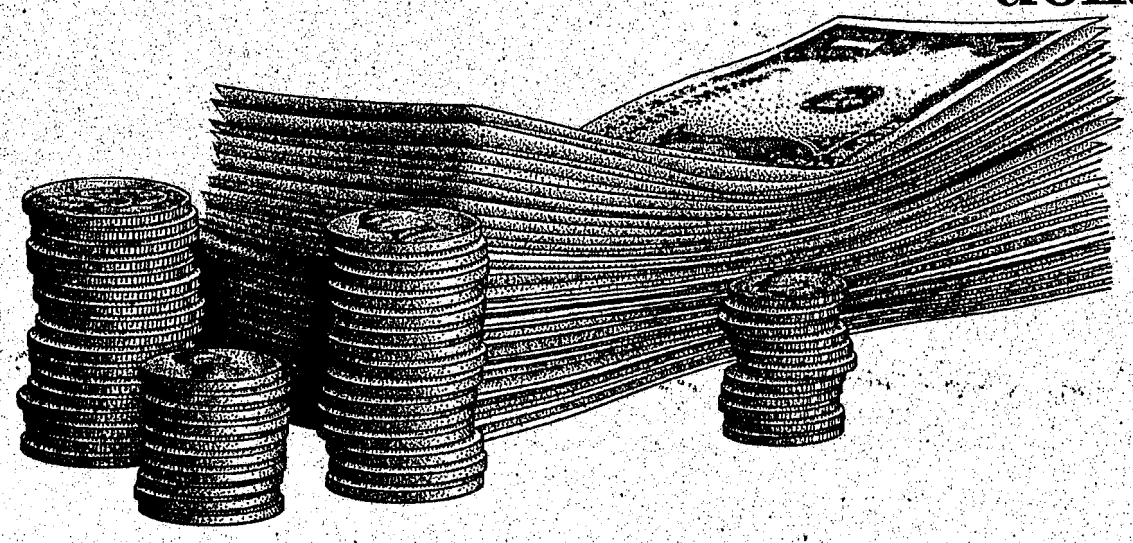
KENSINGTON PARK
Across from Kensington Metro Park located at I-96 & Kent Lake Rd.
248-437-6794

MOVE IN SPECIAL! TROY - **FREE RENT on select apts. SUTTERS CREEK APTS. Crooks Rd., S. of Big Beaver at the corner of Kirts Blvd. Amenities include:
- New appliances
- On-site laundry
- New carpeting & vinyl
- Vertical/horizontal blinds
- Air Conditioning
- Heat & Water

You'll love making SUTTERS CREEK your new home! Come see us today! Open Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm (248) 362-1940



What can you buy for $20.61 that could put hundreds of dollars in your pocket?



If you said an Observer & Eccentric Classified Ad, you're right. Right now you will pay only $20.61 to sell your used furniture, appliances, sporting goods, bikes or anything you're no longer using—up to $500 worth— with this special offer

Here's all you do:

- First, describe your item in three lines. Remember, items must total less than $500 *(Asking price must appear in your ad)*
- Next, run your ad for two days *(Sunday-Thursday or Thursday-Sunday)*
- Your cost? One low price of just $**20.61.**

Offer not available to Auto or Real Estate advertisers

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS — Home Town News... It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIEDS

Oakland County — 248-644-1070 Wayne County — 734-591-0900 Rochester-Rochester Hills — 248-852-3222 Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Waterford — 248-475-4596

401 Apartments/ Furnished

FARMINGTON HILLS
Furnished
Apartment Homes
MUIRWOOD

Immediate Occupancy. Completely furnished. Superior accommodations. Month to month or long term. Deluxe housewares. Utilities included. Resort style health facility.

Centrally located in Farmington Hills.

MUIRWOOD
(248) 478-5533

402 Condos/Townhouses

BIRMINGHAM - 1700 Grant-Lincoln/Woodward area. 2 large bedrooms, 1 .5 baths features new carpet, central air, private yard, full basement, carport. $1015. HEAT INCLUDED.

Clawson - 14 Mile/Crooks area. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhomes. Private entrance & yard, carport & basement. Only $850. Also, similar townhouse with additional 12' x 18' family room. Only $920.

12 month lease, security deposit is one month's rent. 1 cat OK with fee. EHO. Call weekdays: 248-642-8686

BLOOMFIELD HILLS HEATHERS, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, garage, on golf course, $1895. Avail., Mid April. 248-646-3399, (941) 642-0245

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Newly decorated, new appliances, lovely setting. 2 bedrooms, first floor end unit. Laundry facilities, carport. Includes heat and water. $900/mo. Cranbrook Assoc. Inc. 248-647-0100.

402 Condos/Townhouses

BLOOMFIELD TOWNHOUSE Immaculate fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new kitchen/ baths, fireplace, basement, attached garage, approx. 1600 sq.ft. $1700/mo. (313) 274-1099

FARMINGTON HILLS: 9 Mile/ Orchard Lk. 2 bedroom/2 bath. Full basement. Immediate occupancy. $1150/mo. + security. 248-935-4770 or 248-626-5061

FARMINGTON HILLS condo - 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement, court yard, pool, carport. $1100/ mo. 248-668-0132

ROCHESTER HILLS-LONG TERM LEASE AVAILABLE Retirement living in a beautiful condo with additional services available on a fee basis. Open floor plan w/large kitchen & breakfast area, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened porch. For seniors 62 & above. $1300/mo. WEX. CRANBROOK ASSOC, INC. (248) 626-8700

ROCHESTER - Private setting overlooks pond. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, basement + 2 car attached garage. Appliances, central air, pool & tennis. Pets OK. $1950 includes heat. 248-640-5482

ROYAL OAK - Townhouse in Vinsetta area. 2 bedrooms, 1½ baths, air, washer - dryer, basement, carport. Available April 15. $895 + utilities. 248-646-1906

TROY - Beautiful three bedroom townhouse (near Long Lake & Coolidge) offer 1½ baths, full basement, central air, fireplace and available March 1st. $1,500 per month-one year lease-credit report required. Contact MIKE CRESWELL RE/MAX in the Hills (248) 588-6757

TROY - Northfield Hills, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, executive town house, central air, all appliances, $1100/mo. After 6pm call (248) 745-5815.

WALLED LAKE - 1 bedroom unit on the lake. 1 car garage, all appliances, no pets. $750/mo. MeadowManagement Inc. (248) 348-5400

402 Condos/Townhouses

W. BLOOMFIELD - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, new appliances, new carpet, basement, attached garage, clean - white decor & ready for you .... to look at. $1250. Immediate occupancy. Maple at Orchard Lake Rd. MeadowManagement Bruce Lloyd - 248-348-5400

403 Duplexes

BIRMINGHAM - 695 Woodland Villa, walk to downtown, 2 bedroom duplex, laundry, carport; month to month; $1200 mo. 248-851-8081

404 Flats

BIRMINGHAM - 2 bedroom flat. Walk to town, fireplace, wood floors, appliances. $925/mo. No smokers/pets. 248-360-4362

PLYMOUTH - Downtown area. Clean, 2 bedroom lower, basement, garage. $750/mo., security, no pets. (734) 455-9686

Plymouth - Old Village. 2 bedroom upper, luxury, loft & open beams, all appliances, air. Non-smoker, no pets. $800 mo. Available immediately. 734-459-4416

Westland - Clean, large 2 bedroom flat, carpeting appliances. No pets! Security & references. Call: (734) 459-8268

405 Homes

BERKLEY - 3 bedroom, new kitchen/bath/carpet w/ basement & garage. No pets/smoking. $1095/mo, 248-644-1411

BIRMINGHAM - 3 bedroom ranch, attached 1 car garage. All appliances. $1275/mo. Security 1st & last. 248-723-8791

BIRMINGHAM BUNGALOW 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1320 sq.ft. $1500/mo. (248) 723-6970

BIRMINGHAM - On Henrietta, 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, air, finished basement, garage, no pets, $1450/ Mo. (248) 647-4235

405 Homes

BIRMINGHAM - Ranch home, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, garage, basement. Early 1950's contemporary. $2500/mo. Additional Birmingham home available- $2500/mo. (248) 866-5963

BIRMINGHAM RANCH - 3 bedrooms, 1 full & 2 half baths, carpeted, 2 fireplaces, attached garage, basement, air, large lot, all appliances included. $1,950/ mo. 248-855-4411

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Large 3 bedroom ranch, appliances, 2 bath, 2 car garage, $995. RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

BLOOMFIELD HILLS RANCH- clean, fresh paint, new kitchen, new appliances, fireplace, new central air, 2 bedrooms, 2 car attached, family room. $1495. 248-737-2265; 248-400-6795

CANTON - Beck south of Michigan, 4 bedrooms, basement, over 1 acre - $1000/mo. 734-261-3434

DEARBORN - 3 bedroom brick, basement, appliances, garage, fenced. $750. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

DEARBORN HGTS - 3 bedroom, basement, newly remodeled, fenced. $695. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

DETROIT - W. of Telegraph, 3 bedrooms, basement w/bathroom, attached 2 car garage, large yard, all appliances - $825/mo. 734-261-3434

FARMINGTON - 2 Bedroom Condo - $775/mo. PLEASANT RIDGE - 2 bedroom, basement - $950/mo. DEARBORN - 2 bedroom, basement, dining "L" -$1195/mo. LIVONIA - 4 Bedroom colonial, basement, dining "L" - $1495 CANTON - 3 Bedroom colonial, family room, 2 car garage - $1950/mo. CANTON - 4 Bedroom, brand new, 2600 sq. ft. $2495/mo. AAA LEASING - 734-522-6000

FARMINGTON HILLS - 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, fenced yard, appliances, pets negotiable, $850 + security. 248-478-9481

405 Homes

FARMINGTON HILLS - 3 bedroom brick, garage, pets negotiable, $775. RENTAL PROS (248)356-RENT

GARDEN CITY - 3 bedroom, Fenced yard, very clean! $850/mo. N./Ford,E./Middlebelt (734) 451-0585

GARDEN CITY - 2 bedroom on large lot, fenced for pets, water paid. $650. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

HOMES AVAILABLE on Land Contract or rent to own. Little or no money down. Areas are: Madison Heights, Troy, Rochester Hills, Warren & Centerline. No investors please. Serious inquiries only. 248-788-6638

HOMES FROM $199/MO. REPOS! 4% down, Ok credit. For listings & payment details 800-719-3001, ext H695

KEEGO HARBOR - 2 bedroom bungalow, all appliances, deck, pets negotiable, $650. RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

LAKEFRONT HOMES - Waterford 3 bedroom ranch with sunroom, $950. Others availl RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

LAKE ORION - Apr. 1st. 3 bedroom, fenced yard, swimming pool, lake access, garage, $800 + security. (248) 393-0315

LIVONIA - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $700 mo. 248-827-7200 ask for Pat Gandhi.

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom brick ranch, full basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard. No pets, no smokers. $950/mo + security. 248-559-0159

LIVONIA - 2 bedroom brick ranch. 33720 Plymouth Rd. Gas heat, city water & sewer. Basement. 734-455-4191.

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, 2 car detached garage, central air, Plymouth/Levan area. No pets. $1000/mo. (734) 432-3088

LIVONIA - 2 bedroom, garage, appliances, central air, fenced yard. $775. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

405 Homes

LIVONIA - Great location. 3 bedrooms, updated! Air, all appliances, 1 1/2 bath. No smokers/ pets. $1225/ mo. 248-755-3125

LIVONIA, I-96-275, brick ranch, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, attached 2 car garage, basement, fireplace, updated, $1400/mo. 734-432-9824

OAK PARK - Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch, new carpet & paint, full basement, carport, $900/mo. + security. (Broker) 248-557-4970, Mon-Fri., 9-5.

PLEASANT RIDGE - 3 bedroom, appliances, basement, hardwood floors, $900. RENTAL PROS (248)356-RENT

PLYMOUTH - 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, will consider short term lease. All appliances. $1125/mo. 734-459-5446

PLYMOUTH: 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, basement, attached garage, attic fan, Hot water heat. $945 + security. 734-416-5826

PLYMOUTH - Small 2 bedroom home. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Large deck, $850/mo. 734-455-5568

REDFORD - 3 bedroom, dining room, 2 car garage, pets negotiable. $650. RENTAL PROS (248)356-RENT

REDFORD TWP - 2 or 3 bedroom, fireplace, basement, air, garage, $975. Also 5 Mile Telegraph area, 3 bedroom ranch, $685. Dave 313-255-5678

RENTERS! YOUR LANDLORD Says Hi and Thanks for Paying His Mortgage. Free report on "How to stop wasting money on rent & own your home" has just been released. To get your free copy, call our toll free hotline at (888)372-0023, #9224. RE/MAX CLASSIC

ROCHESTER 3 bedroom ranch, double lot, fenced yard, finished basement, 3 car garage, mint; $1895 mo. 248-651-4006

ROCHESTER HILLS - 3 bedroom ranch, appliances, pets neg., Rochester schools. $800. RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

405 Homes

ROCHESTER HILLS - Nice 2 bedroom ranch, all appliances, fenced yard too! $675. RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

ROCHESTER/ SHELBY AREA - N. of 24 Mile, between Shelby & Dequindre. 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath ranch, finished basement w/fireplace, central air, 2 car garage, Utica Schools. $1195/ mo Call Eves 248-652-8338

ROYAL OAK - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, finished basement, 1 car garage, air. Available April 1st. $1300/mo. (248) 496-4221

ROYAL OAK, N. - clean, 3 bedroom, garage, appliances, fenced yard, no basement. $975/mo. (248) 642-6257

SOUTHFIELD - 3 bedroom, basement, air, appliances, hardwood floors, $850. RENTAL PROS (248)356-RENT

WATERFORD - 3 bedroom bungalow, appliances, basement, option to buy. $850. RENTAL PROS (248)373-RENT

W. BLOOMFIELD Cape Cod, 3.5 bedrooms, 1550 sq. ft. Attached garage, large lot, lake & boat privledge, $1200/mo. + security. Credit ck. 248-363-8680

W. BLOOMFIELD - Cass Lake privileges, 2 bedroom, optional 3rd., 1 bath, large yard, very quiet area, excellent schools, $775 + security. 248-706-1700

W. BLOOMFIELD: Newly renovated, spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 car garage, fenced yard. $1500 248-337-1213

WEST BLOOMFIELD - 2-3 bedroom, lake access, appliances, fireplace, pets OK. $775. RENTAL PROS (248)356-RENT

WESTLAND - 3 bedroom ranch near school, basement, fenced yard. $750. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

WESTLAND SCHOOLS - 2 bedroom ranch, 2 car garage, fenced, section 8 ok. $650. RENTAL PROS (734)513-RENT

406 Lake/Waterfront Home Rentals

BRIGHTON - LAKEFRONT - Woodland Lake, 3 bedrooms, living room w/fireplace, 2 baths, 2 car garage, dock - $1395/mo. 734-261-3434

CROOKED LAKE N. of Petoskey, 4 bedroom, sleeps 10. 2½ baths, bar, dishwasher, grill, cable, piano, sun porch, microwave, washer/dryer, private dock & buoy, swing, 3. flowing wells, shade. 2 Marinas on lake for watercraft rental. Swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing. Crooked Lake is headwater of Northern Michigan waterway leading out through Burt & Mullet Lakes to Cheboygan & Lake Huron. Some weeks still open in June, July & August. $1600/wk. (248) 383-5088

409 Southern Rentals

Florida: Lauderdale by the Sea, 2 bedroom condo w/swimming pool. Avail. March & April, $1000/ wk. / $2500/mo. 954-491-2095

411 Vacation Resort Rentals

HARBOR SPRINGS - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, lakeshore cedar cottage. Private, fully equipped. $1000/wk. 231-526-9108

HOMESTEAD Glen Arbor, beautiful beachfront condo on Lake Mi. 3 bedrooms. Aug. 19-26, before Jun. 24. 734-971-6703

LAKE MICHIGAN Summer Rental: 3 Bedroom, 3 bath home on beautiful beach in Leelanau County. $2500/wk. 727-548-1943

412 Living Quarters to Share

TROY - 16/Livernois. Large colonial. Share w/1 male + pets. Own bedroom, bath, phone #, Garage. $400 + ½ utilities. 248-528-9425

422 Office Space (See Class #395)

NORTHVILLE - small downtown professional office. (248) 348-7575

430 Garages/ Mini Storage

12 X 28 Indoor Storage, secure, private. $95/mo. Holly/I-75 Area. (248) 625-8866

440 Wanted to Rent

CLARKSTON FAMILY of 4 in need of Clarkston home from May 1st thru January 1st. Building new home & sold current home. Outstanding credit & references. 248-620-1590

HOME FOR single quiet hard-working female with 2 adult well behaved dogs. Excellent landlord - references. Oakland County. (810) 245-1203

LAKEFRONT HOME All sports, 3-4 bedroom, 2 baths, for long term rental. (810) 229-6969

457 Property Management

ABOVE THE REST Accredited Management Org. MeadowManagement, Inc. Novi Leasing & management of single family homes & condos. Specializing for absentee owners & investors. OUR 31st YEAR! Bruce Lloyd 248-348-5400

ABOVE THE REST Accredited Management Org. MeadowManagement, Inc. Novi Leasing & management of single family homes & condos. Specializing for absentee owners & investors. Bruce Lloyd 248-348-5400

ABSENTEE OWNER We personalize our service to meet your leasing & management needs.
- Broker - Bonded
- Specializing in corporate transferees
- Before making a decision Contact our Web Site www.dhproperty.com

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS — HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Employment

It's all about you!

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... **www.oeonline.com**

HELP WANTED

Employment/ Instruction Services

#500-598

500 Help Wanted General

On behalf of our clients we are currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

Assistant Controller
Livonia Trucking company seeks an Assistant Controller. Qualified applicant will have BA with an accounting major, 2+ years of experience and a thorough understanding of GAAP. This is an excellent opportunity for an ambitious individual in the early stage of their career.

A/R Manager
Livonia Trucking company seeks an A/R Manager. Qualified applicant will have 3+ yrs A/R experience, a solid understanding of the A/R cycle and good supervisory skills. Dynamic, growing environment and excellent salary & benefits.

Accounting Assistant
Well established company in Novi seeks individual to assist the Accounting Manager with A/R, A/P and general ledger work. Exciting, fast-paced, team-oriented environment. Great pay & benefits.

Bookkeeper
Birmingham Marketing firm has an immediate opening for a full-charge Bookkeeper. Excellent salary and benefits.

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE AT:
www.nemesallen.com
Or mail to: DMS
30200 Telegraph Rd. #100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
Fax#248-540-7376
E-mail: hr@nemesallen.com
An Equal Opportunity Employer

BOOKKEEPER
Immediate opening, full time Quickbooks knowledge, downtown Rochester design studio. 248-650-4900

ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Immediate opening for responsible person to manage office. Duties include: ALL Accounting functions, daily office operations and scheduling warranty repair. Construction experience helpful but willing to train qualified candidate. For interview please call Mark or Ilene: 248-888-5050 or fax resume with salary requirements: (248) 888-7613

ACCOUNTING SUPPORT OPENINGS
Manufacturing - direct hire and long term
Transportation - career advancement. Temp to hire.
Accounts payable/receivable - generalist skills needed
Medical billers - temp to hire and flexible hours available.
Call Dorothy or Email: birm@astaff.com

Birmingham	248-646-7663
Clinton Twp.	810-226-9642
Farmington	248-473-2933
Taylor	734-284-6457

Advantage Staffing

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Full time, dealership experience preferred. Excellent benefits package, including 401k. Fax resume 248-355-7636

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Excellent career opportunity for motivated individual that enjoys making decisions and assisting busy corporate manager. Microsoft skills, strong communications, and professionalism a must. Top benefit package.

DIVERSIFIED RECRUITERS
www.jobsdre.com
(248)344-6700Fax(248)344-6704
Call For Other Openings!

500 Help Wanted General

Southfield Public Schools is seeking applicants for a PRINCIPAL for MacArthur Elementary School. Salary range for this position is $73,684 - $97,313. The principal of an elementary school in the Southfield Public Schools is a key leadership position. The Southfield Public School District is located in the suburban communities of Southfield and Lathrup Village. Situated 15 miles northwest of the Detroit Civic Center, the district comprises approximately 27 square miles in southeastern Oakland County, Michigan. The candidate must have at least two years of successful experience as an elementary school administrator, at least three years of successful elementary school teaching experience, and evidence of experience in working in a multi-cultural setting is desirable. The candidate must be eligible for elementary state administrative certification; master's degree (educational administration preferred); valid teaching certificate; and evidence of recent professional growth. To be considered, the following must received by Wednesday, March 22, 2000: A letter of application outlining preparation, experience and special competencies for the position and reason for interest; personal resume, and confidential file, if available, forwarded by university, or three letters of recommendation from previous or current supervisors to:

Mr. Cecil Rice, Director
Human Resources
Southfield Public Schools
24661 Lahser Road
Southfield, MI 48034

Southfield Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer

AIR FORCE. Great career opportunities available for high school grads, ages 17-27. Plus up to $12,000 enlistment bonus if you qualify! For an information packet call 1-800-423-USAF or visit www.airforce.com

ALARM INSTALLER
Need low voltage techs. Will train. Girls & guys. Our Team Is The Best! Call now for Appt. 248-669-5600

APT. CARETAKER COUPLE. Needed for community in Canton. Position requires 1 person for full time maintenance with HVAC experience and 1 person for part-time leasing. Benefits include: spacious 2 bedroom private house with excellent salary, Blue Cross & frequent reviews. Call Renee at 248-851-9954 or Fax resume to 248-851-8454

Resident Managers & Maintenance Supervisor
Concord is soaring into the future and we want you on board!

While our growth as a leader in the property management field continues, so does our need for friendly, efficient and talented team members. We have immediate Resident Manager & Maintenance Supervisor opportunities available in the Sterling Heights area for a 200-unit apartment community and a Resident Manager opportunity for a 144-unit community in the Belleville area.

In addition to career satisfaction, we offer a friendly work environment, competitive salary, paid time off benefits, medical, dental, vision, life and LTD insurance, 401K with 50% match, extensive in-house training and more.

For immediate consideration fax resume to (407) 551-2362. Please reference position Resident Manager in Sterling Hts #00188, Resident Manager in Belleville #00192, Maintenance Supervisor in Sterling Hts #00187. EOE

CONCORD

500 Help Wanted General

APARTMENT MANAGER for Bloomfield Hills property. Must have 2 yrs. experience in property management. Apt/ untilities included. Call Mon.-Fri., 9-5 248-352-2015 E.O.E.

APPRAISING & SALES
W. Bloomfield/Farmington office seeks 2 people will train - Steve Leibhan, 248-851-4100, ext. 312.

REAL ESTATE ONE

PRODUCTION/ LIGHT ASSEMBLY
Waterford area manufacturer, has immediate openings for the following positions: 2nd Shift Supervisor, light assembly and machine operator. Benefits package and 401k available. Please call 248-623-6719 & press #18 or fax resume to 248-623-2839.

"ASSISTANT SITE SUPERINTENDENT
Wanted for New Home Construction. Minimum 2 years scheduling, supervisory experience required. Attention to detail, team-oriented, with advancement opportunities for the right individual. Competitive salary and benefit package available. Fax resumes to Attn: Lou 248-851-1531; or mail to PLD, Attn: Lou, 32000 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

ASSISTANT TO FINANCIAL PLANNER
Experience in the financial planning, insurance or accounting field is required. Fax or e-mail resume to: MPA, Inc. 248-539-5020; e-mail to cmonhollen@midwespension.com

AT LAST, BE PAID FOR CLEANING HOUSE! We appreciate your time, energy and dedication. Call to see what we have to offer our valued employees. Contact Pam at (248)478-3240

ATTENTION! Ideal for anyone who cannot get out to work. Work part-time scheduling pick-ups for Purple Heart. Call Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm. 734-728-4572

AUTO GLASS INSTALLER
Experienced or will train. Full-time with benefits. Laird's Auto Glass 734-453-2599

★ AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC ★ SALESPERSON & ★ TIRE TECHS
Guaranteed Top Pay! Flexible hours, some benefits. Novi area. Call: 248-348-2080 Or Fax resume: 248-348-2081 ★ Ask for Tom or Vicki ★

AUTO OIL CHANGE TECH
Busy auto repair facility, top pay & benefits. Novi Motive Inc., 21530 Novi Road, between 8 & 9 Mile. 248-349-0290

AUTO PARTS COUNTER SALES
Experienced person required for growing company in Troy area. Hard worker that likes to work as a team member. Blue Cross and 401(k). Apply at: Jaguar of Troy, 1815 Maplelawn (Troy Motor Mall), ask for Doug Manare. (248) 643-7894

★★★ AUTO PORTER ★★★★
Full-time with benefits. Must have good driving record. Contact Pat Dwyer: Dwyer & Sons Volvo Subaru, (248) 624-0400

AUTO SALES PERSON
Will train, guarantee + commission. Bluecross & dental. Call for interview. (734) 455-5566

AUTO TRIMMER
Convertible top experience required. Full time w/ benefits. Top pay for experience. Laird's Auto Glass & Trim. (734) 453-2599

BILLING ACCOUNTANT
Livonia office looking for a full-time Billing Accountant. Must be experienced, and proficient in Excel. Please send resume to: Accounting Manager, 19575 Victor Pkwy, Suite 300, Livonia, MI 48152; Fax 734-462-4149

500 Help Wanted General

Banking

PRIVATE BANKING WEALTH MANAGEMENT CUSTOMER ASSISTANT

STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, member ABN AMRO Group, has immediate opening for a customer assistant in its expanding Wealth Management Division.

Responsibilities include providing secretarial and administrative assistant support to division manager, loan and business development officers in the Private Banking/Wealth Management areas. Assist officers with customer needs and prepares administrative reports summarizing individual and division performance. Must have ability to solve problems based on understanding of general operating procedures. Good organizational skills and ability to work independently are essential. Proficiency on computers including Lotus, Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, and other bank systems required. Well developed verbal and written communication skills a must.

We offer a competitive salary and complete benefits package, including tuition assistance. Please send resumes to:

STANDARD FEDERAL BANK
Human Resources Dept.
2600 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48084
Fax: (248) 637-2759

Standard Federal
Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

BINDERY/QUALITY CONTROL DEPARTMENT
Production environment. ISO experience a plus. Call (734)451-2222

BRICK LAYERS/ CREWS WANTED
Top pay & fringes. (248) 437-7700

CAD MASTER CAM - 3D
Inj. mold design experience. Medical, Dental, Vision, 401K. (248) 363-8692

CAD PERSON needed for growing land surveying firm in Plymouth. Call Scott at (734)416-9650

CANTON WASTE RECYCLING accepting applications for Drivers, Loaders & Recyclers. 4 day work week. Benefits & bonuses. Call for times: 734-397-5801 E.O.E.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED to work with toddlers in Canton area. Full time. Benefits offered. (734) 397-3543

CARPENTER
Guaranteed year around work, great pay, benefits. Tools & truck required, (248) 360-1234

W. E. Construction Inc. We need experienced Rough Framers. Excellent benefits, top pay. Call Leon (734) 320-2427

CARPENTERS-ROUGH FRAMERS - up to $23/hr., 401k, medical & dental insurance & direct deposit paychecks. We have our own crane & Skytrack. (734)878-4268

CARPET COMPANY IN NOVI needs an experienced Warehouse Person. Also, experienced Carpet & Vinyl Installers. Please call: (248) 735-8405

500 Help Wanted General

CARPENTERS
with strong trim carpentry skills who are self-motivated, quality-oriented and like to learn are needed by Southfield-based specialty commercial builder. Non-smoking/ non-perfume work environments. Above market pay, overtime, 401K and other benefits are waiting for the right individuals. Fax resume to 248-540-6047

★ CARPET CLEANERS & Helpers wanted. Start immediately. Must have good drivers license, outgoing personality, neat in appearance. We offer paid vacations & health benefits. 313-515-3852

CASHIER POSITIONS
Busy retail market is looking for full and part time cashiers. Insurance and paid vacation available for full time employment. Apply in person at: JOE'S PRODUCE 33152 W. Seven Mile Rd Livonia, MI 48152

CASHIERS
Mobil Mart full & part time. 33350 W. 12 Mile Rd. at Farmington. Call Anne, 248-553-6121

CHEMICAL BLENDER
For paint related products & warehouse operations. Involves ship/receiving & Hi-lo operation. Call 8-4: (248) 723-3263

CHILDCARE
Providers needed for child care center in Northville. Good pay & benefits, flexible hrs. Northville First Care. (248) 349-8875

CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS for infants, toddlers & preschoolers. 248-471-1022

CHIMNEY SWEEPS
$500+/wk. Year round positions. Truck & ladder needed. 734-416-0800 or 248-706-9224

CLEANING
Part time position at Ray Lighting, Novi. General cleaning of building. Flexible hours. 248-449-4500

Cleaning Person
Position immediately available in the Novi area. Call Lynne @ 248-569-8880

CNC PROGRAMMER
Experience in Cut/Path Development. Set Up and machine operation. Knowledge of Work N/C, Easycam and Cad-Kay. Immediate opening. Competitive wages and full benefits including 401K. Phone: (248)347-3400 Fax resume: (248)347-3190

ATTENTION:
Looking to fill those open positions before the Spring Home Improvement Rush?

Then this is your opportunity to reach ½ million readers in your Hometown with a discounted display ad.

Join the ONE with a special page on Spring Home Improvement Employment Opportunities on April 16, 2000

HURRY!!!
DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 1999.
CONTACT: CHAR WILSON
734-953-2070
Observer & Eccentric
JOBS 2K April

500 Help Wanted General

CONSTRUCTION EXPEDITOR
needed by busy "perfectionist" Southfield-based commercial general contractor. Duties include coordinating subtrade schedules, materials deliveries and completing plan takeoffs. Architecture/ plan reading background a definite plus. Non-smoking/ non-perfume work environment. Above market pay, overtime, 401K and other benefits are waiting for the right individual. Fax resume to Mr. Ismail at (248) 540-6047

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS for new residential projects. Experienced Dozer Operator-finished grade, Experienced Excavator Operator-basement digs. Health dental & retirement plan. Groundworks Construction, Inc. Call Bonnie 313-292-9004

COUNTER SALES PERSONS
for home decorating store. Full and part-time needed. No Sundays or evenings. Full-time paid benefits and profit sharing. Will train. Apply at: PAINTERS SUPPLY 1056 W. Ann Arbor, Plymouth

■ CRANE OPERATOR ■
Dredging-Marine Construction-Pile Driving. Experienced-Competitive Wages & Benefits. EEO ■ Call: 313-381-0101

CUSTOMER SERVICE & YARD HELP
Full benefits, 401K, growing company. Several locations. Opportunity for advancement. Please call (734) 455-2100

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ GENERAL OFFICE
The Trowbridge Retirement Community is looking for a full-time Customer Service Representative to work at the front desk. $9.00 per hour. Qualified candidate will have exceptional customer service experience. Flexible work hours, days, afternoons and weekends. Must possess excellent communication skills. Generous benefit package including 401K. Applicants may fax/mail resume, or apply in person, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at: The Trowbridge 24111 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48034 Fax: (248) 352-0344 EOE M.F.V.D.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OPENINGS
- Charity Services - temp to hire. Great job.
- Market research - ideal evening, part time position
- Receptionist - personal contact with customers. Long term
- Credit/Collections - great opportunity

Call Carol or Email birm@astaff.com

Birmingham	248-646-7663
Clinton Twp	810-226-9642
Livonia	248-473-2933
Taylor	734-284-6457

Advantage Staffing

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - Want to join a winning team? HomeTown Newspapers is accepting applications for a full time circulation CSR at our Howell office. We are a local department with a hometown attitude and we are seeking an outgoing professional to handle a multitude of responsibilities, most importantly communication with our home delivery subscribers. Other tasks include but are not limited to record keeping, data compiling and processing, filing, typing reports and subscriber billing. We ask for excellent interpersonal skills, a high school diploma or equivalent, six months to one year of prior related work experience in a customer service environment, and the ability to accurately type 35 wpm. We offer a competitive hourly wage and benefits. Please forward your resume and cover letter to: HomeTown Newspapers, Attn: Jon Wiley, Circulation Director, 323 E. Grand River Ave., P.O. Box 470, Howell, MI 48843. No phone calls please. EOE

500 Help Wanted General

DEMONSTRATORS
For supermarkets/ drugstores. Excellent pay. Call Toll Free: 1-877-836-8803 ext 11

DIRECT CARE AIDE
Group home openings for afternoons, midnights. Valid driver's license, paid training. Competitive wage & benefits. Call Sharon 734-946-4971 Brenda 734-942-9166

DIRECT CARE
Entry level position for afternoon shift, full & part time. No experience required. Start at $300+ per week. Includes training, health & dental plan. Aid adult special population with home activity and rec events.
810-752-1583

DIRECT CARE STAFF
Afternoons & Midnights.
Call: 313-278-1292
or 734-454-1591

DOOR MANUFACTURER in Walled Lake needs help. Mon.-Thurs., 6am-4:30pm. No experience necessary. $9.10 to $10.30/hr. Individual benefits. Drug screening. 313-531-7180

DRAFTSPERSON/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT for a roofing contractor. Must be strong in AutoCAD, understanding submittal & shop drawing process, have knowledge of construction material quantity take-off, be a self-starter & be able to manage their own work. Competitive wages and full benefit package. Call (734)663-6262

FURNITURE DRIVER
or Helper: Full or part time. Call between 10-1. 248-669-4140

DRIVER COVENANT TRANSPORT *Coast to Coast Runs *Teams Start .42c - .45c *$1,000 Sign-On Bonus for experience co. Drivers, Experienced Drivers, and Owner Operators. 1-800-441-4394 for Graduate Students 1-800-338-6428

DRIVER
Local delivery & warehouse, Mon-Fri. Need Class A with air brakes. Benefits. 313-273-3900

DRIVER NEEDED
busy Livonia flower shop needs delivery driver; experience a must. Call for appt. 248-477-8616

★
DRIVER NEEDED for parking lot maintenance company. Full time flexible hours, complete benefit package, excellent starting pay. Call (248)486-0960

HELP WANTED

500's Employment

500	Help Wanted-General
501	Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems
502	Help Wanted-Office Clerical
503	Help Wanted Engineering
504	Help Wanted-Dental
506	Help Wanted-Medical
508	Help Wanted-Food/Beverage
510	Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
512	Help Wanted-Sales
520	Help Wanted-Part-Time
524	Help Wanted-Domestic
526	Help Wanted-Couples
530	Entertainment
532	Students
534	Jobs Wanted Female/Male
536	Childcare Services Licensed
537	Childcare/Babysitting Services
538	Childcare Needed
540	Elderly Care Services
550	Summer Camps
560	Education/Instruction
562	Business & Professional Services
564	Financial Services
566	Secretarial Services
570	Attorneys/Legal Counseling
572	Tax Services
574	Business Opportunities

Policy

All advertising published in The Observer & Eccentric is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the Advertising Department, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-2300. The Observer & Eccentric reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric Ad-Takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Please Check Your Ad

The observer & Eccentric will issue credit for typographical or other errors only on the first insertion of an advertisement. If an error occurs, the advertiser must notify the Customer Service Department in time to correct the error before the second insertion.

Attention Homemakers, Students and others:

Heslop's China & Gifts

is looking for friendly, outgoing individuals to sell and service our customers. We offer $8 hr. to start. Benefits, 401k, and beautiful merchandise at an employee discount.

No experience necessary, we will train the right person!
Opportunity for advancement.

Novi in Novi Town Center.....(248) 349-0090 ask for Sharon K.
W. Bloomfield in Orchard Mall.....(248) 737-0050 ask for Hallie

Graphic Designer Wanted

If you have
- Bachelor's degree or two years experience
- Excellent communication skills
- Proficiency in QuarkXpress, Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator
- Macintosh platform experience
- Four color experience a plus
- The ability to operate alone and in a team environment

We can offer
Medical • Dental • 401k • Paid Vacation • Paid Holidays
Monthly Deadlines • Paid Personal\Sick Time
Great Work Environment

Mail or fax resume to:
32431 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, Michigan 48150
Attn. General Manager • Fax 734.266.2505

Specialty Communications, Inc.

HomeTown Newspapers

Save up to 1/2 Off Groceries!



$57.97 without priceline

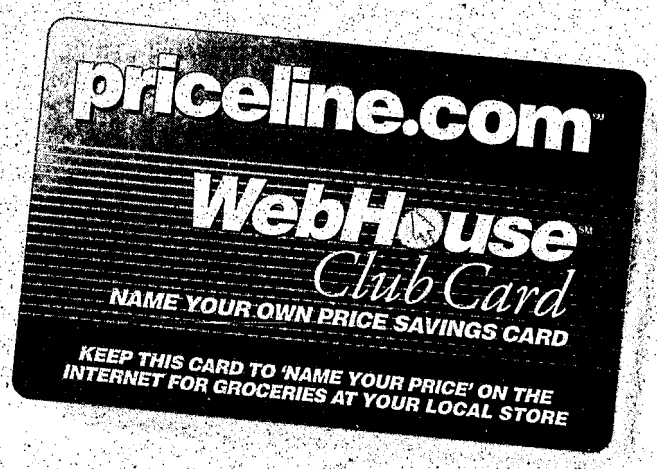
$31.02 with priceline

Get Your FREE CARD Today!

Now you can save up to half off groceries, every time you shop! Just log on to www.priceline.com before you go to the store, and Name Your Own Price! Then, get your groceries at any participating supermarket. No waiting for deliveries, no shipping charges, just great savings!

You can save up to half off almost everything – beef, chicken, diapers, cereal, milk, pet food, soda, and much more!

All you need is a FREE Priceline WebHouse Club℠ Card. Get your FREE Card online at **www.priceline.com** or call toll free **1-800-206-0111** and use **code 8001.** We'll rush you your FREE Card!



priceline.com℠

Name Your Own Price℠ for Groceries!

Get Your FREE CARD Now!
Call 1-800-206-0111 or log on to www.priceline.com.

Use Your FREE Priceline WebHouse Club Card at any of these fine stores:

MEIJER® FARMER JACK

© 2000 Priceline WebHouse Club, Inc.

Clarkston Eccentric
INSIDE:
Eagels win MACS hoops title, page C2

Page 1, Section C

Daniel Stickradt, Editor 248-693-4900 · on the web: http://observer-eccentric.com · Thursday, March 2, 2000

Sports & Outdoors



MICHAEL SHIELS

Caddies still carry the load for the great game of golf

When opportunity knocks, the hand that raps on the door is often wearing a golf glove.

Once again, the greatest game of all is about to provide an outstanding summertime employment and enrichment availability to the students and young people of our area. And with a little advance planning, your son or daughter can be a part of this terrific and rare opportunity.

Oakland Hills Country Club, one of America's most prestigious golf facilities, is quietly preparing to accept caddie applications for the summer of 2000.

A special registration event will be held on Saturday, March 18, according to club officials. Oakland Hills caddie chairman Craig Maas and golf services manager Bob Byerlein are planning the registration, which will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the club, located on Maple Road between Lahser and Telegraph.

Registrants must be 12 years of age or older, and many members of Oakland Hills' caddie corps are college students. In 1999, over 30 Oakland Hills caddies and employees received college financial aid through the club's impressive scholarship program.

"The main criteria for scholarships is hard work and commitment to Oakland Hills," says Byerlein, who began his 14-year career at Oakland Hills as a caddie. "Oakland Hills has a wonderful scholarship program."

A scholarship opportunity is not the only benefit an Oakland Hills caddie enjoys. A caddie position offers flexible hours and the ability to play golf at the historic club.

Caddies work outdoors in good weather and pleasant surroundings and earn a generous wage (the highest in the area) as well as gratuities. The intangibles, however, are priceless.

"I would encourage all parents to look at caddying as an opportunity for their son or daughter to begin to build a foundation for success," says Byerlein. "The fine art of caddying teaches young people responsibility, work-ethic and life lessons. The chance to spend time on the golf course with role models like Oakland Hills members and their guests definitely has a positive influence on young people and their future."

Oakland Hills CC members are some of the most successful, well-known, and influential people in Oakland County. Valuable mentor relationships are often formed though the caddie/player relationship and in the relaxed atmosphere of the golf course.

Caddying is also a great deal of fun. Interesting tales and rewarding incidents abound, as well as the camaraderie and friendship shared between fellow caddies. The season culminates in a caddie tournament and caddie banquet.

The timing could not be better for a young person to join the caddie ranks.

This is a very exciting time at Oakland Hills, which is completing a clubhouse renovation and will play host to the 2002 United States Amateur Championship, the 2003 Ryder Cup Matches and the 2008 PGA Championship.

With 36 holes, there are plenty of opportunities for a caddie to complete as many "loops" as he or she would like. Caddying, once threatened by the prevalent use of electric and gas-powered motorized golf cart, is suddenly experiencing resurgence in popularity.

Health-minded players prefer to walk, and traditionalists are beginning to recognize that the game, in its purest form, was designed to be played on foot with a trusty caddie in-step.

The popularity of Tiger Woods is attracting young people to the game in droves, and a caddie experience is the best way for a young person to gain total access to the game. In short, caddying is cool!

For more information about Oakland Hills Country Club and the caddie registration, call (248) 433-0674.

Please keep me updated as to the progress of your son or daughter's caddie experiences at Mshiels@aol.com.

Wolves work overtime for regional win

■ Clarkston's hockey team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to pull out a heart-stopping 3-2 overtime win over a tough Port Huron Northern team to advance in the state tournament

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net

Working from behind also meant working overtime for the Clarkston hockey team, but given the results, they will gladly take it.

The Wolves pulled out a thrilling 3-2 overtime win over Port Huron Northern in the first round of the Division I Hockey Regionals Monday night at Port Huron's McMorran Arena. The win improves Clarkston to 17-7-1 overall and advanced it to Wednesday's regional semifinal against Port Huron.

Senior Anthony Facione pounced on a loose puck and flipped the puck home just 2:37 into the overtime session, completing a comeback from a two-goal deficit and sending the Clarkston players and fans into a jumping, hugging frenzy.

"I noticed that they were on a change, and I was going to go for one too," Facione said. "But Steve (Janowiak) made a great play to tip the puck back towards me. I didn't even know I was on a breakaway until I looked up. I just shot the puck towards the net, and it went in."

The goal was Facione's second of the game and 20th of the season, though none were bigger than this one. He also scored Clarkston's first goal of the game, starting its comeback.

Coach Bryan Krygier couldn't have been much happier after the win.

"This is the nicest feeling I've had after a win all year," he said. "I mean, you aren't going to find many teams better than Port Huron Northern. They had us on our heels twice, but our kids kept working hard and started cashing in on their opportunities. And to get the win in overtime made it that much sweeter, because it's the next goal wins."

Northern coach Darryl McCarrel said it was a shame to see either team lose a game that was this well-played on both sides.

"We had two or three good opportunities in overtime, and their goalie made some saves, but ours did too," he said. "But Bryan has built a great program over there. They have a skilled, disciplined team, and either one of our teams is going to represent this region

Please see **HOCKEY**, C2



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

Crash party: *Clarkston senior captain Bill Kalush drives to the net in Monday's regional game at Port Huron Northern. Kalush assisted on the Wolves' first two goals in the 3-2 overtime victory.*

Girls race to 4th place at Class A state ski meet

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net

All season, the Clarkston girls ski team has conquered every challenge in front of it.

Although the team didn't walk away from Monday's Class A State Ski Meet with the ultimate prize, no heads were hung low over its fourth-place finish, tied for the best finish by a ski team in school history.

Clarkston finished the meet with 120 points, only 9 1/2 behind third-place Cadillac. Marquette won the girls meet with 46 points, followed by Traverse City Central with 62.

Coach Bruce Rosengren said he couldn't have been happier with the team's performance.

"I'll take fourth place anytime, especially when we pushed a northern team like we did," he said. "We were actually leading Cadillac after the first giant slalom race, so we skied very well."

2000 Class A Girls Ski Meet – Top 10 Teams

1. Marquette
2. Traverse City Central
3. Cadillac
4. **Clarkston**
5. Brighton
6. Birmingham Marian
7. Walled Lake Central
8. Grand Blanc
9. Lake Orion

Clarkston's two seniors led the way for the team. Katie Kennedy finished 12th overall, followed closely by Nicole Villiere, who was 13th. Junior Megan Whipp took 18th overall, followed by Becky Schermerhorn (25th) and Kelli Morton (26th).

Whipp was the lone medalist on the girls side, taking 10th in the giant slalom. All four of Clarkston's scored racers finished in the top 28, proof of its outstanding depth.

"We are very good and we have very good depth," Rosengren said. "But those northern teams, their depth starts a little higher than ours does."

On the boys' side, freshman Brandon Rosengren turned heads with his run. He took 10th overall at the meet, which earned him a medal. He was by far, the fastest freshman at the race. The next fastest freshman took 27th overall.

"He had a pretty stellar run," Coach Rosengren said of his son. "It was clean and he just attacked the course."

Junior Matt Evans was Clarkston's other male representative and also raced well, finishing 32nd overall. He recovered from a minor slip in one of his runs with a terrific move, angling to make a turn on the wrong ski before stumbling. He regained his balanced and finished strong in a race that Rosengren said showed his strength and

Please see **SKIING**, C2

Mid-Winter Ski & Snowboard Sale
20 to 50% off Retail
All 2000 Skiwear 40-50% Off
Including Bogner, Postcard, Obermeyer, Killy, Spyder, Northface and more!
All Last Season's Ski Wear 70% Off
All Snowboard Equipment & Apparel 20-50% Off
All Children's Skiwear 30-50% Off
All Nordica, Dynastar & Olin Skis 50% Off
All Snowblades 20-40% Off
All Last Season's Ski Boots 50% Off
All Gloves 20-50% Off
Boyne Country Sports
www.boyne.com
Bavarian Village
Ski & Snowboard Specialists
Express Ski & Snowboard Rental Available In-Store & Online @ www.boyne.com
Discount Lift-Tickets Boyne USA Resorts On Sale Here! Not Sold at Resorts
Ford Official Vehicle of the Bavarian Village Ski Team
No Boundaries
Not all sizes or models available in all locations. Sale ends 3/10/00
Bloomfield Hills 2540 Woodward · Novi Novi Town Ctr (248) 347-3323 · Ann Arbor 3336 Washtenaw (734) 973-9340 · East Lansing 246 E. Saginaw · Mt. Clemens 216 N. Gratiot · Grosse Pointe 19435 Mack Ave
Dearborn 26312 Ford Rd. · Traverse City 1993 US 31 · Petoskey 1200 Bayview Rd · Boyne Mountain Boyne Falls · Boyne Highlands Harbor Springs

Hockey from page C1

well as they move on."

This game matched the two top teams in the region, and the game itself more than lived up to its billing. The Huskies (9-10-5) came out taking the play to the Wolves, grabbing control of the game early on.

Northern scored on a clean breakaway with 3:51 left in the first period to take a 1-0 lead. The Wolves couldn't keep possession of the puck effectively, and had a hard time generating offense against the oppressive Northern forecheck.

Husky forward Steve Tollander scored his second goal of the game by deflecting in a shot flipped from the right corner. The Wolves were now faced with a 2-0 deficit, and no real momentum on their side. Enter Facione.

He jump-started the team with his first goal, coming less than two minutes after Northern's second tally. He blasted a slapshot past Northern goaltender Marshall Campbell to cut the lead to 2-1.

As the second period ended, Clarkston goaltender Steve Badger made his presence felt, making three big saves on a Northern rush, preserving the one-goal deficit.

The third period began, as did Clarkston's dominance of the game. The Wolves picked up their physical play and started generating chances offensively. Junior forward Jon Bemis fired a perfect wrist shot into the upper lefthand corner of the net at the 11:47 mark of the third to tie the game 2-2. Clarkston had several chances to win the game in regulation, but Campbell was equal to the task.

When overtime began, the Wolves wasted little time in trying to end the game. They had three point-blank shots on goal in the first 50 seconds, but all were turned away. However, it wasn't long before Clarkston would finish off the game.

"It shows that we have a team that won't give up," Facione said. "Before overtime, the seniors got up and got the guys fired up. We said that we weren't ready for this to end, and we can't lose early in the playoffs again this year."

"Badger made save after save and kept us in the game," Krygier said. "He gave us the opportunity to take the game to overtime."

Badger made 32 saves on the night, while Campbell recorded 19.

The regional finals will take place Friday, also at McMorran Arena, starting at 7 p.m.

Skiing from page C1

athletic ability.

Clarkston may be even stronger next year, with several top racers on the boys and girls sides returning. Rosengren said he wants to work on the mental aspect of ski racing more with next year's group, which should be the best in southeastern Michigan once again.

"We have the tactics and techniques down pat, we just need to work on the mental side of it," he said. "We are a very good giant slalom team, but I'd like to see us get better with the slalom."

Wolves, Dragons send 4 to state mat meet

By Brad Monastiere
Staff Writer
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net

This marks the second year the Division I Individual State Wrestling Finals will be held at Joe Louis Arena, but far from the first time a DeGain has competed at the finals.

Freshman Clint DeGain was Clarkston's lone state qualifier, taking second place at Saturday's individual regionals at Flint Carman-Ainsworth. Clint follows his brothers Joe and Pat, both multiple state qualifiers for the Wolves.

DeGain took second, injury defaulting in the finals against Zemaior Pittman of Carman-Ainsworth, the defending state champion at 152. DeGain wrestled in regionals with an injured shoulder, and after securing a state berth, decided not to risk further injury.

"Once he had his spot locked up, we decided not to risk it," said his coach and father, Mike DeGain. "We want to make a strong run when we get to JLA."

Clint defeated Charles Kalli of Midland Dow in the regional semifinals 16-7, after recording a pinfall victory over Alpena in the quarterfinals. Kalli beat Lake Orion's Steve Walter in the third-place match.

Coach DeGain said Clint will take full advantage of the two-week layoff between individual regionals and the individual state meet, which runs from March 9-11.

"He has an aggravating kind of injury," Coach DeGain said. "But we're hoping to get him healthy."

Clarkston's Aaron Karnes (heavyweight) and Brian Chism (145) came within one match of qualifying for states. Senior Dave Welanko lost in overtime in his second match of the day. Regional qualifiers Dave Endreszl and Bret Gove also lost both matches Saturday.

Last year, Clarkston boasted of three individual state champions — Pat DeGain, A.J. Grant and Ryan L'Amoreaux. DeGain, the prohibitive favorite at 215, will miss the meet because of an abdominal injury that prematurely ended his high school career. DeGain's career ends with 96 straight victories, and no losses since his freshman season.

■ Lake Orion sends three to states.

The Dragons recovered nicely from getting shutout by Davison in the team regionals to havea good day at individual regionals.

Lake Orion will be sending three wrestlers to the individual state meet; Mike Quigley at 119 pounds, Ricky Kallis at 130, and Steve Walter at 152.

Kallis won the regional championship, thanks to a decisive 7-2 win over Mike Holtz from Rochester Adams in the finals.

Quigley finshed third at the meet, defeating Ken Skutt of Midland Dow 13-6.

Skutt's teammate from the Chargers, Charles Kalli, pinned Walter in 1:42 in the third-place match

Netters play well at OAA Meet, districts up next

By Brad Monastiere
Staff Writer
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net

Last year, the Clarkston volleyball team's streak of five straight district championships was rudely interrupted by Fenton, a team the Wolves won't even have to face this year.

Clarkston will look to get its postseason record back on track when it travels to Holly for the Class A district tournament Saturday morning. The Wolves face the host Bronchos in the first round, which begins at 9 a.m.

The winner of that match takes on Waterford Mott — a team with just two wins this season — in the semifinals. The other half of the bracket has Grand Blanc taking on Swartz Creek in the first round, with Waterford Kettering getting the winner. The district finals get under way around 3 p.m.

Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said the first-round match with Holly will be a challenging one for his team.

"We haven't seen Holly play that much, but they play in a league similar to ours (Flint Metro League) and they have a record similar to ours," he said. "They have a big, Division I recruit in the middle they can ride, but I think we match up pretty well with them."

The Wolves are coming off a 3-2 performance in the Oakland Activities Association Tournament, held Saturday in Bloomfield Hills. Clarkston enters district play with an overall record of 25-16-3.

Last year, the Wolves lost to the Fenton Tigers in the first round of districts at Waterford Mott. Fenton was moved back down to Class B before the start of the school year, removing that threat.

Prior to last year, the Wolves advanced to regionals on a regular basis, although never winning the regional. In 1996, Clarkston lost a three-game thriller to Walled Lake Central, capping the program's best season in recent years. After struggling through the 1996-97 season, Clarkston toppled Lakeland to win the district crown before losing to eventual regional champ Lapeer East. The following year, the Wolves lost to state powerhouse Birmingham Marian in the regional semifinals.

The winner of the Holly district moves on to the regionals, held at Eaton Rapids.

District Lowdown

What: District Volleyball Tournament
Where: Holly High School
When: Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.
Who: Clarkston vs. Holly; Swartz Creek vs. Grand Blanc. Winner of first game plays Waterford Mott, while second game winner gets Waterford Kettering.
The Winner Gets: A trip to Eaton Rapids, for the regionals, which take place Saturday, March 11.

Eagles capture MACS title

By Brad Monastiere
Staff Writer
bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net

It took a dozen years, but Springfield Christian is back on top.

The Eagles rallied from a 17-point deficit to capture the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I tournament with a thrilling 51-50 win over Davison Faith Baptist Saturday at Perry. Springfield's best season in more than a decade ends with a 23-3 record.

Greg Irish swished a pair of free throws with 1.6 seconds left in the game to cap the comeback. A desperation shot by Davison fell short as time expired.

Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins called it the most exciting game he has ever been associated with.

"We played Davison a couple weeks ago, and also beat them 51-50 in a similar situation," he said. "The kids were all very positive, and they believed they could win, because they had done it before."

The chain of events that led to the final sequence was remarkable. The Eagles were faced with an 11-point halftime deficit, but slowly chipped away at it through the third quarter. Davison led 41-38 going into the fourth, but the Eagles took their first lead, 49-46, with two minutes left.

Davison canned two buckets to take a 50-49 lead, forcing Springfield to foul. The Eagles needed to commit three fouls in the final 30 seconds to send Davison to the line. When Davison got to the line, seven seconds remained.

Davison missed the front end of a one-and-one, giving Springfield the ball still only down one. Jon Vanaman caught a long inbounds pass and dished the ball to Irish, who was in position for a layup. Irish was fouled, and sank his freebies to give the Eagles their first FABC title since 1988.

Vanaman led the Eagles with 21 points, six rebounds and four steals. Knoa Knapper was solid down low with 16 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.



Ugliest Bathroom Contest

Sponsored By 760 WJR, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Building Industry Association and Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton.

Win A $10,000 Dream Bathroom!



- Air Masseur Massage Bathtub by Jason
- Bath Cabinetry by Bertch
- Faucets by Harden
- Ultra-Flush Toilet By Gerber
- Tile Tub Surround
- Installation by Complete Home Improvement
- And More!

Take a photo of your ugly bathroom and bring it into any Mathison Supply store or mail it to WJR, Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher Building, Detroit, MI 48202.

The winner's bathroom will be upgraded with new fixtures, tile, medicine cabinet and accessories with a value of up to $10,000.

And, be sure to visit the WJR and Mathison Supply booths at:

BUILDERS HOME & DETROIT FLOWER SHOW
COBO CENTER
MARCH 23-26, 2000

HOME FLOWER

All entries become the property of WJR. No cash equivalents. Judges decision is final. No purchase necessary. Winner will be announced May 13, 2000.

Employees of WJR Radio, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, BIA and Mathison Supply are not eligible to enter.

COLLEGE HOCKEY AT "THE JOE"

CCHA CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
Semi-Finals
SEED #1 vs. SEED #4 • 5:00pm
SEED #2 vs. SEED #3 • 8:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
Championship Game • 7:30pm

Joe Louis Arena

FAMILY PACK
4 General Admission Tickets
4 Slices of Little Caesars Pizza
4 Cokes • ONLY $39!
CALL (313) 396-7575

ONLY $39!

TICKETS ARE: $25, $18, $13 and $9 and are available at the Joe Louis Arena box office, Hockeytown Authentics, all ticketmaster locations or CHARGE BY PHONE AT (248) 645-6666. $7.50 student tickets are available at campus box offices. Great Group Rates Available! CALL: (313) 396-7911

POWERADE WJR Life Jeep FOX SPORTS NET

BE SURE TO CATCH YOUR RED WINGS ON T.V. THIS WEEK
FRIDAY, MARCH 3 vs. WASHINGTON • 7:00 pm on FOX
SUNDAY, MARCH 5 vs. DALLAS • 8:00 pm on ESPN
TUESDAY, MARCH 7 vs. LOS ANGELES • 10:30 pm on FOX
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 vs. SAN JOSE • 10:30 pm on FOX

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

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

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS

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

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

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb.
26-March 5 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to more than 400 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, conservation clubs travel and outfitting destinations and more. Call (517) 346-6493 for more information.

ARCHERY

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

POINTE PELEE ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SHOOTING

RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is $20 through April 30 and $25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

Dragons send 3 to state mat meet at JLA

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The Lake Orion wrestling team recovered nicely from getting shutout by Davison in the team regionals to have a good day at individual regionals.

Lake Orion will be sending three wrestlers to the individual state meet: Mike Quigley at 119 pounds, Ricky Kallis at 130, and Steve Walter at 152.

Kallis won the regional championship, thanks to a decisive 7-2 win over Mike Holtz from Rochester Adams in the finals.

Quigley finshed third at the meet, defeating Ken Skutt of Midland Dow 13-6.

Skutt's teammate from the Chargers, Charles Kalli, pinned Walter in 1:42 in the third-place match

■ Lone Wolf going to states

This marks the second year the Division I Individual State Wrestling Finals will be held at Joe Louis Arena, but far from the first time a DeGain has competed at the finals.

Freshman Clint DeGain was Clarkston's lone state qualifier, taking second place at Saturday's individual regionals at Flint Carman-Ainsworth. Clint follows his brothers Joe and Pat, both multiple state qualifiers for the Wolves.

DeGain took second, injury defaulting in the finals against Zemaior Pittman of Carman-Ainsworth, the defending state champion at 152. DeGain wrestled in regionals with an injured shoulder, and after securing a state berth, decided not to risk further injury.

"Once he had his spot locked up, we decided not to risk it," said his coach and father, Mike DeGain. "We want to make a strong run when we get to JLA."

12th Annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing & Travel Show — Michigan's #1 Fishing Show
Now – Sunday
Don't get left in the COLD! Tom Huggler, March 2nd-5th. Editorial Director of the "Great Lakes Angler" reveals Michigan's fishing HOT SPOTS!
In-Fisherman Dave Csanda, March 2nd-3rd. Editor of "In-Fisherman Magazine" with the latest techniques for Primary Canadian Fishing Patterns.
Thurs. & Fri. 4:00 - 9:30
This Sat. 10:00 - 9:30
This Sun. 10:00 - 6:00
GET YOUR 2000 LICENSES & STAMPS AT THE SHOW
SEE ALL THE NEWEST GEAR YOU JUST GOTTA HAVE!!!! Direct Factory Exhibits from all the Major Tackle Companies including Shimano, Daiwa, Luhr Jensen, Walker Downriggers, Cannon Downriggers, Fenwick, Penn, Riviera, Mitchell, Stren, Bottom Line, Shakespeare, Humminbird, Silstar, Eppinger, Lowrance, Loomis, St. Croix, Eagle Claw, Minn Kota, Talon, Browning, Apelco/Uniden & more!
The Palace of Auburn Hills palacenet.com
$1.00 off Discount Coupons available at Dunham's
For info call (800) 600-0307 or www.sportandtravel.com

2001 Pre Season Arctic Cat Sale
ARCTIC CAT
All New Models
Cat Cash to $600.00
&
Two Year Warranty
ORDER NOW FOR FALL
2 Place Aluminum Trailers
From $699.00
FINAL CLEARANCE
PANTERA 1000cc
List $9,400.00
NOW $7,199.00
LA BARON'S SPORTS INC.
34711 Dequindre • Troy
(248) 585-3535

BUY AMERICAN SALE!!
THE LIMITED by Wolverine • Commercial Quality • 3/4" Slate • All Formica Cabinet • Adjustable Levelers Reg. $1695 $995 Made in Michigan
SATURN 1" Italian Slate 8 Foot Reg. $1995 $1375 Made in Michigan
CONNELLY BILLIARDS Antique Style Pool Table 40% OFF In Stock Inventory Additional Savings on Floor Models!
AIR HOCKEY 7 Ft. Electronic Scorer $499.95
DOME HOCKEY Made in Michigan $499.95
FOOSBALL FROM $329.95 Made In The U.S.A.
BAR STOOLS Made In The U.S.A. FROM $59.95
COMMERCIAL & HOME ARCADE GAMES • BIG DISCOUNTS
Everything You Need in Game Room Furnishing, Bar Stools, Pub Tables and Arcade Games
LABARON'S BILLIARD & GAME ROOM SUPPLY
Moving and Recovering SALE
37730 VAN DYKE North of 16 Mile in Sterling Place • Sterling Heights
810-268-3800 Financing Available

MAKE-A-WISH.
1st Annual 5k Walk for Wishes
Walk for Wishes!
Saturday, March 25, 2000
Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park
Hines Drive between Farmington and Merriman Roads

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Michigan invites you to lace up your walking shoes and join us for our first annual Walk for Wishes.

While there is no cost to participate in our 5k fun walk, walkers are encouraged to obtain pledges that will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation®

Please join the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, Meijer, Inc., WDRQ-FM and all our generous sponsors!

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.
For more information, call 1-800-622-WISH

Pledge Support Prizes—You must be present to win
$50-$149 Walk Long-Sleeved Tee Shirt
$150-$249 Walk Tee + Make-A-Wish® Henley Shirt
$250-$499 Walk Tee + Make-A-Wish® Denim Shirt
$500+-Walk Tee + Make-A-Wish® Men's or Ladies Watch

Registration Form
Fax your registration today: 517-347-2720

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Home Address _____ Apt. # _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Ext. _____
E-Mail Address _____
☐ Male ☐ Female Age _____ ☐ Individual Walker ☐ Team Walker ☐ Team Name _____
☐ I am unable to participate in Walk for Wishes, but please accept my donation.

Liability and Public Release:
Please accept my registration for the Walk for Wishes. I hereby state that my physical condition is sufficient to safely complete this walk. I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Michigan, its officials, sponsors and volunteers, from damages or injuries occasioned by my participation in this event. I also authorize the use of any photographs or videotape of me taken during the event for any and all purposes. By signing below, I certify that I have read all the terms and conditions of this release and do intend to be legally bound thereby.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Registrant or Parent if under 18

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS HOMETOWN Newspapers BRUEGGER'S BAGELS
AIRTOUCH Now you can. WDRQ 93.1 FM
Hungry Howie's Pizza Max & Erma's
MEIJER RE/MAX Classic Realty

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS
It's all about you!
HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Employment
Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...
www.oeonline.com

500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS & CONTRACTORS - Now Hiring For Our Flatbed & Van Division. $3,000 Sign-On Bonus for Teams. $1,500 Sign-On for Solos. Solo Company Drivers. *Average $45,000 to $50,000 *Lease purchase available *Paid Medical, Dental, Vacation, 401(k) & Much More. *Excellent Pay Package For Our Contractors. Call Us Today! BITTERROOT INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS, LTD. Must have 1 year OTR experience, Class A CDL. Company drivers: 888-245-5977. Contractors: 888-245-1773.

DRIVERS, HIRING EXPERIENCED/INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS & O/O. ASK ABOUT SIGN-ON BONUS! CDL Training Available! Excellent Pay/Benefits. Assigned Equipment. Job Stability 1-800-575-9487.

DRIVERS
Local driver/warehouse with good record. Livonia. Able to lift 60 lbs. + or -. Full-time, benefits. Call: 734-523-6300 Fax: 734-523-1755

DRIVERS - SMX WANTS YOU BEHIND THE WHEEL! We offer: *39cents/mile Earning Potential *Complete Benefit Package *Lease Purchase Program *Guaranteed Home Time! Call Recruiters Today! 800-247-8040 SMITHWAY MOTOR XPRESS www.smxc.com

DRIVERS-WAREHOUSE
"S-10" & Full Size Pickup" Full time/part time, 4 day work week. Males/females/retirees/college students. Flex hrs., competitive wage. Benefits package. Apply in person SAF-TI Glass, 11950 Globe Rd., Livonia, ¼ mile S. of I-96, 1 block E. of Newburgh or SAF-TI Glass, 449 Executive Dr., Troy, MI, 1 block E. of John R. EEO Employer.

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
With CDL-B license to drive full time for local deliveries. Full benefits. Apply in person or Call 248-347-6290 51740 Grand River Wixom, MI 48393

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
With CDL-B license to drive full time for local deliveries. Full benefits. Apply in person or Call 248-347-6290 51740 Grand River Wixom, MI 48393

DRIVER WITH CDL needed for residential builder, able to run dozer & backhoe. Call between 8am-5pm. (810)229-2085

DRY CLEANER Counter Help. Part time, 2-7pm. Will train. Apply in person: One Hour Martinizing, 1970 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills.

Electric Control
Install & service commercial fire systems! Union, Blue Cross. Good career. (248)477-1540

ELECTRICIAN, APPRENTICE
Commercial, Residential Work. (248) 735-0239

★ ELECTRICIAN ★
Journeyman & Apprentice
Residential ★ Commerical
Excellent benefits! 248-922-2868

ELECTRICIAN - needed immediately. Good pay & benefits. Apply within. Continental Aluminum, 29201 Milford Rd., New Hudson or call (248)437-1001

ELECTRIC MOTOR
Winder/Mechanic
top wages paid with benefits. 1-800-232-3318

EXTRA MONEY OR CAREER CHANGE
Earn $2000 plus a free Dell computer this month part-time. Call 248-988-0137 (24 hrs)

FIELD ASSISTANT
Growing company is looking for an energetic, self motivated individual, who can work well with people. Responsibilities include: Contacting individuals by phone and in person to complete State & Federal Medical Assistance forms. No sales. Reliable, insured vehicle a must. Competitive salary and benefit package. Nice work environment. Fax resume and salary requirements to: MAS, Attn: Human Resources (248) 540-6277

GET PAID TO TALK!
Telephone counselors needed to give advice. Training provided. $275-$550 per week plus bonuses. Call 248-358-7306.

FIELD INSPECTORS/ TECHNICIANS
Desine, Inc., a Civil Engineering/ Land Surveying firm is looking to hire self-motivated field engineering Technicians and inspectors. Good communication skills are required. We are an EOE employer with acompetitive wage and benefit program. Please send correspondence to: 7011 Grand River Rd., Brighton, MI 48114 (810) 227-9550

FIREFIGHTERS - No experience necessary. Paid training with excellent benefits. Paid relocation to HS diploma grads ages 17-34. M-F 8-4 1-800-371-7456.

FIREPLACE INSTALLERS - earn up to $1000 per week. Year round work, full time, paid vacations & workman's comp. Must have own truck & tools. Call, ask for Mr. Franks (248)446-8334

GENERAL LABOR
Glass fabricator in Plymouth is looking for motivated individuals to work full-time. Openings on 2nd & 3rd shifts only. Experience in tempering, cutting or loading glass is helpful, but not necessary. Full benefit package plus dollar for dollar match on 401k. Competitive wages based on experience. Expanding company with room for growth. Must pass physical and drug screen. Send resume or apply in person at: PDC Glass of Michigan 300 Dunn St., Plymouth, MI

GENERAL LABOR
IMMEDIATE OPENING
Full-time General Labor. must be able to operate lift truck. Starting pay, up to $10/hr, depending on qualifications. Excellent benefits after 90 days. Pre-employment drug test required. Apply in person: GMA Industries, 38127 Ecorse Rd, Romulus, Michigan (on Ecorse between Wayne Rd & I-275).

GOVT POSTAL JOBS Up to $18.35 hour, Now Hiring/ 99-2000, Free Call; application/ examination information. Federal Hire-Full Benefits, 1-800-598-4504 extension 1005 (8-6pm e.s.t. 7 days) (SCA Network)

GRAPHIC ARTIST
Experienced with Quark, Illustrator & Photoshop. 248-637-7182

GRAPHIC DESIGNER needed for part-time, in-house work (16-24 hours per week). Mac based. Must have knowledge of Quark and Photo-Shop; Illustrator and Freehand a bonus. Send resume and examples of work to IBJ, P.O. Box 260, Brighton, MI 48116.

Graphic Designer/ Illustrator
Like variety? Experienced person needed part time & full time for team-oriented design company in Northville. Mac Illustrator, Photoshop, Quark a must. Call 248-347-3355.

GRINDER HANDS wanted, Blanchard Wit-O-Matic surface and form grinders plus Ewag. Experienced or will train. Full benefits. Apply at: 22635 Heslip Dr., Novi. (248) 348-0010

GROUNDS PERSON
need strong, experienced people that can use chainsaws and tree equipment. Good pay. (248) 474-7465

HAIR CARE - Do you want to have a career in Cosmetology? John Ryan Associates is now accepting applications for our 2 yr. apprenticeship program. Call 1-800-552-4870.

HAIRSTYLISTS
$7.25 Per Hr.
Immediate full time stylist opportunities available for licensed stylists in busy salons.
★ $7.25 per hour plus 30-40% commission
★ Complete health benefits
★ All equipment provided
★ Paid holidays & vacations
Positions available at 9 & Novi, Wixom & Charms, 7 & Farmington, and Ford & Haggerty. Apply in person at BoRics or call Krista at 1-800-668-8484.

HAIR STYLIST WANTED
Waterford/Clarkston area: Hair Designs by Corbin & Co. (248) 623-0590

HOME INSPECTOR
Like being on the road? No, boss over your head! Share your construction knowledge. National home inspection company now hiring inspector, full/part time. Send resume to: 33228 W. 12 Mile Rd. Ste 314 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

HOST/HOSTESS/ CASHIER - Steve's Deli, Bloomfield Hills, full/part time. Call Stan - 248-932-0800.

Hotel
HOLIDAY INN TROY
OPENINGS INCLUDE:
- Servers: AM & PM
- Dishwasher
- Front Desk Agent
- Night Auditor
- House Person
- Steward
- Housekeeper

Competitive wages and benefits available.
Please apply in person or send/fax your resume to:
2537 Rochester Court Troy, MI 48083
Phone: 248-689-7500 Fax: 248-689-9015
(Pre-employment drug screening required)

HOUSEKEEPER
Full-time positions for Luxury Retirement Community. Must have excellent customer communication skills. Generous benefit package including 401K. Applicants may fax or mail resume, or apply in person, Monday thru Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM at:
The Trowbridge
24111 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48034
Fax: 248-352-0344
EOE M/F/V/D

HOUSEKEEPING
At The Sports Club of Novi. Male/females part time days & afternoons. Call Dale: 248-735-8850, x 3121

HOUSEKEEPING/ LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT
OAKLAND ATHLETIC CLUB
Birmingham. Full & part-time. Looking for loyal, hard working individuals who enjoys being around people. Contact Frank at: (248) 540-9596

HVAC SHEET METAL INSTALLER
for new construction. Excellent pay. Benefits, retirement. Quality Heating & Cooling, Inc. 734-591-3310

HVAC. WE are in need of 2-3 skilled & motivated installers for new construction. Top dollar will be paid to qualified individuals. (734)655-1360

IMMEDIATE OPENING for experienced maintenance mechanical/electrician. Position requires proven electrical and mechanical trouble shooting abilities along with ability to read electrical/mechanical schematics. Knowledge of PC Based windows along with ability to program PLC. Hydraulic welding and metal fabrication knowledge helpful. Position in Brighton/ Howell area with Progressive QS9000 Certified Metal Stamping Operations. Excellent benefits. Wage negotiable. Please send replies to: Box $5477 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178

INSIDE SALES/ PRODUCTION PERSON
Steel service center looking for person with good communication skills and strong organizational skills including attention to detail. Basic computer skills required including knowledge of Excel and Word programs. Ask for Sandi at (248) 352-0000.

INSULATION INSTALLER
Must be 18, have valid driver's license. Overtime, benefits. Will Train. Fiber-Class Insulation, 29769 Anthony Dr, Wixom, MI. 248-669-0660

Insurance
NORTHVILLE AGENCY
Seeking a Commercial Lines CSR with 2+ yrs. experience. 248-349-5533 ext 24

JANITORIAL
Earn $1000/mo. part-time. Must have own transportation. Ideal for retiree. Livonia area. Call (313) 846-6181

INTERIOR DESIGN
Firm seeking assistant Interior Designer with design degree. Small nonsmoking Bloomfield Hills office in business for 25 years. Residential and commercial interiors. Fax resume to: 248-540-9015

JANITORIAL
Full-time, Days, Mon-Fri. Competitive wages. Downtown Northville. (313) 831-9179, ext: 222

JANITORIAL INCOME FOR TUITION/CAR/ETC.
Quiet, easy, flexible, nights. $8-$10/hr., beats retail any day! Call Mr. Keith @ (313)537-2000

JANITORIAL - Office cleaning. Wixom area. Part-time evening position. $7.50/hr. (248)380-7578

JANITORIAL
20 POSITIONS AVAILABLE
•OFFICE CLEANERS-eves. up to $9/hr to start
•DAY PORTER part/full time, Troy
•FLOOR SPECIALIST-exp stripping & finishing floors
Livonia, Plymouth, Troy & Canton areas (248)449-7800

JEWELER
Diamond Set/Repairs/Goldsmith Experienced & Trainee positions open. Top pay and benefits. (734)525-3200

JOB FAIR
We are a fast paced, high volume facility looking for people who are highly industrious team players with good attendance. Our starting rate is $8.00 per hour, plus a 25 cent shift premium for second shift. Benefits, including a $200 sign-on bonus, are available after 90 days of employment. If you are looking to become a member of a team-oriented, smoke-free, and drug free atmosphere, please come to our job fair on Saturday, March 4, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at:
The Crown Group,
31774 Enterprise Drive Livonia, MI
(Located in the Allied Commerce Center on Plymouth Road, between Merriman & Farmington in Livonia)
An Equal Opportunity Employer

Join The Largest Home Improvement Company In The World...
SEARS
KITCHEN & BATH SALES
Qualified Leads Provided, Average Sale...$13,500
Average 12% Commission, Excellent Benefits Package, Paid Training Program, In-Home Selling Experience Preferred, but will train.
Call Dave: 1-888-SEARS-98...
Equal Opportunity Employer

KITCHEN & BATHROOM REMODELERS
MUST BE:
• Licensed & Insured
• Own Tools
• Own Vehicle
Call Anthony (734) 513-7033

ATTENTION:
Looking to fill those open postions before the Spring Home Improvement Rush?
Then this is your opportunity to reach ½ million readers in your Hometown with a discounted display ad.
Join the Observer & Eccentric in celebrating Spring Home Improvement Employment Opportunities with a special page on April 16, 2000.
HURRY!!!
DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 1999.
CONTACT: CHAR WILSON 734-953-2070
Observer & Eccentric
JOBS 2K April

LEASING CONSULTANT
Part-time weekends
Apt. community in Westland.
734-422-5411

LABORERS / CARPENTERS
Looking for good pay. Flexible hours for college students. Overtime optional at time and a half. Benefits & other perks. Looking to learn the craft of installing wood roofs and custom copper work. Good starting pay. Work primarily in the Birmingham Bloomfield area. Experience & a good attitude will earn you rapid advancement. Call 248-540-7465

ATTENTION:
Looking to fill those open postions before the Spring Home Improvement Rush?
Then this is your opportunity to reach ½ million readers in your Hometown with a discounted display ad.
Join the Observer & Eccentric in celebrating Spring Home Improvement Employment Opportunities with a special page on April 16, 2000.
HURRY!!!
DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 1999.
CONTACT: CHAR WILSON 734-953-2070
Observer & Eccentric
JOBS 2K April

LAWN SPRINKLERS
Hiring experienced service technicians. Top pay in industry. Unlimited hours, commission, bonuses, winter hours & training. Full benefit package w/health care & 401K. Call Wilcox Bros. at, 248-588-3600

Leasing Agent Weekends
For luxury townhouse apartment community in Farmington Hills. Experience required. Fax Resume To: (248) 352-6737

LEASING AGENT
Youthful retiree preferred. Part-time for suburban Apt. complex. No experience required. References. Excellent pay. 248-352-2220

LEASING CONSULTANT - part-time for a Southfield community, must be outgoing & energetic. Please call Carol Mon. thru Fri. 10-6. 248-355-0770

LEASING CONSULTANTS
experienced for several local area rental communities. Full time positions available offering competitive pay & benefit packages. Apply to Twin Arbors Apartments, (734) 453-2800

LIGHT ASSEMBLY
Help us package and mail music CD's and Video tapes in our brand new facility, Milford & New Hudson area. Flexible hours, permanent full and part time positions. Good salary and benefit package. Call 734-416-8201, Ext. 0 or. Apply in person: 55353 Lyon Industry Dr., New Hudson, MI 48165

LIGHT MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIANS
OUTDOOR OPTIONS
Many openings through the summer, Birmingham, Auburn Hills, Farmington and Detroit opportunities. Many openings with promotions and raises for dependability and productivity. Competitive pay. Call Lorna

Birmingham	248-646-7663
Clinton Twp.	810-226-9642
Livonia	248-473-2933
Taylor	734-284-6457

Advantage Staffing
• Loan Officer's
• Loan Processors
Join a growing company that respects and values its employees. We offer excellent pay & flexibility in a comfortable and relaxed work atmosphere.
Fax resume to: (248) 471-1791

HELP WANTED Two MIXERS for paint plant in Walled Lake. Experience a must. Labeling Person also needed. Call Jerry Hall (248) 360-6886 ext 213

MACHINE OPERATOR
2nd shift, production environment, good pay for experience. Plymouth, call (734)451-2222

MACHINE OPERATORS
Openings on all shifts. 1 yr. experience desired. Start at $10.00/hr. Benefits after 90 days. Farmington Hills location. 248-471-3651

ACME SET-UP OPERATOR
Experienced only. Full-time, days. Benefits included. Apply in person: 11975 Globe Livonia or call: (734) 591-1800

MACHINIST
I.D. O.D. Grinder
Must be experienced. Top wages-full benefits w/ overtime.
Apply: Acme Carbide Die Inc. 6202 Executive Dr. Westland, MI 48185 (734) 722-2303

APT. MAINTENANCE
Grounds, cleaning & light building maintenance. Will train, no experience needed. Full time position. Good pay & benefits. Work for owner. Dearborn area. Call: (313) 336-5995

GROWING PROPERTY management company is looking for both experienced & no-experience maintenance techs - with benefits. Call 248-646-9600 ext 322 or fax 248-646-0836

MAINTENANCE
Excellent Benefits. 401K. Call (248) 926-3900 Fax (248) 433-7615 E.O.E.

MAINTENANCE
Could you be our team leader?
Large property management company looking to hire a maintenance person in the Livonia/ Westland area with strong knowledge in plumbing, electrical and drywall replacement and repair. Heating and cooling experience a plus, but will train. Call Lynne at 248-569-8880

MAINTENANCE
For general maintenance and landscaping at mid-size apartment community in Westland. Full-time, dependable person. Call: (734) 729-5090

MAINTENANCE
Mature, responsible person to perform required repairs at luxury suburban apartment community. Candidate should be experienced in plumbing, heating, electrical and air conditioning. This is not a live-in position. Salaried position, 401(k) program, health benefits and disability insurance. Call: 248-352-3800, Ext. 1236

MAINTENANCE/ MECHANIC
needed for industrial manufacturing company. Mechanical, electrical and basic hi-lo maintenance experience required. Day shift 7am-3:30pm, own tools a plus. Excellent benefits. Salary negotiable related to experience.
Please send resume & qualifications to:
Human Resources PO Box 74037 Romulus MI 48174

MAINTENANCE PERSON - Must have two years experience in machine repair, electrical, hydraulics, and pneumatics. Good wages and benefits. Apply in person or send resume to: Sure Fit Metal Products, Inc. 30999 Industrial Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 734-522-9310

MAINTENANCE SERVICE TECH
Full time for Canton apartment community. Must be hard working, some lifting required. Painting, snow removal & general apartment maintenance. Call (734) 728-1105. EOE

MAINTENANCE TECH
Seeking experienced maintenance person for townhouse community in Novi, live off-site. Must have tools and reliable transportation. Competitive benefits. EEO
Call Jamie @ 248-865-1600 or Fax resume: 248-865-1630

Quality Manager
Local corrugated sheet plant seeks enthusiastic professional person to be responsible for maintaining an ISO 9001 quality system with additional responsibilities in environment and safety. Please e-mail resume to: Jitsu101@aol.com

MANAGER FOR new boutique at Canterbury Village, owned by premier retail jeweler. Jewelry experience a plus but not necessary. Full time w/good salary & benefits. Also need Assistant Manager & part time help. Fax resume w/salary requirements to 248-362-4509 or HR 755 W. Big Beaver #103, Troy, MI 48084

Manufacturing
DIE MAINTENANCE
FOUR DAY WORK WEEK
Will be responsible to recondition, realign and replace worn out dies, including setting up Punch Presses. Must be able to operate conventional machinery, work with very close tolerances, and use precision tools. Buying/ purchasing experience needed. Apply 7-3:30pm, Mon.-Thur. at Reuland Electric, 4500 E. Grand River, Howell.
E.O.E.
Fax: (517) 546-0517
e-mail: hr@reuland.com

MARKETING COORDINATOR
Internationally known Rochester Hills architectural firm seeking self-motivated coordinator for marketing/public relations with knowledge of computer desktop publishing, scanning, graphic design, and excellent writing skills. Good benefits. Salary commensurate with ability and experience. Please send resume: E. Olds, 6841 N. Rochester Rd., Suite 300, Rochester Hills, 48306 or fax: (248) 650-1313

★MARKETING★ MANAGER
Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, a NEW senior apartment community is seeking a motivated, creative and energetic individual to hire as a full time Marketing Manager. Must be results oriented, experienced in senior housing, marketing & leasing. Send resumes:
Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
Attn: Administrator
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI. 48377

MCT/WOOD TRUCKING Offers TUITION FREE TRAINING. We also accept experienced drivers, solo, team, graduates. Liberal Get-home policy. Excellent Pay package. Medical/dental/vision. 401K. Late model conventionals. Large Company benefits with small company atmosphere. Call 1-800-621-4878.

MECHANIC
Certified with own tool. Experience preferred. Salary or commission. (313) 535-5387

MECHANIC HELPER
Positions available for a growing jet engine repair facility. No experience necessary, but a mechanical background is a must. Competitive pay & benefits. Call Global Turbine Support (734) 485-1276

MILL HAND
Experienced only. Good working conditions. Top pay & benefits. Retirement plan. Livonia/Plymouth area. Buckingham Tool: 734-591-2335

METER READERS. Immediate openings, training available, paid holidays & vacations, Health Insurance, 401(k) plan. Overtime available. Must have driver's license & reliable transportation. EOE. Call in Howell area (517) 545-9868 Western Wayne (734) 397-6394

★★ NAIL TECHNICIAN ★★ BIRMINGHAM
Clientele provided. NO acrylic. Call Kristan: 248-642-1570

NAIL TECHNICIAN
for Rochester Hills salon & spa. Clientele waiting. Gloria, (248) 867-6207 or Fax: 248-852-2948

NEW HOME SALES
SALARY PLUS COMMISSION
Licensed person to assist Sales Manager in sales and administration. Good earnings potential in new development. Respond immediately to Box #2405 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150

OPERATIONS MANAGER
For tree/pest control company. With 2-5 years experience. Call (248) 585-2600

OPTICIAN
Henry Ford OptimEyes has immediate full-time positions available in our Milford & W. Bloomfield offices for enthusiastic, motivated OPTICIANS. Experience preferred - WE WILL TRAIN. Complete benefits package available. Excellent pay. If you are customer service oriented and ready to learn, call Toni (248) 577-3674 www.optimeyes.com

PARALEGAL
Full time entry level position for personal injury law firm. No experience necessary.
Fax resume to 248-948-9494
Attention Pamela Belanger or call 948-0000

PARK SUPERVISOR
Northville Parks & Recreation
Northville Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for full time Parks Supervisor. Salary $25,000 - $30,000, plus full benefits. Qualifications:
Applicants must be 18 yrs. of age, possess a valid MI driver's license & high school diploma or equivalent. Preference given to enthusiastic, innovative & creative candidates with strong organizational & leadership skills. Send resumes to:
Northville Parks & Recreation
303 W. Main St.
Northville, MI 48167
(248)349-0203
E.O.E.

PICTURE FRAMER
position available, full or part time. Bloomfield Hills area. Experience preferred. Call Tues. - Fri. 9:30-5:30 248-626-9844

PLUMBERS & APPRENTICES
New residential excellent wages and benefits. Wages based on ability. If you would like to have a career! Here's your opportunity. (248) 477-4726

PLUMBERS APPRENTICE
If you are looking to start a career, this is it! We are looking for above average individuals to assist our technicians. Previous experience not necessary but helpful, mechanical aptitude a plus. Competitive wages, 401K w/50% match, profit sharing, company paid benefits, educational reimbursement and room to advance! Apply in person at 31015 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills (248)477-3626

PLUMBERS
TOP plumbing service. Department is expanding and moving fast! Excellent opportunity for someone skilled in drain cleaning and the commercial industrial plumbing field. Benefits, wages and truck for the qualified applicant. Call Brian Bill James Plumbing Service, 248-548-1500, Plumbers Union Local 98 Signatory

Plumbing
DRAIN CLEANERS
Going nowhere at your present job? AJD provides its employees opportunity for personal growth and advancement of career levels. Check us out! Major benefit package! Great working environment. Flexible Hours! 1-3 yrs. experience. Apply in person at 31015 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. (248)477-3626

PRODUCTION EMBROIDERY MACHINE OPERATORS
Full or part-time. Good pay. Benefits. No experience necessary, will train. If interested, contact Gary Cummins: 734-414-0343

PROJECT COORDINATOR
A growing Oakland County corporate real estate services organization seeks a self-starter. Must have experience and/or schooling in construction/ architecture or interior design. Must be detail oriented, able to work independently, possess problem solving skills, organizational skills, excellent communication skills and be proficient in MS Office applications. Some travel required. A competitive salary and benefit package are offered. For consideration, qualified candidates may fax resume with salary history to Human Resources, Attn: Sheryl Walker Fax (248) 340-5525 EOE-M/W/D/V A Drug Free Workplace

PROJECT MANAGER
General Contractor
specializing in insurance restoration (fire & storm damage repairs). Estimating/job coordinating. Compensation package: salary, commission, auto allowance, health coverage and 401K. Send resume: Signal Building Company, 2490 Industrial Row, Troy, MI 48084-7005.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Resident Manager/Couple
For a mid-size apartment community in Metropolitan Suburbs. Responsible for all leasing, office & maintenance duties. Must have three years experience. Salary, benefits & apartment for select manager(s). Send resume to: Paragon Properties, 32400 Telegraph Rd., #202, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

Property Management
Leasing, administrative, general office experience. Southfield. 248-352-2550

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT JOBS - in Metro Detroit! Apply Online or fax to: (734) 354-1815 www.pmjobs.com

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT
Top producing Team needs help! Candidate should have strong organizational and people skills, work well under pressure and be computer literate. RE license preferred. Salary and bonus, which you will earn! Please fax resume to: 248-848-3010 Attn: John or Kim or call: 248-848-3000

RESIDENT MANAGER PART TIME
We need a caring individual or couple to manage 68 units (afternoon) in Plymouth Michigan.s Must self-motivated, enjoy public contact & have light bookkeeping skills. Maintenance skills a plus, but not a requirement. Fax resume with name & phone numbers to: 248-646-0820 attn Property Management.

RESIDENT MANAGER
Needed for 100+ unit property in downriver area. Prior management background required. Some previous leasing/sales experience & have the ability to work independently. Please fax resume w/cover letter indicating salary requirements to: 248-626-1978 or send to 30600 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Living on site is optional. We offer salary commensurate with experience & benefit package available.

Retail
LOUIS VUITTON
MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY.
Louis Vuitton is seeking a Store Manager for our leased department in SAKS - TROY. Successful candidates must have experience in sales leadership and motivation, staff supervision, local marketing, customer service, visual merchandising and inventory control. A minimum of 2 years specialty retail management experience is necessary. Computer skills a must.
Excellent compensation/benefits package, international, team oriented setting with career growth opportunities. Candidates must undergo a background check. Fax resume to: (212) 931-2109, Attn. Director of Stores. No phone calls or walk-ins please. EOE M/F/D/V.

RETAIL MERCHANDISER
Full time for wine distributor. Must have transportation. Oakland/Wayne County. Call Pat at (248)446-4500 ext 142

COMMERCIAL ROOFERS
Good pay with benefits.
RESIDENTIAL SHINGLE ESTIMATOR & MODIFIED BITUMEN ROOFER
ALSO MASON
Commissions & salary.
All positions require experience. 248-546-4650

ROOFING SERVICE MAN
Familiar with Detroit Metropolitan area. Must have experience in single ply roofing, B.U.R., shingles and sheet metal. Must have own hand tools. (248)437-7051

Sales
CALL CENTER
$10-$13/HR+
The Home Depot's new centralized Special Order Center is exploding with growth and opportunities. We need enthusiastic and professional people to assist our store employees and customers who are calling to place special orders. Full-time evening shifts available. Candidates must have 12 months customer service experience, working knowledge of computers and a stable work history.
We offer:
- PAY BASED ON EXPERIENCE.
- Excellent Benefits including tuition reimbursement
- Shift premium for evenings
- Excellent advancement
- Everyday casual dress
- Monthly customer service incentives

Our brand new state of the art call center is located in the Galleria Officentre, Fortune 100 company.
Fax resume with income history to Dept. OE 22700, (Fax) 248-204-3734 or e-mail in word format to sociobs@homedepot.com
PHONE: 248-351-5630
THE HOME DEPOT

SHEET METAL MECHANIC
Certified, for shop layout & fabrication, HVAC experienced Installers. Call 1-800-245-9080

SHEETMETAL PERSON
Residential & commercial applications for roofing company. Experience/No experience. Hiro-on Bonus. (248)437-7051

STARTER/RANGER
Premium wages with golf benefits. Flexible schedule. Call Cattails Golf Club (248)486-8777

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

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
P/T or F/T, must have Master's & C's plus 2 years experience with children. Send resumes to: Kaufman Children's Center 5793 W. Maple Rd., Ste. 150 West Bloomfield, MI 48322 Or fax to: 248-737-3433

STOCKBROKER
MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER
Has opening for Financial Advisor Trainee. In depth training program offered. Business experience, sales & communication skills required.
For Southeast Michigan Fax or Mail Resume to: (734) 432-7575 17420 Laurel Park Drive N. Livonia, Michigan 48152
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter is an Equal Opportunity Employer

STOCK HELP
Novi retail store needs energetic stock help. Lifting required. Flexible hours, full or part-time available. Competitive wages/ benefits. Students welcome. Please call William Barlage at: (248) 449-7847

SUPERINTENDENT
An established restoration company seeking qualified superintendent with remodeling experience. Send resume to P O Box 751, Hazel Park, MI 48030

TEACHERS
Join the Sylvan Learning Center team. Small group instruction. Mon.-Thurs., 4-7pm with certification. Belleville. 734-699-6800

PEPSI
TEMPORARY TRANSPORT DRIVERS
Pepsi Bottling Group in Howell is looking for reliable TEMPORARY TRANSPORT DRIVES. Qualifications include: must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid Class "A" CDL with Hazardous Material endorsement, minimum 2 years experience, must be able to pass road test per DOT guide lines and must join the union. Please fax your resume to (517)545-2643. Resumes will be accepted via fax only until 5pm on Friday, March 3, 2000
TELEPHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

TOOL MAKER - Gages & fixtures, 5+yrs. experience. Pension & benefits. Milford area. (2480685-3168 Langlois Corp.

TOW TRUCK DRIVERS
Wrecker drivers needed for busy towing company. Full time position with 401(k), medical, dental benefits available.
Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road Westland, MI 48185 (734) 722-7100

TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED
For upscale agency in W. Bloomfield. Commercial & leisure travel. Sabre-trained a plus. Please call Terry at 248-855-3600.

TREE SERVICE seeks applicants for the following positions: Trimmers, Ground Crew, Spray Techs. Must be able to obtain CDL. 313-218-2099

Truck Drivers
Flat rolled steel service center is in need of experienced semi-tractor/trailer drivers to work out of our Detroit facility. Steel hauling experience is preferred but may not be required. If you have a CDL-A license, clean driving record, positive attitude and are a team player, we are interested in meeting with you.
- Hourly rate plus incentive pay
- Annual pay $45,000-$50,000
- Home EVERY night
- Health & life insurance
- 401(k) plan
- Paid holidays

Production
We are also recruiting for full-time production positions. We are interested in meeting you if you have a work history of being safe, responsible and dependable. You may expect a quality work environment with a competitive benefit package. Starting pay is $10.00 per hour plus incentive pay.
Applications are being accepted Mon-Fri., 8:30am-3:00pm. If you are unable to stop by, please call and leave your name and address on our hotline extension. We will mail an application to you.
Mill Steel Company
16600 Meginnity Melvindale, MI 48122
1-800-247-MILL extension 2104

WAREHOUSE HELP
Must be 18 & have valid driver's license. Night shift, over-time, benefits. Dependable, will train. FiberGlass Insulation, 29769 Anthony Dr., Wixom, MI. 248-669-0660

BANKING
Jump Start Your Career With A Leader
Flagstar Bank is the largest independent savings institution headquartered in Michigan. We have banking centers located throughout southern and western Michigan and plan tremendous growth in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in the next year. We have the following positions available in the metro Detroit area:

Operations Manager-
Position supervises the day to day operations of one banking center. Requires previous retail banking experience, supervisory experience and the ability and desire to promote new business development. Positions available at our locations in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills and our soon to open locations in Livonia and Rochester.

Teller/Customer Service Representatives-
Full time positions available at locations in Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Rochester and Farmington and part time positions in Detroit, Livonia and Rochester. Customer Service Rep. requires previous retail banking experience. Both positions require excellent customer service skills.

Trainer-
This person will train our employees in banking operations and requires previous banking experience. Position will travel to our various branch locations throughout the metro Detroit area.

Our full time positions offer excellent benefits including medical, dental and life insurance, company matching 401(k), vacation, educational assistance, paid holidays and sick days. If you are interested in these great career opportunities, please forward your resume to:

Barb Kolenich • Flagstar Bank
2600 Telegraph Road • Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
Fax: (248) 972-5475 • Phone: (248) 972-5131
Toll Free: 877-FLAG-JOB
E-mail: barbara.kolenich@flagstar.com

FLAGSTAR BANK Equal Opportunity Employer

JOB FAIR
PEANUTS! HOT DOGS! ICE CREAM!
Opening day is almost here. And you can be part of it when you join Comerica Park, Detroit's new state-of-the-art ballpark and home to the Detroit Tigers. We're already busy building our roster for the 2000 season and we are looking for star players.

We are hiring for the following positions

• Server	• Warehouse Personnel
• Concessions	• Concession Personnel
• Host/Hostess	• Retail Sales Manager
• Parking Attendant	• Retail Sales Associate
• Maintenance	• Food Runner
• Prep Cook	• Cashier
• Line Cook	• Housekeeping
• Dishwasher	• Restroom Attendant
• Busser	• Receptionist

Saturday, Mar. 4 • 10am-2pm
At Summit on the Park located West of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Michigan Ave.

Unable to attend the job fair? Call the hotline for more information at (313) 596-3207 or log-on at www.olympiaentertainment.com. Or mail or fax your resume & cover letter to: Olympia Entertainment Attention: HR Department/CP 2211 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48201 Fax (313) 471-3259 Olympia

JOB FAIR

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Employment

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... www.oeonline.com

500 Help Wanted General

VP of Construction Operations
for 30 yr. old residential construction company building in multiple subdivisions. Candidate should have ten years experience, be self-motivated and direct all aspects of construction operations including bidding, negotiation, overseeing superintendents, cost control and quality control. Computer experience required. Excellent salary plus incentives, 401(k), health care and other benefits. Send resume with salary requirements:
VP of Construction Operations
31500 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 195
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

WAREHOUSE / PHONES
Looking for employees to work in Warehouse & answer phones. Westland. Call: 734-513-0210

WIXOM MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Manufacturer of Diamond Cutting Tools. Clean Air conditioned shop, benefits, 401K.

SURFACE GRINDER
Carbide form-work experience preferred, will train right person day/night.

CNC LOADER
Knowledge of measuring instruments helpful, will train. Day/night.

Fax resume 248-348-9992 or call 248-348-9991 or mail resume to: Personnel Dept., P. O. Box 930279, Wixom, MI 48393

WRITER (FULL time) needed for Livingston County - based business publication. Must be deadline-oriented with ability to handle multiple projects. Photography skills a plus. Send three published samples, resume and salary requirements to: Insider Business Journal, P.O. Box 260, Brighton, MI 48116.

501 Computer/Info. Systems

Database Manager/ Networking Specialist
We are looking for an energetic problem solver to work with the fastest growing publishing company in the midwest. Must have ACT software or database management experience. Excellent salary & benefits.
Call Mr. Bradley for immediate interview: 248-357-6380
or Fax resume: 248-357-6381

SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Computer Hardware Repair
Local Ann Arbor, PC Based Industrial Automation Solutions company seeks candidate to be responsible for the repair of industrial control and work stations computers. Must be able to trouble shoot and, repair logic boards to component level and have good soldering skills. Knowledge of Microsoft Operations systems a plus. A two year Technical Degree or equivalent and 1 to 2 years experience in electronic or computer repair is required.
We offer a competitive salary and benefits program including medical and dental insurance, 401(k) with employer match and tuition reimbursement. Please forward your resume with SALARY REQUIREMENTS to:
Nematron Corporation
Service Technician
Attn: H. R. Dept.
5840 Interface Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Fax (734) 994-8074

WEB PROGRAMMER
Immediate Opening Web programmer needed for analysis, design and implementation of e-commerce software. Projects are generally large scale, strategic in nature, highly visible and under rapid design, development, and implementation cycles. Job requirements include 2+ years professional experience with web design and implementing, excellent written and oral communication skills, experience with C/C++, Perl, Java, HTML and SQL Server. Knowledge of Sun OS a plus. Response can be faxed to 734-416-8203 or e-mailed to:
ewhoffman
@datapakservices.com

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTANT
Bloomfield Hills.
Excellent pay & benefits.
Fax resume: 248-594-1189

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT/ BOOKKEEPER
Must have accounting background in construction field. Knowledge of Quick Books Pro & ability to complete multiple tasks. Please send resume & salary requirements to:
Kneisel Construction Co.
3265 Orchard Lake Rd.
Keego Harbor, MI. 48320

ACCOUNTANT TO $40,000
Major headquarters seeks a teamplayer with minimum 3 years experience in G/L, account reconciliations, journal vochers, and closing books. A minimum of an Associates Degree required. This progressive company offers excellent benefits and career growth.
DIVERSIFIED RECRUITERS
www.jobsdrc.com
(248)344-6700Fax(248)344-6704
Call For Other Openings!

ACCOUNTING Clerk/Receptionist, part time. Minimum 1 yr. experience. Fax resume & salary requirement to (248) 557-7066

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Experience with matching process. Good keyboard skills a MUST. Must be detail oriented. Good benefits and salary. Farmington Hills office. Please call RoseMarie at (248) 352-0000.

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

Administrative Assistant
Part-time for West Bloomfield non-profit organization. Experience in MS Word & Office. Please call (248) 626-2078 or fax resume to (248)-626-3918

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Farmington Hills. Mon-Fri., 1-5pm. Job involves typing, answering telephones, filing basic computer skills a must. 248-626-7900, 248-626-0766

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
for small appraisal firm. Detailed oriented real estate knowledge helpful. computer skills required. Call Leighann: 248-544-9662

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AUTOMOTIVE
Expanding major suppliers have new long term openings. These unique opportunities offer top pay for experience. Temp to hire. Call Sally today
email: birm@astaff.com
Livonia 248-473-2933
Birmingham 248-646-7663
Taylor 734-284-6457
Clinton Twp. 810-226-9642
Advantage Staffing

"ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & SENIOR SECRETARY"
for Managers of established and fast growing software company. Great growth opportunity for a take charge person. Salary commensurate with experience & ability. Send resume to:
Phoenix Data Systems
24293 Telegraph Rd. #202
Southfield, MI 48034

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENINGS
Major financial institution with Detroit headquarters.
Transportation - administrative openings
Healthcare - many openings in suburban headquarters
Charitable foundation - Direct hire full time position with major company
Transportation - Administrative openings. Temp to hire
Call Susan today
email: birm@astaff.com
Livonia 248-473-2933
Birmingham 248-646-7663
Taylor 734-284-6457
Clinton Twp. 810-226-9642
Advantage Staffing
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS Shorthand or dictaphone a plus supporting Bloomfield Hills executive. $30-$35K.
CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. Strong math aptitude & good handwriting helpful. Handle proposals, data entry, email, etc. In a effort to support 5-5 sales reps in Farmington Hills. $25-$30K.
ENGINEERING ASSISTANT International co. in Farmington Hills seeks Secretary with experience in engineering or AutoCad.
SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST Friendly staff! Great Farmington Hills office (with a view)!
MANY OTHER OPENINGS! OUTSTANDING BENEFITS! Fax resume (248) 932-1214 or email: harperoff@harper-jobs.com to Gloria (248) 932-3661
Harper Associates
www.harper-jobs.com

BILLER EARN Up to $40K per year. Easy Medical Claims Processing. Training Provided. Computer Required. No previous experience necessary. Flexible hours. Titan Business Solutions 888-660-6693, ext. 115 (SCA Network)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Evergreen Health & Living Center is seeking an energetic, friendly person to work in our admissions department. Applicants must have excellent communication skills, and an upbeat, friendly personality. Please come in and fill out an application at 19933 W. 13 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 49076, or call at 248-203-9000.

APARTMENT COMMUNITY OFFICE MANAGER
TAYLOR, MI
200 UNIT COOPERATIVE
The successful candidate will have 3-5 years of experience in multiple residential management, excellent communication skills, and good organizational abilities. HUD recertification knowledge helpful. Full benefit package available. Please mail or fax your resume, for immediate response to:
Certified Realty, Inc.
23900 Orchard Lake #200
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Fax: (248) 474-2345

BOOKKEEPER - 15-25 flexible hrs./wk. Send references & resume to Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 741, Novi, MI 48376.

CLAIMS CLERK
Southfield insurance company seeks claims clerk. Duties include; filing, mail, copying, some data entry, insurance background a plus. Competitive salary & full benefits. Send resumes to: B. Wright, P.O. Box 2223, Southfield, MI 48037 or Fax 248-357-3695

Clerical
CLERKS
SOURCE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A MEMBER OF CITIGROUP, is seeking clerical help to be part of our CitiFlex team. This is an exciting program that offers an excellent opportunity to apply for regular employment after 6 months. If you are a college student, recent graduate, homemaker or anyone interested in a temporary position, this is the opportunity for you. Candidate should send/fax a confidential resume or apply in person Mon-Fri 9-4 to:
Human Resources
SOURCE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Attn: CitiFlex Manager
27555 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Fax 248-488-7121
E-mail:
resumes@somsc.com
EOE M/F/D/V
Source One Mortgage Corporation
A member of citigroup

CLERICAL
Experience a plus for leasing firm in Royal Oak. Send or fax resume: 4031 Crooks Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 (248)549-3510

CLERICAL HELP
Needed for transportation company. Full-time with experience in intrastate licensing, permitting, fuel tax & monitoring drivers logs, as well as normal office work. Computer experience in Word & Excel. Good pay & benefits. Pleasant Livonia office. Send resume by fax to: (734) 266-6400

CLERICAL
Industrial distributor in Farmington Hills seeking individual to fill full time ENTRY LEVEL clerical position. Benefits include medical, dental, 401(k). Send resume to: Box #2349, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

CLERK
Farmington Hills office needs Clerk for Traffic Dept. Must have phone follow-up and computer skills. EXcellent salary and benefits including 401K. Please call Dan at (248) 352-0000.

CLIENT SERVICE REP
Full time, Downtown Birmingham brokerage firm. Good communication skills, typing, Microsoft Word and Excel. Salary and benefits. Call for interview, 248-647-1400 or Fax resume 248-647-7752

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE RECEPTIONIST
A top international company seeks individual to greet worldwide visitors, oversee conference room scheduling, and work as liaison to Office Manager. Excellent communications and Microsoft skills desired.
DIVERSIFIED RECRUITERS
www.jobsdrc.com
(248)344-6700Fax(248)344-6704
Call For Other Openings!

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTANT
with full charge bookkeeping skills needed by picky, picky Southfield-based builder/ landlord/ developer. Applicants must be mature, articulate, self-motivated, have a positive mental attitude, be available to work full time with overtime (as needed), have construction job cost accounting background, and be well versed in Microsoft Word & Excel. Non-smoking/ non-perfume environment. Above market pay, overtime, 401K, and other benefits are waiting for the right person. Fax resume to PHC Construction at (248) 540-6047

COST ACCOUNTING CLERK
Must possess excellent communication/organizational and basic math skills. Must be detail oriented, self-motivated and have neatness with accuracy. Good working knowledge of alpha/numeric data entry. Excel and/or Lotus 1-2-3. Please send resume and/or apply at: Reuland Electric, 4500 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843 Fax: (517)546-0517
E-mail: hr@reuland.com EOE

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Large transportation company is seeking a highly motivated, career minded, team player, to join our customer service/ administrative team. Please forward your resume to:
Box #2473
Observer & Eccentric News
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
Or Email: tomestfan@aol.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Hydraulic distributor requires conscientious individual to assume responsibility for pricing, quoting and maintaining telephone contact with customers. Must enjoy detail of paperwork and computer entry workload. Should have good recall, mechanical ability helpful. Excellent benefit package. Smoke-free office. We promote a drug-free environment. Substance abuse testing is part of the pre-employment process. Please send full resume to:
ZATKOFF SEALS & PACKINGS
P.O. Box 486
Farmington, MI 48332
or e-mail: btlynn@zatkoff.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALISTS
Charity Services - answering customer questions
Market Research - Ideal evening, short term or part-time position for extra income. Valuable training. Troy, Auburn Hills and Southfield
Transportation - Fast growing field for temp to hire positions. Plymouth, Taylor and Southfield
Customer Support - resolving customer complaints and provide assistance. Long term and temp to hire
Credit/Collections - Growing field with frequent increases for success. Great training and experience.
Call Connie or
Email: birm@astaff.com
Birmingham 248-646-7663
Clinton Twp., 810-226-9642
Farmington 248-473-2933
Taylor 734-284-6457
Advantage Staffing

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
For a growing tool service dept. Must be well organized, degree helpful. Great pay & benefits. Send resume to: Air Center Inc., 2175 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI. 48083 Attn: Manager

DATA ENTRY
Full-time with benefits.
Call Jenny at 734-422-7110

DATA ENTRY/ TRANSCRIPTION
person needed by picky, picky Southfield-based builder/ landlord developer. Applicants must be accurate, self-motivated, have a positive mental attitude, be available to work M-F with overtime (as needed), test out at 50WPM and be well versed in Microsoft Word. Non smoking/ non perfume environment. Above market pay, overtime and 401K are waiting for the right person. Fax resume to (248) 540-6047

DISPATCHERS
WILL TRAIN. Full and part-time positions in our Oak Park office. Good pay & benefits. Call Heather: 248-582-3116 or Fax resume to 248-582-3117

Earn Up To 35K/yr. Work From Home Doing Data Entry. Will Train! Computer Required Call Toll Free 877-209-7070 Ext. 509 (SCA Network)

EASY MEDICAL billing from home. We train. Must own computer & modem. Call 1-888-366-8709 ext. 795.

EMERGING COMPANY NEEDS Medical Insurance Billing assistance immediately. If you have a PC you can earn $25,000 to $50,000 annually call 1-800-291-4683 Dept.#107 (SCA Network)

ENTRY LEVEL COMPUTER SALES ASSISTANT
Position available. Computer experience not required, but a plus. This full time position offers salary, commission & benefits. Please send or fax resume/ salary history to: attention FKA, Dynamic Computer Corp., 31478 Industrial Road, Suite 200, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax 734-266-0944

Executive or Legal Secretary
Bloomfield Hills
Fax resume 248-594-1189

GENERAL OFFICE
Our growing office team is looking for smiling faces ASAP. If you possess a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, you're in! We provide tremendous 100% co. paid benefits & great pay in an environment where you will never be bored! Fax resume to (248)477-7579

INSURANCE AGENCY seeking Customer Service Rep. for Novi insurance agency. Full Time. Call Bill. (248) 380-3800

Inventory Control Analyst
International freight forwarder seeks responsible full time Production Control Analyst. Call 734-728-4590 for appointment.

LEGAL ASSISTANT - Needed for law firm in Rochester Hills. Bankruptcy experience desired but not essential Salary dependent on experience. Fax resume to: Karen 248-652-0413

LEGAL SECRETARY for business practice in Troy. Great opportunity for the right person. Send resume to: Box #2430 Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

LEGAL SECRETARY
Full-time for small Southfield law office. Experience preferred. Call Kirsten at 248-559-8130 or fax resume to 248-559-2180

LEGAL SECRETARY
For Detroit defense litigation law firm. Word Perfect 9. Full-time position with health, dental, vision, 401K and disability benefits. Fax resume to:
Nancy at 248-851-0100

Legal Secretary
For Southfield P.I. & malpractice law firm. Minimum 3 years experience. Windows/MS Word knowledge a must. Send resume to: 24472 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

LEGAL SECRETARY
for Downtown law firm w/general practice. Emphasis on commercial & real estate transactions, bankruptcy & probate. Minimum of 2 yrs experience. Fax resume to: 313-963-4614 or mail: Hiring Partner, 422 W. Congress, Suite 350, Detroit, MI 48226.

LEGAL SECRETARY
Insurance defense attorney seeks ambitious, legal secretary with 2+ years of personal injury experience with excellent typing and administrative skills for either part-time or full-time for its office in Farmington Hills. Please fax resumes to: 1-800-577-5107

LEGAL SECRETARY
Position open for small Bloomfield Hills law firm. Must be a motivated self-starter with proficiency in Windows 95 and Word Perfect. Pay commensurate with ability & experience. Gloria: 248-646-9076

LEGAL SECRETARY
SOUTHFIELD INJURY FIRM
Well Paid. Need 1st party experience. 248-355-4701
Fax 248-350-2640

Management Assistant
Singh Management is seeking an enthusiastic, self starter to assist the commercial property management division. Responsibilities include document preparation, tenant follow-up, leasing assistance, maintaining files, bookkeeping and general administrative support. Must have excellent interpersonal skills and good working knowledge of MS Word for Windows and Excel. Skyline knowledge and a college degree a plus. Mail resume to Commercial Property Manager, P.O. Box 255005, West Bloomfield, MI. 48325 or FAX (248) 865-1630 or visit our Career Opportunities page of our website:
www.singhweb.com
An Equal Opportunity Employer

NORTHVILLE LAW firm seeks full time bookkeeper. Some management responsibilities. Excellent benefits including pension plan & nice work environment. Law firm experience a plus but not necessary. Please send resume with salary requirements to: Simkins & Simkins P.C., 200 N. Center St., Northville, MI 48167

PAYROLL CLERK
Busy professional firm seeks a payroll clerk with minimum of two years experience and knowledge of computerized systems, especially ADP software. Full benefit package. Please send resume and salary requirements to personnel Dept., 44744 Helm St., Plymouth, MI 48170-6023

PAYROLL CLERK
HomeTown Newspapers, the award winning twice-weekly newspaper is seeking a highly motivated payroll clerk to process for 225 employees. Must have bookkeeping/accounting background with 1-3 years of prior payroll experience, knowledge of Ceridian payroll a plus. Must be able to type 45 wpm and have knowledge of payroll and personnel practices. Please submit resumes to: HomeTown Newspapers, Attn: Nancy Thomas, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843 or fax (517) 548-5545 EOE/DFW

PURCHASING CLERK PART-TIME
Fast-paced steel service center is seeking an individual to assist in many clerical duties. Job requires organized, conscientious person with basic math skills, familiarity with a keyboard and neat handwriting, who works well others. Apply in person only at Contractors Steel Company, 36555 Amrhein, Livonia. (Near Levan and Plymouth)

RECEPTIONIST/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Novi Mechanical contractor has immediate opening for a self motivated individual, to greet customers, process incoming calls, as well as coordinate general office duties. The position requires excellent communication skills and general computer knowledge.
We offer a competitive salary & comprehensive benefits package. E-mail to: www.hr@rimgs.com Or fax resume: 248-449-9001

RECEPTIONIST
Growing tool manufacturer has immediate opening for this entry-level position. Successful candidate will possess excellent phone skills. Computer experience desired but will train.
Pleasant working conditions, competitive salary, benefits. EOE
Send Resume to:
Office Manager
Moeller Manufacturing Co.
43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Fax to (734) 416-2200
Email:
carlsonl @moeller.com

RECEPTIONIST
Needed for Southfield office. Knowledge of MS Office 97, data entry and phone skills required. We offer medical/dental benefits, pension/profit sharing plan, and paid vacation days. Send resumes
Weisberg & Walkon, P.C.
Attn: Mrs.White
21650 W. 11 Mile Rd. Ste 202
Southfield, MI 48076
Fax (248) 350-0504

RECEPTIONIST - (part-time, 20-30 hours per week) wanted for Brighton-based publication. Computer, telephone, Accounts payable, Accounts receivable, general office skills required. Fax resume to (810) 220-1800

RECEPTIONIST
Part-time for two Lawyer Law Firm in Southfield. 2-3 days/wk. Please call: (248) 352-3311

RECEPTIONIST/ PHONE OPERATOR
Part time hours available, evenings. Must be friendly and reliable. Call (248) 642-6565, ask for Kathleen.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
Phones, Microsoft Windows helpful. Troy and Detroit. 248-344-9510

RECEPTIONIST/SECURITY
Experienced Receptionist/ Security for Front Desk/Switchboard needed for Licensed Home for Aged in West Bloomfield. Full or part time, all shifts available, including nights and weekends. Opportunity for students or young retirees. Excellent telephone and people skills required. Good wages and benefits. Fax resume to: (248) 661-1628, attn: Judy.

SALESPERSON - Experienced in new home construction, Commerce, Romulus, & Van Buren Twp areas. 248-477-0189

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS
Executive support positions with automotive, financial, healthcare and transportation firms. Long term or immediate full time.
Call Sally or email:
birm@astaff.com
Birmingham 248-646-7663
Clinton 810-226-9642
Livonia 248-473-2933
Taylor 734-284-6457
Advantage Staffing

RECORDING SECRETARY Planning Department Clerk
The Charter Township of West Bloomfield is seeking an individual for full time flexible employment as a Recording Secretary and Planning Clerk. Job responsibilities include attendance of the Planning Commission meetings (Tuesday evenings), sub-committee meetings of the commission and on occasions other evening meetings of boards and commissions, and the transcription of minutes. Duties as Planning Clerk will include data entry as well as general office support. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Access and Excel. Secretarial experience is desirable. Applications must be picked up in person at the Personnel Department, West Bloomfield Township, 4550 Walnut Lake Road. Deadline to apply is March 10, 2000.
An Equal Opportunity Employer

SECRETARY ADVERTISING AGENCY
Television production and creative departments of international advertising agency have immediate temp to perm needs. Detroit and suburban offices. Call Sarah.
Email: birm@astaff.com
Birmingham 248-646-7663
Clinton Twp. 810-226-9642
Livonia 248-473-2933
Taylor 734-284-6457
Advantage Staffing

SECRETARY / BOOKKEEPER
Full-time, Construction co. Quick books, Word required, mature. Fax resume to: 248-851-2829

Secretary
LOVE YOUR JOB!
You will ours! Dynamic Bloomfield office. Must have a GREAT attitude, telephone manner and computer skills. If you want to ....Excell at a job you'll love Call: (248) 646-7150

SECRETARY - Novi area, full time, growing company. General office, computer/phone skills needed. Duties include order taking & invoicing. (248) 449-1188

SECRETARY
with good office skills. Must type 35 wpm, have knowledge of Windows. Full time with benefits. Call 248-358-7387.

SECRETARY/WORD PROCESSOR
Very experienced Secretary/ Word Processor needed to work in beautiful new offices located in Birmingham, MI. We are a busy commercial real estate firm seeking an excellent typist. Proficiency in WordPerfect for Windows & Excel 97 a must. Knowledge of Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe Photoshop and mapping software is important. The ideal candidate will have excellent interpersonal skills & a strong work ethic. Fax resume to: 248-646-0320 or call Linda Emert at 248-646-7701

SMALL, pleasant Southfield law office seeks Legal Secretary with minimum three (3) years experience in personal injury. Excellent benefits. Fax resume to (248) 569-1046 or call Slusky and Walt, P.C., at (248) 559-9100 to schedule an interview.

"WARRANTY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT"
Builder of single and multi-family homes seeks a customer service oriented individual to assist Manager in our Warranty Service Department. This is a fast paced, multi-task position requiring excellent verbal and written communications skills, computer literacy using Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook. Construction background a plus. Please forward your resume with salary requirements to: Attn: Office Manager, 32000 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or FAX: 248-851-1531.

503 Engineering

ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL ENGINEER
with a BSME or BSEE?
Are you interested in pursuing countless challenging and exciting opportunities with a myriad of Fortune 500 companies? If the answer is yes, call me today!
Lorrie Schaub
734-591-1100, ext 263
lschaub@yahoo.com or
lschaub@acrocorp.com

PROCESS ENGINEER
One of the country's leading tool and die related machine shops is in need of entry-level or experienced Process Engineers.
- Full Benefit Package
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Competitive Salary
- Great Opportunity for Advancement
- Great opportunity for Over time

Mail Resume or Apply in Person
Moeller Manufacturing Company
43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Or Fax Resume (734) 416-2200
Visit Our Web Site: www.moeller.com

504 Help Wanted-Dental

Dental Assistants / Hygienists Receptionists ... being recruited for various Wayne & Oakland county offices.
Performance Plus 810-566-7687

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced only. Part time, Farmington Hills area. Call Karen (248) 851-1034

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Bingham Farms specialty office seeks bright, energetic dental assistant. No experience necessary; will train. Good salary & fringe benefit package for right person. Call Heidi 248-540-9193

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full or part-time. For busy Rochester Hills office. Experience necessary. (248) 852-2266

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience preferred for relaxed environment in Rochester Hills. Send resume: SHA, PO Box 1664, Rochester MI: 48308-1664

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced, full time.
Ortho knowledge helpful.
Good benefits! (248)642-5669

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Part-time for Oral Surgery office, Birmingham/Troy area. Some benefits. Some medical or dental experience required. Call between 10-4pm: 248-647-7336 or fax resume: 248-647-6117

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Patient oriented Warren dental office looking for part-time Hygienist. Option of hours increasing soon. Enthusiastic team player will enjoy great working conditions.
Call today: (810) 751-2900

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Great opportunity for a part-time/ full time Hygienist to compliment our team. Berkley practice emphasizes prevention and STM. 248-548-3334

DENTAL TECHS
Career opportunities for Waxing, Porcelain and Metal Finishing Techs. Growing, state-of-the-art, Livonia dental lab offers sign-on bonus to qualified, experienced techs. Full benefits, top wages. Mason Dental (734)525-1070.

FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR
High quality NOVI office seeking experienced person to handle scheduling, billing & insurance. Excellent benefits 248-442-0400

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT
needed for practice in Southfield. Reliable & professional. Please call 248-258-9090 or Fax 248-258-0905

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT
Part-time Orthodontic Assistant needed for S.E. Livonia office. Experience necessary.
★ (734) 522-5520 ★

★PHONE COORDINATOR ★ DENTAL ASSISTANT ★ RECEPTIONIST
Full/Part-time. Downtown Rochester dental office seeking mature, enthusiastic, self-motivated people. Basic knowledge of computer helpful. Experience preferred, but will train the right person.
248-651-8787

RECEPTIONIST/INSURANCE BILLING - Perio office. Experience only. Full-time, benefits. Farmington Hills. 248-851-1034

TI Group Automotive Systems

a Tier 1 Automotive Supplier, has several exciting employment opportunities in its Fuel Storage & Delivery System Division. This division provides customers with complete fuel systems, from filler pipe to fuel rail, encompassing blow molded plastic fuel tanks, fuel pumps, modules, sensors, and reservoirs. This total systems capability, combined with advanced technology and a truly global presence, makes TI Group Automotive Systems the leading independent supplier of automotive fuel storage and delivery systems in the world. We have 150 facilities throughout the world, in 29 countries, and employ 20,000 individuals.

We currently have several engineering and technical positions open located in:
Warren & Auburn Hills, Michigan

Positions:	Engineers (1-5 yrs. Exp) Designers Project Engineers Senior Designers Senior Project Engineers
Areas Of Speciality:	NVH Design, Systems Component Integration, Design Validation Testing & Testing Technology Unigraphics CAD (Designers & Sr.) SDRC-IDEAS (Designers & Sr.)
Requirements:	Automotive Industry Experience Basic Automotive Knowledge Product Engineering Experience (fuel systems/ components a plus)
Contact:	**Carolyn C. Zinck, Human Resources** **Email: czinck@walbro.com** **Fax: 248/377-6817** **Address: 1227 Centre Road** **Auburn Hills, MI 48326**



Thousands of people use one of these to find a job.

They check out our web site (oeonline.com) where we put all the great recruitment ads we receive along with the rest of our classified ads. So, if you're looking for great new job, we have them! In your hometown newspaper and online. Check them out today!

oeonline.com

To place your Classified Ad, call **734-591-0900** in Wayne County, **248-644-1070** in Oakland County **248-852-3222** in Rochester-Rochester Hills, or **248-475-4596** in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford and Waterford

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Employment

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... **www.oeonline.com**

504 Help Wanted-Dental

TECHNICAL PHONE REP
Career opportunity in growing, state-of-the-art, Livonia dental lab. Lab seeks personable DDS, Dental Assistants, Hygienists, CDT or other Lab knowledgeable person to serve as admin/phone liaison between dentists and lab techs. Full or part-time. Mason Dental (734)525-1070

506 Help Wanted-Medical

BILLER / OFFICE ASSISTANT for Psychiatric office in W. Bloomfield. Fax resume to 734-629-0707

★ Billers to $15/hr. ★
Many locations! DME, Medic or follow-up/status a plus.
★ Medical Assistants ★
New openings in Beverly Hills & Royal Oak. Urology or OB-GYN background preferred. to $14/hr.
★ Receptionists ★
Thriving practices in Livonia (MBS helpful), Southfield, DMC and Royal Oak (Beaumont campus) need energetic individuals able to handle fast pace.
Harper Associates
All require 1+year experience. Fax resume: 248-932-1214 or call Louann: 248-932-1204
www.harper-jobs.com

BUSY MEDICAL billing office wants a part-time clerk with typing skills and a full-time experienced medical biller. Please call Patti: (248) 569-5960

CLERICAL/GENERAL OFFICE
Orthopedic practice. Medic Computer. Must be accurate and dependable. 734-953-8874

CYTOTECH
Cytotechnologist (ASCP certified or eligible) full time, day shift; hospital based lab. Present seniority transferable. Up to $4,000 signing bonus. Apply in person, mail or fax resume to:
Hospital Consolidated Lab
23775 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI. 48075
Fax: 248-358-1311

DRIVERS
Medical equipment company, based in Livonia, seeking full-time applicants for delivery. Will train. Benefits package available. Self-motivated, responsible individuals with positive attitude.
Send resume to:
Metro Medical Equipment, Inc.
12985 Wayne Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
Fax: 734-522-9380

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Full-time for busy OB/GYN office in W. Bloomfield. Experience preferred. 248-855-5640

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST/ PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT for busy physical therapy clinic located in Troy & Clinton Twp. Excellent salary, bonus opportunity, flexible schedule, full benefits. Call 248-649-2323, ext. 127 or fax resume to: 248-649-2324

EXPERIENCED MA needed for midnight shift for growing clinic in Wixom, X-ray experience necessary. Part or full time. Great place to work. Please call Brian at: (248)668-1900

MASSAGE THERAPIST
Hands On Center For Physical Therapy in downtown Plymouth has a position available for a massage therapist. Full time. Fax resume: 734-455-2924 Or call: 734-455-8370

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Receptionist/clerical duties. Pay commensurate with experience. Full-time w/excellent benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Call Cathy: (734) 996-8763

MEDICAL ASSISTANT AND/OR RECEPTIONIST
Livonia - Novi Area
$500 BONUS
Looking for mature, responsible, hard-working individuals. Great wages and benefits. Full time. 248-478-1167

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Full-time. Friendly. Send resume to: 43422 West Oaks Dr. PMB #167, Novi, MI 48377-3300

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
part-time. Berkley area. Competitive salaries. Fax resume to: Chris, (248) 543-4160 or call (248) 543-3700
Michigan Endocrine Consultants

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Busy 4-doctor OB/GYN practice seeking energetic, full time (Mon thru Fri.), Medical Assistant.
Call: 248-338-0414
Or fax resume: 248-338-6185

506 Help Wanted-Medical

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
PART TIME
Physician practice located in Plymouth has an opportunity for an experienced M.A. with X-Ray skills. Part-time, Monday 12 noon-8pm and 2 other days during the week.
Send your resume to: Botsford General Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Fax: 248-471-8454. Email: bgiorgio@botsford.org. Visit our Web site: www.botsfordhospital.org. EOE
BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

♦MEDICAL BILLER♦
for cardiology office in Farmington Hills. Full time. Minimum 1/yr experience. Emphasis on front desk input of daily charges. Great benefits, excellent pay. Great atmosphere! Please fax to Laura (248) 932-2842

MEDICAL BILLER - Full-time, experienced for Cardiology office. Knowledge of all insurances a must. Call Deborah: 248-865-9898
Or fax resume 248-865-9425

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
part time for busy family practice in Livonia. Must have experience. (734) 427-3504.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST NEEDED - 4 days per week in a pleasant GYN office in Bloomfield. Call (248) 646-3323, ask for Kathy

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Looking for an experienced, energetic, hard working team player, people oriented for friendly fast paced 2 Dr. ophthalmic office practice in Berkley. Part time, competitive salary, continuing education. Please fax resume to 248-398-9266

506 Help Wanted-Medical

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Full-time, friendly. Send resume to: 43422 West Oaks Dr. PMB #167, Novi, MI 48377-3300

NURSES & CNA'S
Needed in Rochester Hills area. Fast growing home care agency looking for dependable people with reliable transportation. Great benefits for full time. Call Judy or Diane at 1-800-633-3396 or apply on-line @ www.homehealthprofessional.com

OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN
Looking for individual with refracting abilities for a fast-paced office. Send resume to: Henry J. Spiro, M.D., 28747 Woodward, Berkley, MI 48072 or fax: 248-546-6036

optical D.O.C.
Has a rare opening for an OPTICAL RETAIL MANAGER for it's state of the art franchise store in Summit Place Mall. The ideal candidate should be an experienced Optician, have prior management experience in a retail environment, excellent communication skills & possess an energetic, customer focused attitude. We are also hiring SALES ASSOCIATES & RECEPTIONIST. We offer an outstanding, competitive salary including lucrative bonus structure & benefits plan. If you are committed to excellence & long term employment, we want to talk to you. Call Dr. Goldberg at: (248) 682-5300
All replies are confidential.

PHLEBOTOMIST
The University of Michigan Health System
Department of Pathology
The University of Michigan Health System, Department of Pathology, has several positions available for Phlebotomists to work in the satellite clinics at Brighton and Canton. Qualified candidates must have previous phlebotomy experience and previous patient care experience. Experience in a laboratory environment is desirable. Must be able to work a flexible schedule. HS diploma or equivalent combination education and experience. Please submit resumes to: BEVERLY SMITH, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH SYSTEM, DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY, 1301 CATHERINE ST., ANN ARBOR, MI. 48109-0602, FAX: (734) 647-7874 or email: smithbey@umich.edu
A NON-DISCRIMINATORY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN
We currently have a full-time, midnight shift available. Qualified candidate must be registered or registry eligible. We offer excellent benefits and wages!
Send your resume to: Botsford General Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Fax: 248-471-8454. Email: bgiorgio@botsford.org. Visit our Web site: www.botsfordhospital.org. EOE.
BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

RD NEEDED!!
Evergreen Health & Living Center, a skilled nursing facility is seeking a full time (4 days/week) Registered Dietician. Must have nursing home experience and be familiar with the MDS process. If you enjoy working with the elderly in a fast paced environment then send your resume & salary requirements to:
19933 W. 13 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48076
or fax to: 248-203-9001

RECEPTIONIST/BILLING
OB/GYN. No weekends, flexible hrs. Birmingham. 248-645-0840 or fax: 248-645-5359

RECEPTIONIST/PHONE ROOM
Full time to join our great phone team in our new building in Troy. Medical background & computer expereince preferred. GREAT salary & benefits! Please Fax resume to: 248-267-5001 Attn: Susan / Call 248-267-5000

RN OR LPN, Ventilator experience for case in Brighton, New benefit package. Flexible schedule. Call Robin Grzembski RN for more information at: (800)327-8651 Personal Home Care, Private Duty

RN's & LPN's
(All shifts)
CNA's
(Midnights only)
Currently seeking professionals. Competitive wages & benefits. Apply today at: Charter House of Farmington Hills, 21017 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. 248-476-8300.

RN'S/LPN'S
Needed for full or part time day-shift or part time midnights. Great working environment! West Bloomfield Nursing Center, 6445 W. Maple, W. Bloomfield. 248-661-1600.

508 Food/Beverage Restaurant

BARTENDERS
EXPERIENCED. Apply in person between 9:30am-noon at The Wild Mustang Bar & Grill, 16728 Ford Rd (1 block W. of the Southfield Freeway).

COOK & DIETARY AIDES, Full time in Food Service Dept. Great benefits package. Competitive starting wage. Call: (248) 473-7183

508 Food/Beverage Restaurant

ST. JOHN'S GOLF CENTER is seeking full-time or part-time
LINE COOKS
Please apply at:
44115 Five Mile Rd.
Plymouth, MI. or contact
Steve Nazarck 734-453-1047

HOST/HOSTESS/ CASHIER - Steve's Deli, Bloomfield Hills, full/part time. Call Stan - 248-932-0800

WAIT STAFF - Experienced & motivated. Fast-growing new restaurant in the Clarkston area. Ask for Manager (248) 627-7755

WAIT STAFF
Full & Part-time. All shifts. No experience necessary. Rams Horn, 27235 Ford Rd, Dearborn Hts, (313) 563-1331

WAITSTAFF
Premium wages with tips, gratuities & golf privileges. Full or part time. Call Cattails Golf Club. Ask for John or Tony (248)488-8777

512 Help Wanted-Sales

Account Coordinator
HIGH ENERGY!
Dynamic Bloomfield firm seeks a High Energy, multi-tasked person with superb phone skills to match Physicians and Nurses with Hospital clients. If you're motivated, creative, like helping others and want to EXCEL at a career you'll love call:
(248) 646-7150

ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE
Industrial sales distributor seeking motivated, energetic individual to sell industrial packaging in Metro Detroit & Grand Rapids area. Qualified leads, company vehicle provided. Great income potential & benefits! Fax resume Attn: Mr. Green (248) 626-6347

ADVERTISING SALES Consultant. Insider Business Journal is looking for a highly motivated outside salesperson to join our local business journal sales team. Successful applicants must possess the following: • Past sales experience preferred. • Advertising, marketing sales skills • Strong communication, presentation skills • Professionalism • Enthusiasm, motivation, self-starter • Able to work alone and as part of a team.
This positions offers a competitive compensation package including base salary, commission, incentives and benefits. Please fax resume to: (810) 220-1800 or send to: Attention - Sales, Insider Business Journal, P.O. Box 280, Brighton, MI 48116.

AGENT WANTED!!
Busy Farmington Hills Realtor desperately needs licensed agent to service huge inventory buyers. Call Naomi or Matt: (248) 848-3000

AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL for floor covering sales. Motivated individual can earn $35 to $40K + Blue Cross/Blue Shield, 401K plan. Please apply at: Donald E. McNabb Carpet, 31250 S. Milford Rd., Milford (248)437-8146

A NEW CHANGE?
We're looking for a few great people. Free classes
Excellent Commissions
On-going training
Doug Courtney or
Chris Courtney
REMERICA
HOMETOWN
Top Office '97 & '98
(734) 459-6222

Are you interested in changing your career, but can't afford to make the move?
There is a way to become a successful Real Estate Agent, earning thousands more than you do now and still keep your present job until you're ready to make the switch.
Call Mike Muscillo
(248) 879-3400
COLDWELL BANKER
Schweitzer Real Estate

AUTO SALES PERSON
Will train, guarantee + commission. Bluecross & dental. Call for interview. (734) 455-5566

512 Help Wanted-Sales

AN EXCITING REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY FROM COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER
How many times have you thought of a real estate career?
• Flex Time
• Unlimited Income
• The Best in Marketing Resources
• The Best Training
• Support You Can Count On
• Free Training
Experience our newly expanded Farmington Hills/ West Bloomfield location. Now interviewing new & experienced agents. Call Joan Char, Manager, for a confidential interview.
(248) 737-9000
COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE?
Why not insure your success by joining the Number One Coldwell Banker office in the state of Michigan & Midwest Region.
Our Company offers:
• Weekly in house training
• Excellent marketing tools
• Advanced computer technology
• Local & national advertising
• Free Pre-licensing
Now interviewing new and experience agents. for more information or a confidential interview, Call Ron Moore or Ann Shahin
(248) 347-3050
COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

AUTO SALES-NEW
Attention - Goal oriented sales people... who enjoy people & have an interest in the automobile industry. Varsity Ford Sales, Michigan's #1 volume Ford dealer with retail sales in excess of over 10,000 vehicles a year is in need of one sales professional. We have inventory! We have advertising! We have floor traffic! We offer the finest in fringe benefits including; health, dental, 401k. Because you are the best, you can expect to make in excess of $100,000 per year. For confidential interview call: Kay Ferguson
(734) 996-2300, x227
Varsity Ford Sales.
VARSITY FORD

BUSINESS FINANCE $100,000+ Sales/Marketing Professionals. Unique opportunity using your established contacts to build your future in Business Finance. No experience required. Training/Local Area 1-800-715-4294. (SCA Network)

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH PEOPLE?
A real estate career in 2000 could be most rewarding for you. Join the prestigious PRUDENTIAL system...offering the best in training, technology (computers for all), commission. Pre-licensing classes.
PRUDENTIAL
CHAMBERLAIN-STIEHL
BIRMINGHAM/
BLOOMFIELD OFFICE
(248) 647-6400
Ask for
Nancy Leavenworth

EARN MORE
Than you ever thought
Get into a rewarding
Career in Real Estate
For a confidential interview
CENTURY 21 Hartford
248-478-6000 EXT. 130
Century 21

FULL & Part-time Landscape & Irrigation Sales positions. Unique Landscaping (248)380-0123 or fax resume to: (248)380-0101

GREETER
needed. Saturday, Sunday & Monday only, part-time in Novi. Please call 248-449-6900

512 Help Wanted-Sales

GORMAN'S FURNITURE DESIGNER / SALES
Gorman's, one of America's premiere home furnishing companies, has something we almost never have - an opening for an experienced sales/interior designer. Join a company that takes great care of both its associates and its customers. If you are an experienced, career furniture person, we'd like to tell you about our fantastic company. Full benefits. For interview call Tom Lias at: 248-344-0880

GUITAR CENTER ♦SOUTHFIELD♦
Immediate openings for SALES ASSOCIATES & MANAGEMENT TRAINEES in all areas of the store at the nations #1 musical instrument retailer. Must be sales oriented, organized and tenacious. Tremendous growth opportunity. Call Charlie at: (248) 354-8075 or stop in to fill out an application.

HIGH ENERGY CLOSERS NEEDED
$34,000 base + commissions
If you have been successful at one-call closes, have 3+ years sales experience, and can travel 5-state area (home on weekends), then call Jerry Jackson for an interview: 248-357-6380 or fax resume: 248-357-6381

IF YOU ARE ENERGETIC, charismatic, and see yourself as a team player, our Professional Kitchen & Bath Showroom located in Rochester Hills, may be for you. Sales and Design experience needed. Please fax resumes to: (248) 853-2774

JOIN THE #1 REAL ESTATE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD
We have a full-time, "in-house" training specialist to help you get off to a great start and be successful in an exciting career.
• Excellent Income Potential
• Rewarding Career
• Flexibility
• Independence
Contact Larry Harwin
Century 21
MJL Corporate Transferee Service
851-6700
More POWER to you

LEASING / SALES ASSOCIATE
Excellent opportunity within a small growing company. Looking for self starter. Candidate must be well organized and able to accomplish many tasks at once. Sales experience preferred but will train right person. Call Steve 248-549-5500 or fax resume to: 248-549-3510

Licensed Sales Person
To sell completely renovated condo conversion community. Send resume with references to: Kaftan Realty, Attn: Condominium Sales, P.O. Box 2033, Southfield, MI 48037.

LOAN OFFICER - Experienced. 60-70% Commission. Paid with-in 48 Hours! Majestic Mortgage (734) 254-1096

LUXURY IMPORT DEALER has SALES position available. Sales experience preferred. Benefits! 401K. Contact Pat Dwyer at: Dwyer & Sons Volvo Subaru, (248) 624-0400

NEW HOME SALES
SALARY PLUS COMMISSION
Licensed person to assist Sales Manager in sales and administration. Good earnings potential in new development. Respond immediately to Box #2405 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

512 Help Wanted-Sales

REAL ESTATE CAREER
Discover The Difference
If you're serious about a career in REAL ESTATE, you owe it to yourself to "Discover" why we are the #1 Coldwell Banker office in Michigan and the "Difference" our exclusive "Success Systems" program makes to your success. Call Sandy Billingslea for a personal interview.
(248) 344-7600
COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

$$$
Real Estate Openings
• Free Training
• Prime Livonia Location
• Full/Part Time
• Flexible Hours
• Guaranteed Success Program
• Unlimited Income
Century 21
Hartford North (734) 525-9600

REAL ESTATE SALES
FREE TRAINING
From the #1
Real Estate Company
in the world!
Call LARRY FREY
(734) 464-6400
www.c21-hs.com
Century 21 Hartford South
39209 W. 6 Mile
Livonia, MI.

SALARIED!
Real Estate Agents
Starting Salary, $30,000 PLUS!
Benefits (health, 401K) Incentives
Experienced agents and new trainees welcome. No other program like it available.
Start with the leader, REAL ESTATE ONE, INC.
For more information, please contact Ashley Baker at (248) 356-7111
Or simply fax a resume to (248) 356-4110
e-mail: abaker@realestateone.com
Real Estate One...

SALES/ ASSISTANT MANAGER
If you love retail but hate the late nights you'll love this job! Hagopian, Michigan's premier home furnishings store is looking or an experienced salesperson interested in merchandising and performing some managerial duties. Full-time position at our Novi store, requires 1 late night/ week. Pay commensurate with experience. We offer excellent benefits including 401K and a great work environment. Send resume to:
HAGOPIAN
Box 135
43223 12 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48377

SALES ASSISTANT (New Homes)
Part-time. Must be willing to work week and weekend days.
Please fax your resume to (248) 642-1586

SALES/MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE Excellent opportunity for an experienced and energetic sales professional looking for unlimited earning potential. Michigan Newspapers Incorporated helps firms grow their business by simplifying the advertising placement process. We're looking for someone with a proven track record in selling broadcast and/or print media to ad agencies, has a college degree (preferably) and is comfortable using the World Wide Web. The excellent salary/ commission/benefits package, plus a fun-loving work environment make this a tremendous opportunity. There's minimal overnight travel, though we will expect you to go the extra mile to land new business. Please send resume, salary history and a cover letter outlining your ideas on catching and keeping new clients to: MNI Sales Representative, 827 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906-5199. Deadline: May 1, 2000, all responses confidential.

SALES OPPORTUNITY
Make $70,000 - $100,000
Experience preferred, but willing to train. Excellent benefits.
Fax resume to: (248) 355-5243
Or email:
SibreyS@WeCanFinance.com

SALES PEOPLE WANTED
With furniture experience. Full-time. Benefits include: health insurance, paid vacation, life insurance, 401K. Great income potential. Send resume or apply in person:
Classic Interior's
20292 Middlebelt, Livonia 48152
or Fax: 248-474-6018

SALES REPRESENTATIVE
Wanted for Novi based fluid power distributor. Established territory, will also assist in the development and marketing on non-automotive markets. Must be well organized, self-directed with great communication skills. Marketing background helpful. Salary plus commission, medical, dental, 401k, tuition reimbursement. Please fax resume and salary requirements to: 248-476-1613 Attn: Inside Sales.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS! Set your own schedule. Control your own income. Sell from your home, at work, through fundraisers. Be an AVON REPRESENTATIVE. Call 888-042-4053.

DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER

LPN/RN
Medical Assistants - Peds

The Detroit Medical Center has immediate opportunities available for the following professionals:

LPNs/RNs
Positions available in OB/GYN, Internal Med and Peds in Novi, Livonia and Detroit.

LPN candidates must have completion of an approved Pharmacology course or NAPNES certification preferred; BCLS required. Job Code 5YN13

RN candidates must have Michigan licensure and BCLS; ACLS preferred. Job Code 3YN11

Please call Anne Mahoney at 248-347-8251 or fax/send your resume to the address below.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS - PEDS
Full and part time openings in our pediatrics office located in Livonia. Hours include days, evenings and/or occasional weekends.

Candidate must have technical knowledge of pediatric medical assisting procedures and equipment. A high school diploma or equivalent required; pediatric experience necessary.

Please call Beverly at 248-539-2254 or fax/send your resume to the address below. Job Code 5YN11

Please reference Ad #NOEC0227 and specific Job Code and submit resume to: **The Detroit Medical Center, Employment Center; McLaughlin Hall, 3740 John R. Detroit, MI 48201, fax: (313) 966-7447.** Visit our website at www.dmc.org. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.at: www.dmc.org; EOE

Detroit Medical Center
Wayne State University

TEMPRO MEDICAL NOW HIRING

Immediate Openings for Both Temporary & Temp to Perm

JOIN OUR TEAM & JUMP START YOUR CAREER.

We service all Metro Detroit area hospitals facility owned practices and a multitude of private physicians. We offer competitive salaries and flexible schedules for all medical positions and a chance to gain valuable experience in your field.

Be part of the fastest growing field in the medical profession.

MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR YOU!

Call Mrs. New (248) 356-1334
for an interview.

The people you need will be there, will you?



The Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS
HOMETOWN Newspapers
JobFair 2000

Burton Manor Livonia Wednesday March 29 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

We continue to receive many positive comments about our first three Job Fairs and want you to experience personally how effective they are. If you've participated in the past, you've already discovered their value to your recruitment program. We're pleased to offer you this opportunity to be part of our fourth Job Fair and save at the same time!

OUR MARCH 29 JOB FAIR IS $725 and includes:

One-quarter page ad in our official JOB FAIR supplement with distribution to more than 260,000 homes / An 8-foot skirted table and chairs (no booths, please) / Box lunches for two (2) staffers (additional lunches available for $12 each) / Inclusion in all Fair advertising and editorial in The Observer & Eccentric, HomeTown and Mirror Newspapers / Inclusion on our Web sites promotion of the Job Fair / Radio promotion on 20 stations / An excellent opportunity to meet prospective employers.



To reserve your space or for more information, call **734-953-2070**

We must receive your payment no later than March 1, 2000

THINKING OF A CHANGE?
THINK REAL ESTATE!



Take control of your career and join our successful team at Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke.

Our free, on-going training program will have you assisting sellers and buyers in the Rochester, Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Plymouth areas.

Don't wait!
Call for your private interview today.
For an appointment, call (888) 495-7400.

WEIR, MANUEL, SNYDER & RANKE REALTORS

REAL ESTATE ...AS A CAREER?
ALL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES ARE NOT THE SAME
If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate Sales, you owe it to yourself to investigate why we are #1 in the market place and best suited to insure your success.
•#1 Rated Franchise System
•Continuous Individualized Training
•100% Commission Plan
•Group Health Coverage
•Free Pre-Licensing
•Latest Technical Computer Programs Enable You To Have The Competitive Advantage
•Unsurpassed Local and National Advertising Exposure
DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE
Call Jim Stevens
or
Alissa Nead
COLDWELL BANKER
PREFERRED REALTORS
(734) 459-6000

512 Help Wanted-Sales

SALES SUPPORT

Park West Gallery, an international fine art auction company, is expanding. We are looking for a sales support person to coordinate activities and provide support to over 40 auctioneers on cruise ships around the world.

Working out of our Southfield office, this entry-level position offers tremendous growth potential with an excellent salary and benefit package including medical, dental and 401K.

Computer savvy individuals with 2-3 years experience and/or recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. Please mail, fax or email a resume, cover letter and salary requirements to:

PARK WEST GALLERY
Attn: Sales Support
29469 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48034
fax: 248-354-0387
email:
nicky@parkwestgallery.com

PARK WEST GALLERY

THE TILE SHOP
the Midwest's largest & fastest growing ceramic tile wholesaler/retailer is expanding in the Detroit market. We are currently seeking career minded, self motivated men & women for our new 30,000 sq. ft. superstore. These positions are for inside sales, where we offer rapid advancement & training in all aspects of the ceramic tile industry: Sales, Marketing, Merchandising & Installation of natural stone slabs. Our average trainee earns $30K + per year. Our average store manager earns $80K + per year. Interviews are taking place immediately. Please call (248) 442-8868 and ask for Tom Fletcher or Doug White.

TRAINER
Large and successful home improvement company is looking for a telemarketing expert to train telemarketing personnel full-time.
Candidate must possess:
- High grade telemarketing skills.
- Strong personality that works well with others.
- Consistent uplifting attitude.
- Believes in team concept.
- Intelligent with an open mind to learn.
- Non-abrasive communication skills.
- Training experience helpful but not necessary.

Excellent pay structure.
For future information please call Carin at: 248-478-8600

520 Help Wanted Part-Time

ATTENTION:
Looking to fill those open postions before the Spring Home Improvement Rush?
Then this is your opportunity to reach ½ million readers in your Hometown with a discounted display ad.
Join the Observer & Eccentric in celebrating Spring Home Improvement Employment Opportunities with a special page on April 16, 2000.
HURRY!!!
DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 1999.
CONTACT: CHAR WILSON 734-953-2070
Observer & Eccentric
JOBS 2K April

ATTN: WORK AT HOME. We'll Help You! Fun, Simple, $1,500/mo. PT, $5000/mo. FT. FREE Booklet-Call 24/hr msg: 888-811-7531 (SCA Network)

COLESCE FASHIONS AND LINGERIE, Kit available. Money now! Home showings. Call Geri (734) 464-8906

SEWER, PART-TIME
For drapery work room. Flexible hours. (248) 473-5542

TRAVEL AGENT
Part-time. Please call Barb, Uniglobe Port to Port Travel at: (734) 453-4100

Your LUCKY Day!
Need part-time Real Estate Assistant to do clerical work, computer & internet experience preferred, 15-20 hrs./wk. Flexible hours. Great pay plan.
Call John
(800)644-7798 / (248)348-1500

524 Help Wanted-Domestic

TROY couple seeks live-in or live-out help for light housekeeping & 5-8 hrs/wk evenings & weekends babysitting for 2 yr. old daughter. 248-528-2938

BUTLER & HOUSEKEEPERS
Fantastic full time opportunities in Bloomfield Hills & West Bloomfield estates. Great wages! Some offer medical benefits & 401K! References & experience required. Call Cindy at Harper Assoc., 248-932-3662 or fax resume: 248-932-1214.

DRIVER WANTED for senior citizen. (248) 394-1618

HELP WANTED
Employment/ Instruction Services
#500-598

526 Help Wanted-Couples

COUPLES to manage 64 unit apartment building. In Farmington Hills. Nice apt. & salary. 248-851-4477

537 Childcare/Babysitting Services

LIVE-IN CHILD CARE. Many Au Pairs available from which to choose. Flexible, legal and well screened, 45 hours per week. Average weekly cost only $245, that's per family not per child. Call 1-800-980-9100 or www.euraupair.com

538 Childcare Needed

CHRISTIAN FAMILY seeks creative, fun loving nanny for 6 yr. old girl & 4 yr. old boy. Troy area. Two 5 hr. days/wk. Summer 3 days. Could possibly work for another family close by. Will consider mom with child. References a must. Flexible hrs. Good pay. 248-828-7074

FARMINGTON FAMILY needs Day Care Provider for 2 & 4yr old girl & boy, Tues-Fri, 8:30am-6pm, own auto & references please. Call Brigid (248) 473-9295 Or Jim (248) 310-7008

NANNNY WANTED, part time, References a must. Ronny Kondrat.

NANNY NEEDED
2 Yr. old twin boys & newborn. Live in/out. Clarkston home. 248-620-2919

NANNY - shared w/2 families. 2 infants & 1 one its way in our Lake Orion homes. Mon-Thurs. 7-5. Excellent pay. 248-391-4946

NON-SMOKING, CARING experienced Nanny to care for our 2 children in our Clarkston home, located near Pine Knob. Full time Mon. - Fri. position. Please call..... (248) 822-6224

WANTED: A loving, mature, reliable women to help out a busy Canton family of four with pickup of children, meals, errands, laundry, etc. Hour M-F, 7-9am & 4-7pm. Please call after 6pm. (734) 981-5546.

540 Elderly Care & Assistance

AT HOME ASSISTANCE, If you could use an extra hand with errands, baking, personal care, etc. Call Robin: 248-844-3670

ELDERLY CARE
24 Hr. live in, 1-on-1 care available for the elderly from our staff of experienced caregivers. $90/ day. 313-920-1146

560 Education/Instruction

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR/ TEACHER
Well established preschool seeks dedicated and creative leader for Fall of 2000. Submit resumes to: Faith Community Preschool, P.O. Box 1, Novi, MI 48376 or fax to (248)349-2345

564 Financial Service (See class #082)

$2,500 VISA/MASTERCARD UNSECURED! Guaranteed approval!!! Bad Credit/No Credit OK! Includes full credit restoration. 23-year old company. Not a scam. 1-800-566-9099 ext. 25 (SCA Network)

574 Business Oppt. (See Class 390)

A $100,000+/YR. BUSINESS! ALL CASH! Easy! Make up to $52K - $125K/yrs. Easy! $5,000 Required. Free information. Call Pro-telecard - 1-800-997-9888 Ext. 2085. (24 hrs.)

BUSINESS OWNERS. Accept major credit cards! Free setup. Absolutely NO UPFRONT CHARGES! Regardless of size, age, credit. 48 hour setup. Increase sales! 1-800-908-0011 24 hours. www.mp-solutions.com (310) (SCA Network)

DO YOU EARN $800 IN A DAY? Your own local Candy Route. Includes 30 machines and free candy. All for $9,995. Call 1-800-998-VEND.

FARMINGTON HILLS hair salon has a loft for rent with an enclosed private room. Great for facialist, a masseuse or electrologist, or bring idea. First month rent free. 248-851-9043

FRIENDLY TOYS AND GIFTS wishes to thank our customers, hostesses, dealers for their record breaking 1999. Hundreds won $1,000 prizes! For year 2000 information 1-800-488-4875.

www.kmbiz.com
$25,000 SCHOLARSHIPS Paid Training, Job Placement, GED's, Career in Medical, Dental, Construction, Welding and more. Program for 18-24 yr. olds. Call 1-800-774-5627. Prizes to the first 100 enrolled.

41 YR. old retired corporate professional, mother of three from Oakland Co., shows you how to earn an extra $598 a month from home. 800-841-5274

Announcements
#600-698

600 Personals

CLASSIFIED WORKS FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS
REACH 2X2 MILLION Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only $949 - Contact Linda at Michigan Newspapers Inc. 517-372-2424.

623 Adoptions

ADOPTION: LOVING, childless couple wishes to adopt an infant and provide a happy home and lots of love. Call evenings and weekends. Toll free: 1-877-738-5608.

HOPING TO ADOPT newborn. We have a stable family and loving home filled with laughter and teddy bears. Ask Jan about Jodi and Keith, 1-888-449-8307.

636 Lost & Found

FOUND - Medium size dog, long black fur, well fed, very happy. Levan/Schoolcraft area, Livonia. 734-355-0433

FOUND - 2-23-00 Samoyed intact male, if not claimed needs home. 248-478-5400



600's Announcements

600.....Personals
602.....Happy Ads
604.....Graduations
606.....Mother's Day
608.....Father's Day
610.....Holiday Potpourri
612.....Sweetest Day
614.....Valentine's Day
620.....Special Announcements, Meetings/Seminars
622.....Legal Notices
623.....Adoption
624.....Misc. Notices
626.....Political Notices
628.....Car Pools
630.....Cards Of Thanks
632.....In Memoriam
634.....Death Notices
636.....Lost & Found
638.....Tickets
640.....Transportation/Travel
642.....Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss
644.....Insurance
646.....Bingo
648.....Wedding Chapel



700's Merchandise For Sale

700.....Absolutely Free (1 day)
702.....Antiques/Collectibles
704.....Arts & Crafts
706.....Auction Sales
708.....Rummage Sale/Flea Market
710.....Estate Sales
711.....Garage Sales-Oakland
712.....Garage Sales-Wayne
713.....Moving Sales
714.....Clothing
716.....Household Goods
718.....Appliances
719.....Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs
720.....Bargain Buys
721.....Bicycles
722.....Building Materials
724.....Business & Office Equipment
726.....Office Supplies
728.....Cameras & Supplies
730.....Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment
732.....Computers
734.....Electronics/Audio/Video
736.....Video Games, Tapes, Movies
738.....Farm Equipment
740.....Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants
741.....U-Pick
745.....Hobbies-Coins, Stamps
746.....Hospital Equipment
747.....Jewelry
748.....Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment
750.....Miscellaneous For Sale
751.....Musical Instruments
752.....Sporting Goods
753.....Trade Or Sell
754.....Wanted To Buy



780-793 Animals/ Pets

780.....Animal Services/Supplies
781.....Breeder Directory
782.....Birds
783.....Cats
784.....Dogs
785.....Farm Animals/Livestock
786.....Horses & Equipment
787.....Horse Boarding Commercial
788.....Household Pets
789.....Pet Grooming/Boarding
790.....Pet Services
791.....Pet Supplies
792.....Pet Wanted
793.....Lost & Found

636 Lost & Found

FOUND 1 Yellow lab (green collar) & 1 Husky (black collar) White Lake & Ormond Rd. (248) 889-5463

KEEPSAKE GOLD PIN -Lost Fri, Feb. 25, downtown Birmingham area. REWARD. 248-553-7237

640 Transportation/ Travel

CANADIAN RIVER CRUISE VACATIONS - Private Staterooms, 4, 5 or 6-nights aboard an elegant riverboat cruising the calm waters of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers. Free brochure 1(800) 267-7868.

DUNES BEACH VACATIONS free 68-page color vacation guide includes photos/rates of 800 cottages/condos in Garden City and Surfside Beach, S.C. 1-800-293-2922. www.dunes.com

642 Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss

DIABETIC? DID you know that Medicare pays for diabetic testing supplies, on insulin or not? Satisfaction Guaranteed! FREE SHIPPING. Call TODAY: 1-800-843-7038. (Sorry no HMO's) (SCA Network)

Merchandise
#700-778

700 Absolutely Free

CHAIR TYPE hairdryer, 25" console color TV, 90" sofa. (313)532-4426

FREE FIREWOOD - you pick up 28337 Maltroit, Southfield, W. off Franklin, S. of Northwestern. 248-354-3213.

GARAGE DOOR - 16x7 wood flush panel, complete, very good condition. 734-981-6688.

702 Antiques/ Collectibles

AMERICAN PINE country rocking bench, 19th C, $275; pottery figural table lamps, 36" high, 1940's, $300 pair; old concrete bird bath, $60 248-684-8685

ANTIQUE SALE - Personal 30 year collection. Very unique items. Furniture, lamps, grandfather clocks & others, porcelain doll collection, Victorian marble-top dresser, plate collection, many items - must see! Sat., Mar. 4, 10am-4pm & Sun., Mar. 5, 10am-2pm.
2500 Allen Rd., Ortonville (off M-15) 248-627-6106

• Antiques Appraisal Clinic •
Tuesday, March 7th
Lecture by Wendell D. Garrett, Senior VP, Sotheby's NY - Plus Breakfast & 1 verbal appraisal, $35
Call Special Events for your 9:00-Noon reservation at: • 248-594-6403 •
Open to the Public: 12:30-3:30
The Community House
380 S. Bates Street
Birmingham, Michigan

A SURE CURE
...for "cabin fever" is a shopping excursion to our place, for all your antiques and collectibles needs. Shop Tues. - Sun., 10-5.
The Great Midwestern ANTIQUE EMPORIUM
5233 Dixie Highway
Waterford, MI

702 Antiques/ Collectibles

BARBIES - Holiday, Bob Mackie, collection for sale. 248-366-5224

BEANIE, POKÉMON COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW March 12, 11-3pm, Plymouth Cultural Center, 734-455-2110

DEL GIUDICE ANTIQUES
We make house calls!
Estate & Private Sales!
Also Insurance & Estate Appraisals...
MEMBER OF ISA
WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO PURCHASE:
Fine china, Crystal, Silver, Oil Paintings, Furniture, Costume & Fine Jewelry.
Visit our Gallery located in the Old Church at:
515 S. Lafayette
Royal Oak
Mon-Sat. 11-6
248-399-2608

DESK, SMALL (38x18x30), rolled top. At least 50yrs. old. $85 (248)879-0672

HUNTINGTON Woods pottery, glass & silver Sale! Some designer furniture, Sun. March 5, 10-4, 8206 Hendrie (corner of Ivanhoe), W of Woodward/S. of Lincoln.

J.C. WYNO'S Antique & Collectible Show, March 4 & 5. UFCW Union Building, 876 Horace Brown Dr., (near I-75 off 13 Mile - Must exit 12 or 14 mile) Madison Hgts. Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4. Admission $3. 810-772-2253

TOWN HALL ANTIQUES
Invites you to help celebrate their 10th Anniversary, March 3rd, 4th and 5th, from 10-6.
Hundreds of items are being marked down throughout the store with discounts of 10-50% off.
Don't miss this very special sale!!!
Downtown Romeo
810-752-5422

706 Auction Sales

ANTIQUE & Collectible Auction Sunday, March 5 @ Noon. Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth! Furniture, primitives, glassware, art, toys, pottery. Conrad & Talbot (734) 459-5615

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS. Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

BLUE STAR AUCTION COMPANY
PRESENTS
ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION
Friday, March 3, 2000
6PM Preview • 7PM Auction
Northville Rec. Center
303 W. Main Street
Northville, Michigan
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
1-248-347-6293
OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE
www.bluestarauction.com
Always accepting quality consignments.

706 Auction Sales

★ AUCTION ★
ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES
Sat. March 4th, 7PM
CULTURAL CENTER
525 FARMER
PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN
Glassware; Furniture; Pottery; Figurines; Linens; Kitchen Collectibles; Household; Boxes Full
• Over 2000 Misc. Items •
Cash, Master Card, Visa, American Express Cards, MI Checks with ID for Equifax Approval
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM
J.C. Auction Services, Inc.
(734) 451-7444

710 Estate Sales

ANNOUNCING
2 Estate Sales!
By Everything Goes
#1. Fri. March 3, 10-4
Sat. Mar 4, 10-4; if necessary
14940 CRESENTWOOD
Eastpointe - W. of Gratiot, between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.
Antiques, Tools & More!
Antiques: chairs, tables, desk, mirrors, rocker, commode, tools & curio items! • slate pool table • refrigerator & stove • power & hand tools • BBQ • washer, dryer • paint mixer & shaker & more!
#2. Fri-Sat. Mar 3-4, 10-4
26735 BRANDINGHAM
Franklin Village
W. off Franklin Rd., between 13 & 14, take Wellington.
ENTIRE HOUSE GOES!!
Crystal chandelers • lighting • appliances • kitchen • 3 baths • 2 furnaces w/ air • carpet • pavers • all doors & windows • garage • sofa group • sectional sofa • artwork • 3 bedroom sets • custom dining room table & chairs • armoire • dinette set • drop leaf table • wall unit • good household & personal items • garage, sports • toys • clothing, jewelry & more! Sale hotline: 248-988-1077
everything-goes.com

another
GOOD ESTATE SALE
Fri. & Sat. Mar. 3 & 4, 10-4
215 Woodsboro, Royal Oak
S. of 12 Mile, between Main & Washington.
Traditional, Good Quality Contents
Beige rolled arm sofa, nest of Country French tables, Country French occasional tables, Drexel games table & chairs, bookcases, rolled arm sofabed, Kindel cherry-wood bachelor chest, mirrors; bedroom furniture, STERLING FLATWARE BY GORHAM KING EDWARD NORITAKE MARIETTA DINNERWARE kitchen misc., cameras, books, linens, ladies clothes size 2 & 4, All-Tech pool table, washer, dryer, plus lots more.
SEE YOU THERE!
EDMUND FRANK & CO
LIQUIDATORS & APPRAISERS
(313) 869-5555

A. & T. SALES
RESPECTFUL ESTATE AND HOUSEHOLD SALES
EXPERIENCE! REFERENCES! CLASSY PRESENTATION! VAST MAILING LIST!!!
248-877-0860/Schecter or 248-538-8446

ESTATE SALES BY IRIS
Complete Household Sale Mgmt.
• APPRAISALS • Auctions •
•Will Buy Complete Inventory•
248-626-7723
Appraiser & Liquidator for 35 Years in Metro Area.

GREENTREES ESTATE SALE
Fri-Sat, Mar. 3-4
10am-4pm
1992 Hunt Club; Grosse Pointe Woods. 2 blks W off Mack, 1/2 mile S of Vernier.
Living, dining, bedrooms, Noritake china, cut & pressed glass, silverplate, clocks, electric stairway chairs, much misc.

HOUSEHOLD SALES CONDUCTED BY
Lilly M. & COMPANY
Call Toll Free in 810 / 313 area.
1-800-558-8851

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALES
Fri & Sat. March 3 & 4, 9:30-4:30 169 Bassett Place, Bloomfield Hills (S. off Maple, 3 blks. W. of Cranbrook Rd.). Nice moving sale. Standing victrola, assorted chairs, dining set, sofa bed, pictures, silver, victorian frames, Limoges, Fostoria, linens, post card collection, old books, records, iron trivets, more. (248) 646-7455

W. BLOOMFIELD, Lagoons Condos, 6765 Heron Point, S. of Pontiac Tr., between Green Lake Rd. & Halsted. Sat & Sun. March 4 & 5, 10-4. Living room furniture, tables, lamps, bedroom furniture, cherry wood dining room set, kitchen set, costume jewelry, 14K jewelry, lots of china, art glass, framed art work, TV, pots & pans, silverware, tables, chairs, lots of smalls, Ladies clothing, priced for immediate sale, cash & carry.

713 Moving Sales

FORMAL sofa, coffee table, washer, dryer, fridge, double canopy bed, misc. 248-656-0605

FURNITURE & Misc. March 2 & 3, 7am-4pm, 19438 Woodworth, E. of Inkster, N. of 7 Mile.

MANY HOUSEHOLD GOODS Oak dining table, appliances. Call for prices 248-646-7295

714 Clothing

BRIDAL GOWN - Satin, size 14-16, short veil, long detachable train. $400/best. 734-464-2049

CLOWN COSTUME with hair piece. $99 (248)553-8530

716 Household Goods

BANQUET & traditional size mahogany dining room tables, large & small mahogany breakfronts & china cabinets. Traditional mahogany bedroom chests, dressers, beds (includes 4 posters), night stands. Bachelor chests, secretary desks, traditional desks, sets of mahogany dining room chairs (4-12 per set). Large oriental rugs, lamps (Frederick Cooper, Wildwood & antiques). Chandeliers. Oil paintings, buffets, sideboards, servers. Baker wingchair, sofas, drum tables, too much list!
Visa, MC, American Express
MAHOGANY INTERIORS
508 S. Washington,
Royal Oak (248) 545-4110
(near 11 Mile Road & Washington Street, between 4th & 6th Streets)

BEAUTIFUL ANTIQUE bedroom set, price negotiable. 734-353-5290

BEAUTIFUL BED - Brand new name-brand Queen Mattress set in plastic, retails $599, sell $169; King, $369. Warranty. 734-604-8946

BEAUTIFUL 1999 brand new white washed oak dining room set. Includes table, 2 leaves, 6 chairs, china cabinet. Purchased for $7000; will sell for $3300. 248-926-9620

BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL Mahogany carved dining table & 8 chairs. French carved armoire. Carved lion head conference table. Large Chippendale china cabinet. Heavily carved queen bed. Oriental style rugs. Tiffany style fireplace screens & more. A.R. INTERIORS (248) 582-9646

BEDROOM SET - Beautiful modern wood, price negotiable. Call Kim: (734) 353-5290

BEDROOM SET, 7 pc. contemporary, off white. Great condition. $500/best. (248) 848-9179

BEDROOM SET - 8pcs, pale green traditional. Good condition. $600. 248-626-8718

BEDROOM (2) sets, dining room, carved 4 panel wooden screen, server, lamps, chairs, more. Priced to sell (248) 553-6707.

BEDROOM SETS - (1) Queen & (1) full, $400/each;
DINING SET - Maple w/corner curio, $300. (248) 366-8233

BED - Teak Trundle from House of Denmark. $100. (734) 981-8796

CARPETING, LIKE new, 24 yds. + hall 2 yds. Light salmon color, $75. (248) 546-6222

CEILING FAN, brass finish $40. Hanging light, faux stained glass $30 (248)360-7271

CHAIRS-4 BLACK and chrome, Bruear natural caine seats, $100. (248)932-8479

Couch 72", gold brown embossed fabric, 2 pillows, good condition. $100 (248)628-3445

Curio cabinet, 6' high, 21" wide, glass shelves. $75 or best offer. (248)594-4615

DESK - large rolltop w/chair. Walnut finish. Good condition. $450/best. 248-474-7654

DINING room maple china cabinet, lighted glass upper, excellent condition. $900. 248-476-2803

DINING ROOM set, buffet, $175. Freezer, $100. Entertainment center, $75. (734) 326-6519

DINING room set, solid pecan, 7 piece; 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, $950 313-592-2739

ENGLANDER ITALIAN Leather Gray sectional, $995/best. 3 piece wall size entertainment unit, $449/best. 248-855-3318

Family room, $2500; Washer $225; Refrigerator $450; Queen bedroom set $1300. Call: 810-939-7981

FOUR-PIECE SECTIONAL 8ft. x 10 ft. by Schnadig Burgandy. $600. 248-693-4350

FURNITURE FOR all rooms, great condition, take all or part. (248) 476-4571

6 GORGEOUS Gormans dinette chairs, like new, a steal, also quality items. 313-565-6908

GRACO HIGH Chair, hardly used, excellent condition. $35. (248)879-0086

HENREDON, Couch & Love Seat, excellent condition. $875 or best offer. 248-855-4828

IRON BED, twin size with like new mattress/box springs, $375 complete. (248) 685-2990

IRON CANOPY Bed, queen, 12" frame, paid $1200, asking $600/best. (248) 360-3861

JACOB'S LADDER shelf-4 tier solid wood natural colored $100, (734) 453-0701

KITCHEN CABINETS - White with oak trim, all appliances. All, 10 Yrs. old. (248) 620-3487

KITCHEN TABLE with leaf & 4 matching chairs. Good condition $250/best. (248) 661-2310

LARGE CONTEMPORARY beige 5 piece sectional - $300. 248-258-9246

LIVING ROOM SET & chest freezer. Excellent. Must sell. All offers. (734) 422-6247

MAPLE DEACON Bench, good condition, length 46" $75, (248)553-9061

NORDIC TRACK $50, bed/mattress set, excellent condition, $50. (734) 425-7866

25 Words + 13 Million Homes = Great Results
You can market your product to 13 million households throughout North America by placing your classified ad in more than 800 suburban newspapers like this one for only $895. One phone call, one invoice, one low payment is all it takes. Call the Suburban Classified Advertising Network fax-on-demand service at 800-356-2061 or 312-644-6610 x4731 to speak with a sales coordinator.

716 Household Goods

SECTIONAL $100, 6 piece dining set, $400. 5 piece wicker living room, $100. Glass cocktail & sofa table, $25 each. All excellent condition. (734) 397-4829

SECTIONAL, TWEED & Chair, multi-color. Brand new. Best offer. (810) 731-6129

SLEEPER SOFA, double bed size, good condition. $95 (248)661-2610

SOFA $175; 2 arm chairs, $125 each; Ottoman, $50. (248) 644-8846

SOLID cherrywood dining set; 60" oval table w/6 chairs, mirrored & lighted breakfront, $3500. (248) 347-2962

TECHLINE TWIN platform bed, headboard, antique white, $199. No mattresses (248) 682-0634

TWIN BED and head board $60, upright vacuum $30. (248)642-7253

718 Appliances

Beat the heat. Emerson Room Air Conditioner, like new, $100 or best offer. (248)258-6110

Electric dryer, Whirlpool Supreme large capacity dryer, Excellent condition. $100. (734)254-0145

FREE AMANA Gas Stove, Almond color--works. You pick up (734)207-8332

GE ELECTRIC range, self cleaning oven, very good condition. $85 (734)422-6122

General Electric refrigerator, top freezer, 10 yrs. old. Excellent condition. $60 (248)649-6133

Kirby Upright Vacuum, complete attachments, 1985, excellent condition. $100. (734)522-2669

Magic Chef Gas Range and Hot Point Refrigerator. Harvest Gold. Very clean. $50 (734)522-4258

PORTABLE WHIRLPOOL dishwasher, hardly used $50. No calls after 8pm (248)393-2721

PROJECTION TV 45 inch, Mitsubishi, $750. (734) 397-1420

WHIRLPOOL electric dryer & washer, good condition, $200 set only. (313) 531-8939

719 Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs

HOMEOWNERS WANTED!!
KAYAK POOLS is looking for DEMO HOMESITES to display our "NEW MAINTENANCE-FREE" KAYAK POOL. Save thousands of $$$ with this UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.
CALL NOW!!!
1-800-31-KAYAK

HOMEOWNERS WANTED!!
KAYAK POOLS is looking for DEMO HOMESITES to display our "NEW MAINTENANCE-FREE" KAYAK POOL. Save thousands of $$$ with this UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.
CALL NOW!!!
1-800-31-KAYAK

721 Bicycles

LADIES BIKE 26", 5 speed $20. 28" Men's bike, 10 speed $25. Call (734)427-5923

722 Building Materials

BUILDING SALE... No Salesman. Go Direct and Save. Final Clearance. 20x26 $2,600.00. 25x30 $3,145.00. 30x40 $4,750.00. 35x50 $6,100.00. 40x60 $7,800. 48x90 $12,000.00 Others. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422

CONSTRUCTION EQUIP - 5x10 utility trailer, ladders, power washer/tools; misc. 734-591-3522

EXCELLENT PROFITS LOG HOME WHOLESALERS. Join proven 18 yr. Log Manufacturer. 16 Kiln-dried log styles starting $12,190.00. Exclusive territory. Mr. Buck 1-800-321-5647. Old Timer Log Homes.

SAWMILL $3,795. Saw logs into boards, planks, beams. Large capacity. Best sawmill values anywhere. Free information. Norwood Sawmills, 252 Sonwil Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225. 1(800)578-1363

724 Business & Office Equipment

COPIERS, FACSIMILE, and Risographs. New or used. Call John (248)589-3535 ext. 213

OFFICE FURNITURE - USED Chairs - File Cabinets - Desks - Bookcases & More 734-525-8269

726 Office Supplies

OFFICE LATERAL file cabinets, white color, 3 drawers tall, locking. $100 (248)541-9266

Typewriter, IBM electric model 710, good condition, needs tune up, $25 (734)981-0733

728 Cameras

CANON L2, high 8 camcorder, case, accessories. Asking $1500/best. (248) 358-4258

730 Comm./Industrial/ Restaurant Equip.

ICE CREAM DIP CASE - Holds 12 flavors. Single soft-serve maker. Call 734-525-0488

732 Computers

NEED A COMPUTER?
We can help...
High approval rate.
Built to order systems,
• $39.95/month •
Includes Internet service!
Credit problems o.k.
Fast approvals!
Call: 1-877-471-1307

SUPER COMPUTER SALE
TAYLOR, MICH
SAT. MARCH 4, 10 to 3PM
DEMOCRATIC CLUB HALL
23400 WICK ROAD
4 blks. E. of Telegraph
1 Mile S. of I-94
NEW & USED COMPUTERS
Lowest Priced CD's in U.S.A.
SOFTWARE: $5 & UP
Admission: $5 (734) 283-1754
HAPPY NEW YEAR

WANT A COMPUTER?? BUT NO CASH?? MMX Technology will finance with "0" down. Past credit problems, no problem. Call toll free 1-888-873-6003.

734 Electronics/Audio/ Video

DSS SATELLITE Got an 18" mini-dish? Unlock your dish - test all transponders. Over 390 channels. All makes. All models. Toll-Free (877) 576-3907.

736 Video Games, Tapes, Movies

PLAYSTATION, SONY'S new, still in box, dualshock controller, $85. (248) 539-1209

740 Farm Produce/ Flowers/Plants

VENDORS WANTED
Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market
Call: (248) 656-0060
for application today.

746 Hospital Equipment

Aluminum Folding Walkers (2) $40 each. 1 white, plastic raised toilet seat $19. (248)852-2734

WHEELCHAIR MANUAL. Good condition. $500. Please call: (248) 335-8870

748 Lawn Garden & Snow Equipment

EXMARK MOWERS, 60" lazers & turf tracers, 36" & 48" Viking; Redmax backpack blowers, Shindaiwa line trimmers & stick edgers, power washer, air compressor, more. (734)981-5638

TORO S200 Snowblower, $95. Call (248)624-9351

YARDMAN 3 H.P. Snowthrower, with pull start. $99 (2480358-2134

750 Miscellaneous For Sale

AMAZINGLY LOW PRICES Wolf Tanning Beds. Buy Factory Direct. Excellent Service. Flexible Financing Available. Home/Commercial Units. FREE Color Catalog 1-800-842-1310.

BAR CODE Scanner. New. $50. Call after 5pm (810)293-0957

Black Necchi Sewing Machine with cabinet. Needs wiring. $50/best (248)689-2580

BORSCH CORDLESS 3/8" drill including charger case, brand new. $100 (248)626-0439

CHEVY NOVA parts 1968-1972, call for more information. $100. (248)477-1042

COLOR TV 20" RCA; luggage 3 sets; end table; 5 bikes, Lawn Boy 21" mower, etc. 248-476-3016

COLOR TV & VCR, two wood bar stools, etc. all four under $100. (248)539-1209

Cross Country Skis (Karhu) $25. Silver sliding shower door w/hardware $45. (734)425-4656

FOUR PERSON back packing camping ten 8x8, 5' high, used once, $30. (248) 478-9580

GERMAN BOOKS, collection of Utta Danella's work. $100 (248)540-4608

HEALTH/POWER WALKER. Like new/$80 or best offer. Call after 6pm (734)425-5762

HEAVY DUTY COMMERCIAL SHELVING. 4x8x7 & 2x8x7 ea. w/four shelves. 734-242-1669

INFANT/CHILD CAR Seat Century 2000, clean, good condition. $35 (248)620-0169

WIN
FOUR TICKETS
To The
GMC BUILDERS HOME & DETROIT FLOWER SHOW.
GMC BUILDERS HOME & DETROIT FLOWER SHOW
Cobo Exposition Center, Detroit, Michigan
March 23- 26, 2000,

Thursday and Friday 2:00pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Adults - $6.50; Seniors - $4.50; Children 6-12 - $4

• GMC, title sponsor of the show, will feature vehicles outfitted to reflect various home activities such as gardening or home improvement.
• Patio, yard, garage and garden products and services at the Pool, Spa & Recreation Show.
• Blooming and flowering gardens accented by 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in the Detroit Flower Show themed "Detroit A' Bloom" sponsored by Standard Federal Bank."
• Kitchen and bath products and design trends at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show
And Much, Much, More...

Send your name address - including your zip code - on a postcard addressed to:
GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150
Passes will be mailed to winners.
PLEASES ONLY ONE POSTCARD PER FAMILY
• We'll impartially draw names for winners from your entries.
• Watch your hometown newspaper classified sections, where we will print winners' names. Your tickets will be mailed directly to you.
• Winners names will appear in the Thursday, March 23, 2000 edition of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

They're looking for a bike on our web site.

Just one more reason to call us when you want to sell something with a classified ad—your ad goes on our web site for thousands of serious shoppers to see.

If you're looking for a great bike, or have one to sell. We have them! In your hometown newspaper and online. Check them out today!

oeonline.com

To place your Classified Ad, call **734-591-0900** in Wayne County, **248-644-1070** in Oakland County **248-852-3222** in Rochester-Rochester Hills, or **248-475-4596** in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford and Waterford.



750 Miscellaneous For Sale

LADDER RACK for full size van $40, dog igloo $20. (248) 360-7271

LITTLE TYKES Country Cottage & Slide. $95. (248)651-7886

Men's wool/leather Hockey jacket $40, Men's Hockey skates (2 pairs), $20 ea. (734)455-4973

Mini-van fenders, 1984-1991 Dodge/Ply/Chrysler, won't dent or bend $60 (734)464-8944

NCAA/Regional Basketball Tickets at the Palace. March 23, 25th. $60 per game. Call (248)879-8379

ORBITTREK ELLIPTICAL Exercise Machine. Brand new. $100 (734)451-8203

ROWER, PRECOR 615E. $50 or best offer. (313)594-2087

SHOP THE NET OUTLET MALL SAVINGS CD's, DVD's, SACD's, snowboards, skateboards, cars, vitamins, fragrances, sporting goods and more. Click on www/pricenetusa.com shoppers card referral #200000005727 (SCA Network).

SLENDERCYCLES EXERCISE bicycle by Vitamaster, $30 (248)682-4517

SNOWBLOWER, auger, 4½ HP, like new - used 1 Winter, $275. Moved to condo. Stove, GE electric, almond, self-clean and like new, $100. 734-981-4493 mornings or eves; 248-538-9954

WOODLAND woodburning stove fireplace insert w/glass door, $400. (248) 683-4383

751 Musical Instruments

Baldwin Console Piano, almost like new! With bench, delivery, tuning and warranty, $1850. Other pianos from $450. MICHIGAN PIANO 248-548-2200, Open 7 days michiganpiano@greatid.com

BALDWIN SPINET piano, excellent condition, $600. (248) 852-9293

KIMBALL'S EXCLUSIVE Piano, $1,400. Call evenings: (248) 258-6273

KING CORNET (good condition) $99. (A Comet is a small Trumpet) Call (734)453-8562

TAMA DRUG set, & speakers. Best offer, (734) 425-2542

YAMAHA CONSOLE Organ Perfect condition. $1200. (810) 254-7480

752 Sporting Goods

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - Bike, $25, Electronic treadmill, $175. Rower, $25, Cross country skier, $25. 734-416-0464

GUN SAFES Liberty & National Security. Over 100 safes in stock. Able Safe, Inc. 734-542-0401

MUST SELL! Pro-Form 525 treadmill, $500/best. 10 minute workout machine, $130/best. Both great machines! Multi-colored Couch, $150/best. (248) 420-1587

NORDICTRACK Achiever Skier, oak & steel, $400. Nordictrack Flex Gold Pro, butterfly & leg, $450. (248) 969-0947

NORDIC TRACK PRO, excellent condition, $325. Evenings: (248) 645-0662

752 Sporting Goods

POOL TABLE Brunswick 7 ft., slate, with ball return & accessories. $700. (734) 513-5157

POOL TABLE - Brunswick, 8ft/ slate, excellent condition, extras! $700. (734) 459-5889

POOL TABLE 8ft Slate - Green. Including Ques + accessories. $500. (248) 258-1141

Pool Tables - All slate, antique, ultra modern, bar size. Buy direct from Factory. 248-399-7255 Eve: 248-547-3980

TREADMILL: Westlo 2.25 HP, 16x50, 4 window, space saver. Used 4x. $350 248-426-8021

754 Wanted to Buy

BUYING ANY & all slot cars, sets, track, accessories. (248) 380-8443

WANTED: Eames lounge chair & ottoman by Herman Miller. (248) 626-7069

WANTED - Peter Max Prints. Call Frank: Days 248-645-5151 or eves: 248-626-7911

780 Animal Services

AQUARIUM; 33 gallon, complete, oak stand, great condition. $90/best offer (734)455-7963

CLASSIFIED ADS work for all your needs.

783 Cats

RAGDOLL CAT: to good home, declawed, gray/white, 2 ½ yr male, neutered, very quiet 248-269-8737

784 Dogs

ADORABLE PUPPIES - 3 litters. Will be medium to large sizes. Good variety. (734) 459-7829

AKITA, AKC, reg'd, 5 months, male, shots and wormed, $500. mornings (248) 471-3307

BEAGLE - 4 yr old male, very sweet, neutered, needs loving home. $25/neg. 734-762-4863

BEAUTIFUL IRISH setter puppies. Great with kids, $300. 2 females-4 males, 313-531-9034, 313-330-2664

BICHON FRISE PUPS - AKC registered, 3 female pups. Call Eves: (248) 540-3609

BOSTON TERRIER - AKC Male, neutered. 2yrs old. To good a home. (734) 522-8217

COCKER SPANIEL Pups, AKC, 2 silver, 4 buff, 1st shot & wormed. 734-461-0651

DOGUE DE BORDEAUX - (Hooch), rare bred, FIC registered-ready 3/1. 517-485-0252

ENGLISH SETTER puppies. FDSB. Males $200. Females $300. 734-522-8451

GERMAN SHEPHERD, AKC, pups, imported bloodlines, great w/ kids, $300. (734) 587-3066

GERMAN SHEPHERD White pups AKC, excellent bloodline, OFA. $350-400. 810-724-5600

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS, AKC, breeder. Ask for Sydney. (810) 653-7978

800's Autos/RVs

800....Airplanes
802....Boats/Motors
803....Boat Parts Equipment/Service
804....Boat Docks/Marinas
805....Boat/Vehicle Storage
806....Insurance, Motor
807....Motorcycles/Minibikes/ Go-Karts
808....Motorcycles-Parts & Service
809....Off Road Vehicles
810....Recreational Vehicles
811....Snowmobiles
812....Campers/Motor Homes/ Trailers
814....Construction, Heavy Equipment
815....Auto Misc.
816....Auto/Truck-Parts & Service
817....Auto Rentals/Leasing
818....Auto Financing
819....Autos Wanted
820....Junk Cars Wanted
822....Trucks For Sale
824....Mini-Vans
826....Vans
828....Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive
830....Sports & Imported
832....Antique/Classic Collector Cars
834....Acura
836....Buick
838....Cadillac
840....Chevrolet
842....Chrysler
844....Dodge
846....Eagle
849....Ford
850....Geo
852....Honda
854....Lexus
856....Lincoln
858....Mazda
860....Mercury
861....Mitsubishi
862....Nissan
864....Oldsmobile
866....Plymouth
868....Pontiac
870....Saturn
872....Toyota
874....Volkswagon
876....Autos Over $2,000
878....Autos Under $2000

784 Dogs

GOLDEN RETRIEVER & Lab mix pups - All shots. Born Nov. 3 (734) 641-2971

GORDON SETTER - female, 1 yr. old. AKC/FDSB. $700. 734-522-8451

JACK RUSSELL PUPPIES: Purebred, Papers, Perfect. $450/females, $400/males. 248-627-5657 / 248-969-8317

Lab, Chocolate male, 6 yrs old. Housebroken-house dog, loving family pet. Call: 248-373-0350

LABS, CHOCOLATE -2 females left, AKC, 8wks, dews, wormed, 1st shots. $400. 734-905-6242

LABS: 8 wk chocolate male & yellow female; 6 mo. chocolate female. $400-450 734-905-1219

Miniature Schnauzers - Salt & pepper, AKC, vet checked, paper trained. 248-656-2089

SHIH TZU pups, AKC, home raised, all colors, all sizes, shots. Call: (248) 471-7312

SNOODLES - Adorable, miniature Schnauzer & Poodle mix, 2 male, 1 female. 734-425-7083

YORKIE PUPS - 3 females, have mom & dad, 1st shots, ready 3/9. $500/ea. 248-477-5591

788 Household Pets-Other

AFRICAN GRAY - Great talker, cage & all accessories, $800. (248) 474-1352

COCKATIELS - Hand fed babies, very tame, cages & toys. 248-851-7281 Farmington area

Automotive Recreational Vehicles #800-899

800 Airplanes

CLASSIFIEDS WORK FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS

802 Boats/Motors

FOUR WINNS 1998 205 Sundowner. Sunsport seating, camper canvas, 5.0L, V-8, w/ trailer. Extended warranty. Used 1 summer. Like new! $22,000. (248) 344-7725

JOHNSON Outboard Motor Sale. Many prior years; off lease & demos. Erie Bay Harbor, 1 mile N. of Toledo. 734-848-4550

LARSON CRUISERS. Most models in stock. From 16 to 33 ft. Erie Bay Harbor, 1 Mile N. of Toledo. 734-848-4550

SEA DOO Bombadier Speedster, 1997, twin engine, trailer, excellent condition! ★$11,500★ (248)363-3641

TROJAN 1987 F36 - dual air/ heat, twin 454, 3 pilot stations, radar, enclosure, auto pilot, $69,900. 734-676-8677

807 Motorcycles/ Minibikes/Go-Karts

HARLEY, 1995 1200 Sportster. Low miles, fully loaded, excellent. $9,000. 248-620-4623

811 Snowmobiles

ARTCIC CAT Snowmobiles! ZR 600 2K, ZL 500 EFI both 2000 models, have reverse used only twice. Approx 100 miles each. Plus a 4 place Triton Elite trailer with aluminum cover. Transferring out of state. Must Sell! Beautiful Sleds $16,000. 248 866-5381

POLARIS INDY 440 1994 (2). Liquid Cooled, electric start, 1 owner. Great shape. $4550 for pair. 248-597-5165/ 734-421-8884

Skidoo 1997, 380, $2,800. Aluminum 2 place tilt trailer, w/extras, $795. After 5 734-459-1911

812 Campers/Motor Homes/Trailers

CHALLENGER 1995 5th wheel camper, 27 ft., excellent condition, asking $20,000. (517) 552-9290

COACHMAN 1995, 5th wheel, 24ft., 237RL, slide, air, Mint! $12,700/best. (734) 525-2320

COLEMAN, 1998 pop-up, good condition, furnace, kitchen setup, awning. $1,200. SOLD

JAYCO, 1995, Pop up, sleeps 7, many extras, screen room, excellent. $4,300/best. 734-513-6852

SURVEYOR, 1977 - 32 Ft., beautiful interior, sleeps 6, $6,500/ best. 734- 261-2494

TRAILERS - Open utility, enclosed, cycle & car haulers, 70 in stock!!! 39k parts! Joe's Trailers, Farmington Rd. & I-96. (734) 261-0050

814 Construction, Heavy Equipment

CHEVY 1994 KODIAC, 6-8 yard dump, Snow plow, salter, spreader, automatic, excellent, 18K miles, plus many more trucks/ trailers, skidsteer, 2 trenchers, 2 mini excavators, hd8 hay buster tub grinder & lots of other equipment. 248-354-3213

816 Auto/Truck-Parts & Service

LEER XL Signature Series fiberglass cap, fits '96 & up Ford 6½' box, $500/best. 734-464-1491

TRUCK CAP, 8ft., white, $200. Draw-tite hitch for a GMC w/plug, $100. Alpine AM/FM CD $100. Call after 3pm. 734-326-0557

TRUCK CAP: Red, 8' aluminum for Ford, no side windows. $275/ best. Like new. 734-595-3584

WAREHOUSE AUTO PARTS: Great Prices. Huge Inventory Foreign & Domestic. Shipped direct to you. 1-800-655-4492. www.warehouseautoparts.com (SCA Network)

822 Trucks For Sale

CHEVROLET, 1989, red, 6 ft bed, 6 cyl, 46K miles, mint. $4500. (248) 682-3525

CHEVY PICKUP 1996 Extended cab, Z71 loaded 69k miles. $15,300. (734) 261-6774

822 Trucks For Sale

CHEVY 1992, S10, standard shift, 86K, excellent condition, $4500. 734-455-3668

CHEVY 1998 3/ 4 ton extended cab, 16K actual miles, mint condition, $21,900. 734-453-6960

CHEVY 1996 1500 W/T - 8' bed, matching cap w/inside light, air, cassette, 35,500 miles, $14,795/ best. (248) 684-2043

CHEVY Z71 - 1997 loaded, leather, 3rd door, Glasstite cap, 4WD, $15,900 248-685-1323

DODGE 1993 Dakota Club Cab. V-8, fully loaded, mint condition. $9,500. (313) 537-9828

DODGE 1993 D250 diesel, 4x4, boss plow, western salter, good shape, $10,000. (734) 459-8880

DODGE 1996 Ram SST: blue w/white stripe, lowered, remote start. $13,999 (734) 261-5387

EXPLORER 1994 SPORT Sunroof, 91k miles, new brakes, great shape, caring owner. $9400/best. 313-534-8546

FORD 1997 Ranger, long bed, XLT, auto., V-6, loaded. 10,000 miles, $13,000. (734)641-0771

FORD RANGER 1997 XLT - 4.0 auto, 48K miles, air, all power, tow package, cruise, cassette, bedliner $11,000. 248-593-6590

FORD RANGER, 1994 XLT, 5-Speed, great condition, 69K miles $5500/best. 734-762-5059

FORD, 1998 Ranger XLT, super cab, 5 speed, air, CD, 21K, $11,900/ best. 248-380-1751

F-150, 1997 Super cab, 4x4, all extras, MUST SELL, $19,500/ best. 248-240-6379, 853-7833

GMC 1997 Sonoma Sportside, fully loaded, sunroof, fiberglas cover, bedliner, 18K miles, warranty, $13,200. 248-649-1852

RANGER, 1997 XLT, low miles, loaded, 5 speed, warranty, $8300/best. 734-427-6426

STEEL BUILDINGS Sale: 5,000+ sizes. 40x60x14, $8,381; 50x75x14, $11,373; 50x100x16, $15,070; 60x100x16, $16,565. Mini-storage buildings, 40x160, 32 units, $16,534. Free brochures. www.sentinelbuildings.com Sentinel Buildings, 800-327-0790 Extension 79.

824 Mini-Vans

AEROSTAR 1996 - all wheel drive, extended length, towing pkg. $9800. (248) 887-2499

AEROSTAR 1992 ext. length XL, 58K mi., new condition, loaded. $7200. (248)476-3016

AEROSTAR 1992. Good condition. Runs great. $3500/best. After 5: (734). 459-4259

AEROSTAR, 1990, 4WD, ext body, 74K, all power, No Rust $4500. 313-537-8357

ASTRO 1993 CL Extended van, great condition, 76k. $6600. 248-478-6215 / 734-462-2355.

CARAVAN 1995 - 6 cylinder, air, CD, tinted windows, clean, runs great. $4800. 313-937-3697

FORD WINDSTAR, 1996, GL, 28K miles, mint garage kept,$13,200.734 455-6524

824 Mini-Vans

CARAVAN 1993 SE Sport - 3.3L V6, auto., loaded, aluminum wheels, seats 7, 80K, excellent condition, $6800.248-737-9458

FORD WINDSTAR GL 1995 51k, loaded, 10 CD, excellent $10,000/best. 734-451-7955

GMC SAFARI 1995, SLX. 56k miles, 1 owner, loaded, very good condition. $8700. 248 477-5876

TOWN & COUNTRY 1996 - 60,000 mi., fully loaded. Excellent. $12,995. ★★★★ SOLD

826 Vans

ASTRO 1997 - low miles, excellent condition, $17,600. (248) 374-0404

CHEVY SUBURBAN 1995, 87,000, 4,000 on rebuilt motor, loaded, leather, CD, 13,000 left on warranty! 2 wheel drive, silver & blue, $18,500 or best offer. (313)292-8136

CHEVY 1990 1 ton cargo van. Air, Full power, V8, Ladder rack, $2300/best. (248) 879-1755

DISABLED? NEW and used wheel chair vans. Trades welcome. New and used wheel chair lifts, hand controls, etc. V.A. and worker's comp welcome. 1-800-345-3150.

DODGE, 1995 Van, high top, handicapped equiped, steal this for $9000. (248) 559-2500

FORD, 1998 Ranger XLT, super cab, 5 speed, air, CD, 21K, $11,900/ best. 248-380-1751

FORD AEROSTAR 1992 - 2 full size back seats, looks & runs great! $2100. (734) 524-9019

FORD 1998 conversion van - low miles, excellent condition, loaded. $18,000. (313) 532-0133

FORD ECLIPSE 1991 conversion- loaded, auto everything, 100K miles, front rear heat & air, $6000/best. (810) 717-1403

FORD 1992 E150 window van, 100K mi, 8 cylinder, full power, $4300. (248) 478-5481

FORD, 1994, Van, high top, handicapped equiped, a bargin at $6500. (248) 559-2500

SUBURBAN 1993 4 wheel dr, excellent, loaded, rebuilt. 125k. $12,500. (248) 646-5392

828 Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

CHEVY S10 1998 extended cab, red, 4x4, CD, 49,000 miles. Best offer. Eves. (734)394-1292

DAKOTA 1998 - V8, auto, 41K, like buying a new one, $718 below black book. Only $99 down. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

DURANGO 2000 SLT Plus, 5.9 liter V-8, loaded, 5,000 miles. $32,000/offer. (248) 867-7053

EXPLORER 1997 Eddie Bauer 4x4, 29K, willow green, like new, $21,475. 734-427-6450

828 Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

EXPLORER 1999: 2 door, 4WD, leather, moonroof, CD/tape, loaded. Excellent! 20K miles, $23,750 (248) 380-9398

EXPLORER 1998 Sport - 2 dr., 4.0L, V6, 4x4, red, 6 disc player, 34K, $14,995. 734-522-5483

EXPLORER 1996 Sport, 4x4, running boards, cassette, power pkg. $14,900. (734) 697-8772

EXPLORER 1996 Sport, 4x4, running boards, cassette, power pkg. $14,500. (734) 697-8772

TOYOTA 1996, Forerunner, SR5, 4 x 4, fully loaded, excellent condition, white with chrome trim, keyless entry, $20,000. (734) 941-9567

WRANGLER, 1998 1/ 2 Sport 4.0 V-6, soft top, white/ black, 2600 miles, garaged, air, stereo bar, brush bar, must sell. 248-540-2241

WRANGLER, 1998 1/ 2 Sport 4.0 V-6, soft top, white/ black, 2600 miles, garaged, air, stereo bar, brush bar, must sell. 248-540-2241

828 Jeeps/4 Wheel Drive

MAZDA 19995 MTV - all wheel drive, most options, very low miles. TYME does it again, $1800 below black book, only $99 down, $169 mo. No cosigner needed. OAC. TYME AUTO. (734) 455-5566

RANGER 1991 - 4x4, looks & runs, like new, cheap! TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

SUBURBAN: 1995 GMC 4x4, loaded, 75K miles, $21,000, great condition. 248-476-4294

TOYOTA 1996, Forerunner, SR5, 4 x 4, fully loaded, excellent condition, white with chrome trim, keyless entry, $20,000. (734) 941-9567

WRANGLER, 1998 1/ 2 Sport 4.0 V-6, soft top, white/ black, 2600 miles, garaged, air, stereo bar, brush bar, must sell. 248-540-2241

830 Sports & Imported

BMW, 1994, 325i, loaded, 50K miles, new tires, excellent condition. After 6pm, 734-464-0195

BMW 1995 525, loaded, 50k miles, black, taupe interior, $23,000. (248)887-0071

CORVETTE 1996 - 6 speed, red, LT4 engine, loaded, 33K miles, $26,500. 248-539-4537

MERCEDES 1991 190e 2.6, 62k, non-smoker, original owner, Taupe. (313) 885-6732

MERCEDES 1986 E320 46,000 miles. $29,995. (810) 939-8574

VOLVO 1994 850 turbo wagon. Loaded, new tires/battery, many extras. Red/tan. 69K! Mint. $18,000. (248) 644-9252

832 Antique/Classic Collector Cars

17TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET Brighton Chapter VMCCA March 5, 8-3pm Brighton Ford & Mercury 8240 W. Grand River, Brighton Info: Ole Hagen (248)437-9158

834 Acura

INTEGRA 1988: 5 speed. Solid car. Good condition. Original owner. $975 (248) 475-5706

VIGOR GS 1992 Plum color, leather, moonroof, excellent condition. $8600. 734-844-5566

VIGOR 1992 LS, 45,500 miles, excellent condition, $9000. (248) 553-6707.

836 Buick

LESABRE 1994 - fully loaded, all power, excellent condition. $7295/best. (313) 561-0462

LESABRE 1991 135,000 miles. Maintenance records available. A must see! Asking $2500. Call evenings: (248) 321-9089

For The Best Auto Deals...Check Your Classifieds!

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Home & Service Guide

001 Accounting

ANY WAY You Add It UP... Classified Ads Work.

022 Basement Waterproofing

BASEMENT WATERPROOFING. LIFETIME WARRANTY. FOUNDATION REPAIRS. PERMANENT WALL STABILIZATION. SERVING MICHIGAN FOR 35 YEARS. TIMBERTOWN SERVICES 1-800-832-7060.

029 Brick, Block & Cement

AAA CUSTOM BRICK Specializing in repairs Brick, Block & Cement; Res./Com. 248-977-9673

HHW Cement Construction Co. Residential our specialty Brick & Block Work Porches, Driveways, Steps, Patios, etc. Lic./Ins., 18 yrs. experience 313-521-1186 313-405-5463

031 Building/ Remodeling

JAMES ALLEN CO. We do it all, Start to Finish! Additions, Basements, Kitchens, Bathrooms, Drywall, Electrical, Plumbing, Demo/Hauling. Millennium Disc. 20%. Ins. Ref. 248-981-4550

MICHIGAN REAL ESTATE & Construction Services, Inc. Additions, Basement Finishing, Deck Construction, and general home maintenance. Visa & Mastercard accepted. (248) 851-5700

031 Building/ Remodeling

JAMES SWACK BUILDER Specializing working with homeowner builders. Let us do the rough carpentry - you finish. • Rough & Trim Carpentry • Foundations • Decks • Remodeling • Vinyl Siding 248-628-4728 / 810-516-1933

ARE YOU HIRING?

Join The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in celebrating SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT with our special HOME IMPROVEMENT HELP WANTED PAGE on April 16, 2000.

This is your opportunity to reach ½ million readers with your discounted display ad! *Minimum 2 in. ad

HURRY! DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 1999.

CONTACT: CHAR WILSON 734-953-2070

Observer & Eccentric

JOBS 2K April

GET RESULTS, USE CLASSIFIED 734-591-0900

031 Building/ Remodeling

A FAMILY BUSINESS RON DUGAS BLDG. 6846 CROWN, LIVONIA • A PERSONAL TOUCH • STAIRWAYS & RAILINGS KITCHENS-VANITIES-COUNTERS BASEMENTS-DOORS-WINDOWS STORE RENOVATION Lic. & Ins. 28 yrs experience 734-421-5526

041 Carpentry

BASEMENTS • WINDOWS All construction. All Repairs. Finish or Rough. Reasonable. 248-343-3449

FINISH CARPENTERS. Complete bath, kitchens, custom cabinets. (248)634-9215

044 Carpet Repair/ Installation

AAA CARPET REPAIR & CLEANING 24 Hour Water Damage. Binding, Restretching, Seams, Burns, & Pet Damage. Squeaky Floors. Carpeting dyeing. Installation available with sale. Work Guar. Thank you for 32 yrs. of loyalty. 248-626-4901

047 Ceiling Work

DOMINICK'S CEILINGS Suspended Ceiling Contractor. Residential & commercial 35 yrs. experience. Free estimate. (248)449-7075 or (248)437-7321

048 Chimney Building/ Clean/Repair

CHIMNEY RELINING AND REPAIRS POURED IN PLACE. U.L. LISTED LINER. SERVING MICHIGAN FOR 35 YEARS. TIMBER-TOWN CHIM-NEY REPAIR 1-800-832-7060. INSURANCE WORK WELCOME.

Chimneys Built New & Repair Will beat any price! Senior citizen discount Licensed & Insured BEST CHIMNEY INC. 248-557-5595 or 313-292-7722 4214 Woodward Ave, Oak Park, MI

049 Cleaning Service

4H & Valentine Cleaning Serv. Commercial & Residential + new construction cleaning. 248-476-7304 or 734-673-8772

086 Floor Service

★★ BUILDER DIRECT ★★ Professional Hardwood Floors Refinish ★ Sand ★ Install Lic. Free est. (248) 682-5572

HARDWOOD FLOORING • Installation and Finishing • Vacuum Equipment Machinery • Professional Service • Licensed & Insured Free Estimates (248)366-8888

086 Floor Service

NATURAL WOOD FLOORS INC Specializing in installation, sanding & repairs. 15 yrs. exp. • (810) 636-4777 •

092 Garage Door Repair

GARAGE DOOR Springs & door openers, Repaired/ Replaced. (248)640-6298

102 Handyman M/F

Absolutely Lic./Ins. DU-IT-ALL Specials: Ceramic tile, Formica & Corian tops & kitchens. We also do complete basements & all other interior work, including electrical & plumbing, etc 248-889-7667

COMPLETE BATHROOM ★ REMODELING ★ CALL CHRIS: (734) 513-2425

103 Hauling/Clean Up

A-1 HAULING - Moving, Scrap metal, cleaning basements garages, stores, etc. Lowest prices in town. Quick service. Free est. Wayne/Oakland Counties, Central location 547-2764 or 559-8138

108 Housecleaning

HOUSECLEANING Day or night Have references Call Theresa (248) 628-1435

108 Housecleaning

HOUSE-KE-TEER CLEANING SERVICE Professional, bonded & insured teams. Residential/Commercial. Since 1981. web site: www.housekeeters.com (313) 582-4445

121 Landscaping

AFFORDABLE PROFESSIONAL landscaping construction & lawn maintenance. Old landscaping removed & new installed. Irrigation, grading, sodding, drainage system to get rid of foundation water, 27 yrs. exp., free est. 248-354-3213.

138 Moving/Storage

AFFORDABLE • MOVING & HAULING • Large & Small Jobs: Lic. & Ins. 248-622-3045 / 734-942-9665

PAYLESS MOVING & HAULING 7 days/wk. Emergency short notice. Call; (313) 894-6727 Ins/Bond. Page: (313) 233-0328

142 Painting/Decorating/ Paperhangers

ABSOLUTELY THE BEST! J.T. CUSTOM PAINTING Interior & Exterior 15yrs exp. John 248-683-3673

FATHER & SON PAINTING Interior & Exterior. References. Special discount 30% Call George at: 734-422-1545

KIRT'S PAINTING SERVICE Exterior & Interior. Reasonable prices. References on request. (248) 582-9218

142 Painting/Decorating/ Paperhangers

S & R PAINTING, Novi Res. & Comm. (248)668-9700 Fire & Water Damage Repair Textured & HVLP Spraying Interior/Exterior-Faux Finishes Custom Wood Finishing

★STEVE'S★ PAINTING 50% OFF ★ EXTERIOR SPECIALIST ★ • Painting of all woods • Staining of all woods • Aluminum siding refinishing Spray, brush, roll WE DO IT ALL! BONDED & INSURED W. Bloomfield 248-669-4975 Birmingham 248-540-7138 Rochester 248-656-7970

147 Plastering

★A1 PLASTER & DRYWALL★ Water damage • Texturing • Dust-free repairs 32 yrs exp • Small jobs welc • Lic/Ins 248-478-7949

148 Plumbing

DWG PLUMBING & EXCAVATING Lic/Ins. Family business over 20 years. (734) 721-0280

164 Roofing

J & J Roofing 29522 Little Mack, Roseville, MI 48066 248-673-7663, 1-800-459-6455 FREE ESTIMATES License #2102128540

164 Roofing

LEAK SPECIALIST Valleys, Flashings, etc. Service Warranty • Member Better Bus. B. • 28yrs. exp. Lic./Ins. 248-827-3233

ROOFS, SIDING & GUTTERS Michigan Real Estate & Construction Services. Call (248) 851-5700

191 Telephone Service Repair

ALL WIRED UP Pre-wiring for New Construction. Telephone Wiring/Repair/Jack Installation for phone, fax, computers. (248)592-9916

194 Tile Work - Ceramic/ Marble/Quarry

AAA SERVICES Expert Ceramic Tile Sales, Installation & Repair. 32 years experience. 248-628-4901

ARTISAN CRAFT Offering old world workmanship in Ceramic, Marble & Granite. All Masonry & Stone Work. Ins., free est. 248-503-2094

BATH - CERAMIC REMODELING Brighton area contractor serving the Tri-County area, 20 yrs. exp. Deal w/owner, Save $! 517-552-0470

230 Wallpapering

I WILL hang yours or mine. 15 yrs. experience. References proudly given! (248)887-6431

Michigan's Largest Residential Roofing Company

Roof Removal/Replacement Specialists

Quick • Clean • Up to Lifetime Warranty on your roof • State of the Art Cutom and Specialty Shingles • Shingle Guard 50

THOUSANDS OF SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

Licensed and Insured • References

"When Quality Counts"

MR. ROOF www.mrroff.com

Birmingham 248.642.5858

Plymouth 734.455.0080

1.800.949.0009



Observer & Eccentric

PERSONAL SCENE



To listen and respond to ads, call 1-900-773-6789
Or call toll free using your credit card 1-877-253-4898
Call costs $1.98 per minute. Must be 18+.
To place your FREE ad, call 1-800-518-5445

Women seeking Men

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long red-dish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1659

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Brown-eyed blonde, 5'6", fit, bubbly, outgoing, with a zest for life. Interests: golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
DWPF, 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, interested in energy work, T.T., reiki, nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, interested in alternative medicine and meta-physics. N/S. ☎1860

HONEYSUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a coal-miner's daughter too, enjoys cooking, baking—how about a sample? Seeking best friend, real and fun conversation. ☎5602

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustwor-thy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining; movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM, 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children; N/S, social drinker. Seeking SDWM, 28-36, for possible LTR. ☎1756

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM PERFECTIONIST
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, 51, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking a 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 "horse-man" 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, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

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. ☎1698

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, 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 a SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out. Stay-ing 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, 5'6", 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 monog-amous LTR. ☎1770

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

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, con-certs, 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 a tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 48, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50+, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possi-ble LTR. ☎1363

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with tradition-al manners, who's intelligent, inter-ested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

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

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area. ☎1808

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, hon-est SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a pos-sible LTR. ☎1783

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entre-preneur, 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

LOVELY, LADY
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. ☎792

TOUCH OF CLASS
Soar into a LTR with classy, attrac-tive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, and adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1789

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companion-ship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and the-ater. Possible LTR. ☎1788

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, 48, seeks SM, with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎759

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 40-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spend part of 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/ha-zel, 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? ☎1700

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys out-doors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for rela-tionship 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 SM for companion-ship, 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 non-denominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing. Wa-terford. ☎5755

LOST ON THE RIVER...
Widowed, feisty, cute, dynamic, eclectic-focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learn-ing, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1656

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attrac-tive, 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 togeth-er, having some fun, and wants a relationship. ☎1471

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walk-ing, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking a SWM, 46-58, 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, pro-fessional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

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

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these 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 attrac-tive, sincere man. Race unimpor-tant. ☎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 and honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygo-ing, good-humored, very affection-ate, 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, 39+, N/S, for a lifetime ro-mance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SAGF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1838

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good work ethic for dating, pos-sible LTR. ☎1332

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

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially se-cure, active, retired, widowed WF, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter! LTR. ☎1946

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, Euro-pean blonde, with very sophisticat-ed tastes, seeks successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

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 con-certs, 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, enter-taining, movies. Seeking prosper-ous Christian gentleman, with simi-lar interests, N/S, H/W proportion-ate 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 unim-portant. ☎1448

Men seeking Women

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, out-doors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

LOYAL, HONEST, NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, handsome, fun-loving, DWM, 53, 5'11", 190lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive S/DWF, 35-49, physically fit, slim, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. ☎1834

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'1", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes horses, country life. Seeking a charming, smart, attractive lady, under 40, for friend-ship first. ☎1836

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather gal. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
A creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks lively lady, mid-age, with a interest in or curiosity about same. ☎1833

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
what the ads say, two people just have to click, is it us? Seeking intel-ligent, personable, shapely, humor-ous lady, I'm 63, N/S, 6', many interests and talents. ☎1830

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sin-cere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seek-ing SWF, 25-40, for dating & romance. ☎1698



It's almost Spring- Cultivate a Budding Romance

Meet the right person and love will blossom quickly! Voice personals make it easy to find exactly the right person.

Observer & Eccentric's
PERSONAL SCENE
Call to listen and respond to ads.
1-900-773-6789
Calls cost $1.98 per min. Must be 18+

SECOND TIER GROUP

Place your ad via e-mail at
observereccentric@placepersonal.com

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educat-ed, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for LTR. ☎1264

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Successful, Big 3 professional, dis-plays impeccable class, honor, respect. 38, 5'11", 162lbs, fit, emo-tionally/financially secure, advanc-ed degreed. Strong ethics, morals, and lasting optimism. Delightfully humorous. Great listener and con-versationalist. ☎1760

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

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 inter-ests. Children ok. ☎1325

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

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attrac-tive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 39, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, cast-nets, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF for friend-ship first. ☎1811

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcy-cles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for com-mitted 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

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

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

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

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 48, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive profes-sional. Enjoys golf, bowling, mo-vies, sports, walks, romance. Seek-ing new best friend for loving, car-ing, sharing relationship. ☎1757

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleys, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who does-n't play games. ☎1756

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, inde-pendent female with similar inter-ests. ☎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, goa-tee, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for com-mitted LTR. ☎1685

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 spe-cial lady, 28-45. ☎1142

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, perse-vering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents! Seek-ing enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 35-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, cus-todial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecues, Cedar Point, carnations; motorcycles; movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

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

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

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

TOTALLY INSANE-NOT!
SBM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking. Seeking SF, 28-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, with similar interests for friendship first. ☎1665

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

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking 42-65, for LTR, possibly mar-riage. ☎1050

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal orient-ed 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, mid-west ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

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

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slen-der, 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, com-mitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1767

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 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

LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM seeks 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

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

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 5'1", 255lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent understanding, a-ttractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 5', 265lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportion-ate, to conjure up warm wind, and etemal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5696

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

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Clean-cut, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and work-ing out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slen-der, 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, com-mitment-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, and much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is enter-taining, 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", 187lbs, entrepre-neur, 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, lib-erty, 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

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

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

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 of love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motor-cycle 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 fu. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for mar-riage, all replies answered. ☎1699

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 con-nection with SWF, 36-48, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 48, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, shar-ing, possibly more. Race/age unim-portant. All calls answered. ☎5454

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

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine din-ing. 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 rela-tionship. ☎1681

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 rela-tionship, starting as friends, possi-ble LTR. ☎5840

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage chil-dren, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 35-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1495

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 inter-ests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. ☎1514

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

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, con-certs, 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 gentle-man. ☎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. ☎1519

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
DM, 5'10", 175lbs, dark/brown, with sense of humor seeks attractive SF, 30-42, dark hair, who likes dining, dancing, movies, for friendship and fun times. ☎1637

REAL ROMANTIC MAN
Educated SM, 5'11", 160lbs, Med-iterranean looks, black hair, who enjoys dancing, outdoor activities, and fun. Seeking a SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1838

WANTED:
Blonde, redhead or sandy-brown haired woman with blue eyes, 21-29, no dependents, who doesn't play games. So if you fit in these categories, please give me a call. ☎1932

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

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

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

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

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relation-ship. ☎6155

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking a loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for a serious relationship and fun. ☎1758

ONE OF THE FEW...
Handsome, attentive SWM, 6', 30s, seeks affectionate, romantic, slen-der 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. ☎2421

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. Seek-ing petite W/HF. ☎5679

HARD-WORKING
Honest SWM, 41, brown/green, seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok. ☎1528

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN
True-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike, seeks SWF for nice dinners, romance, and long walks. ☎1524

GOOD CATCH
DWPM, young 51, 5'8", 175lbs, physically fit, good-looking, seeks attractive WF, physically and emo-tionally fit, likes gardening, good conversation, travel, quite eve-nings, some sports, family is impor-tant. ☎1521

Seniors

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc ☎1742

CHECK ME OUT
SWM, 64, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks friendly, retired lady, 60-67, who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies, outdoors, dining, light drinking/smoking ok, financially/emotionally secure, for a monogamous relation-ship. ☎1439

Abbreviations: A-Asian • B-Black • C-Christian • D-Divorced • F-Female • H-Hispanic • J-Jewish • M-Male • N/S-Non-Sm

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Automotive

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... **www.oeonline.com**

836 Buick

PARK Avenue 1991; 69K miles. Very clean. Loaded, new brakes/tires. $6700 (734) 464-8426

REGAL CUSTOM 1993 - Leather, power, V6, cassette, 88,000 miles, $8300. 734-421-2226

REGAL 1988 Limited. 2 door, 65K, Excellent conditon. Rust-free. $3000 (734) 522-4275

REGAL 1999 LS 4 door, loaded, 7800 miles. Very clean! $17,900 negotiable. 248-478-8453

RIVERIA 1990. Good condition. Wire Wheels, Midnight Blue. $4200/best (734) 453-4909

SKYLARK, 1996 - 4 Dr., keyless entry, power windows, air, am/fm cassette, 4 cylinder, 38K miles, $8,000. 734-421-8294

838 Cadillac

CADILLAC 1985 Fleetwood. V-8, all power, runs well. $900. 248-646-2266 or 248-647-1654

DEVILLE, 1994, 42K miles, excellent condition, burgundy, 4 dr., all standard features, heated leather seats. $13,000. 248-661-9076

FLEETWOOD 1993 - white, loaded, mint condition, 59K, $9000. (248) 682-3525

TOURING SEDAN 1991, loaded, midnight blue, great condition, $6995. 248-328-0838

840 Chevrolet

BERETTA 1994 - 30+ mpg, auto, air, 4 cylinder, 85K, nice! $5600. (313) 561-4158

840 Chevrolet

CAMARO 1999 - Black, V-6, grey leather, all power, 5004 mi. $16,900. 734-427-8171

CAMARO Z-28 1980 - 79,000 miles, California car, no rust, all original. $5,000. 734-762-3475

CASH - Dealer will sell on consignment or pay cash for your used car. Call for cash price. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

LUMINA 1994 Eurosport, 4 dr, V6, loaded, 45K, 1 owner, good condition, $6300 734-762-4255

LUMINA LTZ 1998 23k miles. Loaded, every extra but sunroof! $13,995 (734) 427-2965

LUMINAS 1997, 2 asking $7500 each. High miles, well maintained. (248) 559-2500

LUMINAS 1998,, 3 Fleet vehicles, $10,500 each, best. excellent maintenance. (248) 559-2500

MALIBU LS 1997 Forest green, Mint conditon, w/in warranty, loaded, $9950. 810-677-0144

842 Chrysler

CIRRUS, 1998 LXI, 24K miles, fully loaded, leather, V-6 auto, excellent, $13,900. 734-421-5924

CONCORDE, 1998, LXI, original owner, white, loaded, leather, 16k miles, Transferable warranty.$16,500. 248-852-1843

844 Dodge

NEON 1997 Sport 2dr, air, auto, am/fm, moonroof, clean inside & out, $8900. (248) 627-5479

844 Dodge

AVENGER 1995 SE black, 75K, loaded, sunroof, air, Infinity sound, clean, new shocks, struts, rotors, new tires, brakes, $8000/best. 248-682-2454

INTREPID, 1994, 65K miles, power sun roof, alarm, new trans. Well maintained. Very motivated, $6,000. 248-541-4494

NEON 1996 Expresso, leather interior, power moonroof, showroom condition, $6399. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

NEON SPORT 1997 - 2 dr., auto, red, CD, moon roof, air, 62k miles, $5500. 734-455-9637

SPIRIT 1992 4dr., loaded, 67,000 miles. Excellent condition. CD. $4100 734-464-9058

STRATUS 1996 - black, air, low miles, all power, cassette, sunroof, $7900/best. 734-728-4345

846 Eagle

VISION 1995 ESI - like new, loaded, warranty, $7400/best. Call AM or weekends: 313-535-6587

VISION 1996 garage kept, loaded, 19,500 miles. Excellent. Black on Black. Chrome wheels. $11,000. 1-888-248-0700

VISION 1994 TSI - black, leather, moonroof, loaded. 200K freeway mi. $4800.734-354-0383

848 Ford

CASH - Dealer will sell on consignment or pay cash for your used car. Call for cash price. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CONTOUR 1996 - auto, air, extra clean, very low miles, $5999 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CONTOUR 1998 SVT, 5 speed, hi-output V6, red/dark blue leather, 23k miles, excellent condition, garage stored. $17,900/best. Plymouth 734-414-7842.

CROWN VICTORIA 1993 - charcoal, charcoal interior, 1 yr. warranty available, $4600. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

ESCORT 1997 LX, 5 speed, 51,000 miles, $6900. Call evenings (313) 277-1409.

ESCORT, 1997 LX Wagon, Green, 5-speed air, am/fm tape, 78K, $4000. 734-668-2189

ESCORT SE Sport 1998 4 dr, 5 speed, manual transmission, 16k miles, power locks/windows. Mint! $7800/best. (248) 828-3153

MUSTANG 1997 GT Convertible, all options + leather interior, 18K, $89 down will start your credit with this one. Must be working. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

MUSTANG 1994 WIFE'S CAR 57,000 miles, 5 speed, loaded, like new, $7300 248-524-1106

PROBE 1992 - auto, air, stereo, moonroof, looks & runs good, $3799. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

848 Ford

PROBE 1994 GT - auto, air, all black, extra clean, $49 down, small monthly payments. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

PROBE 1994 GT showroom condition, $4500. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

TAURUS 1993 - auto, air, extra clean, only 2nd owner, $2999, TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

TAURUS, 1992, 4 dr., V6, 90K, teal green. Grandma's car, clean! $4,000. 248-626-0606

TAURUS 1993 Green. Loaded w/power all, 107,000 miles, new brakes, $3500. 248-477-9859

TAURUS 1994, loaded, Texas vehicle, like new, 82,000 miles, $6200. (248) 478-0911.

TAURUS 1992 LX Lt. green 4 dr., good condition, fully loaded. $3750. (248) 553-9845 After 5

TAURUS 1997 SHO- 32K miles, CD changer, moonroof, loaded, silver, $14,400. 248-374-0740

Taurus Wagon 1992 58k miles, leather, CD, ABS, airbags, must sell! $4950 .....SOLD

THUNDERBIRD 1995 3.8, 68k miles, new brakes/tires. Clean! $5900/best. (248) 615-2001

THUNDERBIRD 1996 LX - Sport, am/fm stereo, CD, 48K, $99 down, $151/mo. No cosigner needed. OAC. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

850 Geo

PRIZM 1991 - 4 dr, 5 speed, 88K miles, good condition, 25 mpg, $1975. 248-540-3186

850 Geo

PRIZM 1991 - 71K, power steering/brakes, air, stereo/tape, $2800/best. (248) 761-2345

852 Honda

ACCORD 1994 EX auto, 4 dr, sunroof, low miles. Loaded, excellent. $7850. ★★★ SOLD!

CIVIC 1990 air, cd player 91,000 miles. Good running condition, $2400. (248) 540-2144

CIVIC, 1993 EX, 4 dr., 5 speed, 132K, sunroof, air, new tires, excellent, $4,000. 248-489-2358

CIVIC 1998 EX - silver, moonroof, spoiler, CD, loaded, 28K, $13,900/best. (248) 589-9090

856 Lincoln

CONTINENTAL, 1994 Signature, 63,400 Miles, excellent condition. $9500. (248) 335-2001

LINCOLN 1989 CONTINENTAL Town car, excellent condition, 70K. $6500. (248)577-5149

MARK VIII, 1997, LSC, black/black, 29K, warranty, all options, excellent, $21,000.734-453-0240

860 Mercury

COUGAR, 1986, 2 door, V-6, low miles, well maintained, runs good $1400. (734) 678-4232

COUGAR 1993 - very clean, well maintained, loaded, 70K, $5000. (734) 464-3154

860 Mercury

GRAND MARQUIS 1992 LS - fully loaded, price negotiable. Ask for Frank: 248-334-2380

GRAND MARQUIS 1993 LS - loaded, handling package, 76K, excellent-$6200. SOLD!!!

MYSTIQ 1995 LS - Loaded, excellent condition, 95K miles. Clean. $5500. (248) 486-5207

SABLE 1994. 4 dr, Red. 50,000 miles. Excellent condition. $5,900. (734) 591-7744

SABLE 1997 - loaded, maintenance records, highway mi, $4900. SOLD

TOPAZ 1991 GS - 4dr, 99K hwy miles, well maintained, all power, $2300. SOLD

TOPAZ, 1994 GS, 4 dr., power steering/brakes, auto., Red, 58K, $4500/ best. 248-471-7341

864 Oldsmobile

CUTLASS 1991 International, light gray, 4 door, 123K miles, $3500. After 4pm. 734-495-9694

CUTLASS SUPREME 1992 2 door, V-6, air, great shape, 1 owner. $4700. 248-614-5424

FIRENZA, 1986, needs work, rebuilt trans 13K miles. Best offer. 734-459-0639

REGENCY 1994 4 dr., leather, ABS, dual airbags, must sell! $6900 248-737-2586

866 Plymouth

BREEZE, 1997 Auto. Loaded. 43k miles. Immaculate. Motivated. $7800. 248-855-2349

Neon Sport 1999 Automatic 2 dr., loaded w/options, 100k warranty, 12k miles. $13,500 734-354-4282

868 Pontiac

BONNEVILLE, 1990 LE, Red & Gray, loaded, excellent condition, $3,500. (248) 879-2355

BONNEVILLE 1994 SE excellent condition, original owner, high miles $5500. 248-656-1148

BONNEVILLE 1996 SE - green, excellent condition, 50k, 1 owner, $11,200. (248) 625-8119

BONNEVILLE 1994 SSE - Excellent, leather, loaded, 130K hgy mi, $7200. 248-588-5800

FIREBIRD 1995 - V6, 63,000 miles, green, loaded, $9500/best. (248) 888-9944

GRAND AM 1994 6 cyl 2dr., sunroof, power, spoiler, excellent condition. 1 owner. $6450. 248-651-5864

GRAND AM GT 1995 - Auto, V6, 4 dr, sunroof, air, power doors/windows, ABS, cassette, good condition, $7200. 248-541-1153

GRAND AM GT 1994, 2 door, black, loaded, CD, leather, Asking $6000. 248-788-9638

GRAND AM 1993 SE - black, 2 door, good condition, auto, power locks. $3500 248-437-5392

GRAND AM 1998 SE - 4 dr., 39,000 miles, old lady must sell, clean, $10,500 734-397-0979

GRAND AM, 1993. Sunroof, keyless entry, excellent condition. $4200, (313) 937-4670

GRAND PRIX GTP 1998 Loaded excellent condition 43,000 miles, silver mist paint. $16,000 (248) 634-4683

868 Pontiac

GRAND PRIX 1995 SE - like new, fully loaded, low miles. (248) 348-2933

GRAND PRIX, 1995 SE, red, 3.1, 44K miles, air, loaded, 2 dr cassette $8795. 248-740-1372

SUNBIRD, 1990 SE - 81K miles, 1 owner, White w/blue interior, auto, air, tape, 4 cylinder, CLEAN. $2950. 248-442-7013

870 Saturn

SATURN 1997, 4 door, automatic, air, 29,800 miles. Asking $10,500. (734) 464-9386

SATURN 1997 SL2 4 door Low Miles, Fully Loaded. 1 Careful Owner, Non-Smoker. Like New! $9750. 248-318-5755

SL1 1997 - auto, air, power locks, remote entry, very clean, low miles, $8,400. 248-669-4952

872 Toyota

Camry 1995 - 4 cylinder, leather, moonroof, spoiler, CD/cassette, 38K, $12,500. 248-477-6948

CAMRY XLE 1997, V6, 14,000 miles, like new, leather, power seats, windows, moon roof, locks, Premium radio, 6 speakers, CD changer, ABS brakes, Asking $18,500. SOLD!

COROLLA 1994 DX, excellent condition, auto, power, 71k, $7300/best. (248) 851-3517

876 Autos Over $2,000

CHEVROLET 1991 BERETTA. New tires, runs great. 133K Miles, $2900. (734) 522-4258

PONTIAC 6000 1988. 4 Door, white, auto; air, alarm, great condition. $1950. (734) 422-4027

876 Autos Over $2,000

PONTIAC 1997 Grand Am SE, 48K miles, 4 cyl., 2 door, reduced price, $7,500 (248)693-4316

878 Autos Under $2,000

AUDI 1984 - 5 speed, recent tune-up & oil, $350. Call after 12:30pm (313) 532-1964

CARS AS LOW AS $500 Police Impounds & tax repo's. For listings call 1-800-319-3323, ext 7375

CARS $100 - $500 Police Impounds: Hondas, Toyotas, Chevys, Jeeps & Sport Utilities. CALL NOW! 1-800-730-7772 ext. 3050. (SCA Network)

CHEVY 1984 Citation - auto, 2.8L V6, southern car, $1100/best. SOLD

CHEVY 1987 1500 pickup - V8, runs good, body ok, new gas tanks $1200/best734-981-5638

METRO - 99 - 5 speed, 89k miles, good condition. $750 or best offer. (248) 559-7354

PARK AVENUE 1985, 135k miles, runs & looks great $900/best. (734) 844-3071.

Voyager 1988 SE, V-6, No rust, 7 passenger, 103k, $1495. 313-532-9858 / 248-612-0238

Find it here! OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC CLASSIFIEDS

Automotive Service Directory

Check Here For A Dealer Near You

CHEVROLET

GORDON CHEVROLET ---------- 734-427-6200
31850 Ford Road, Garden City • 1/4 mile West of Merriman
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues. - Fri.

LOU LARICHE CHEVROLET ---------- 734-453-4600
40875 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth • West of I-275, Plymouth Rd. at Haggerty
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thurs.

TENNYSON CHEVROLET ---------- 734-425-6500
32570 Plymouth Road, Livonia • Just East of Farmington Road
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

BUICK

BILL COOK BUICK ---------- 248-471-0800
37911 Grand River, Farmington Hills
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.,
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

FISCHER BUICK ---------- 248-643-7660
1790 Maplelawn, Troy • Troy Motor Mall
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, INC. ---------- 734-453-4411
14855 Sheldon Road, Plymouth • Just North of M-14
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

JOHN ROGIN BUICK OF LIVONIA ---------- 734-525-0900
30500 Plymouth Road • Between Middlebelt & Merriman
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

TAMAROFF BUICK ---------- 248-353-1300
28585 Telegraph Road, Southfield
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

Dodge

CRESTWOOD DODGE ---------- 734-421-5700
32850 Ford Road, Garden City • Ford Road at Venoy
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

TAMAROFF DODGE ---------- 248-354-6600
24625 West 12 Mile, Southfield • West of Telegraph Rd.
Service Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
8:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.
10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday

Ford

AVIS FORD, INC ---------- 248-355-7500
29200 Telegraph Road, Southfield • North of 12 Mile Road
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

BLACKWELL FORD, INC ---------- 734-453-1100
41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth • Between Haggerty & I-275
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

BILL BROWN FORD ---------- 734-421-7116
32222 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Between Merriman and Farmington Roads
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

JACK DEMMER FORD ---------- 734-721-2600
37300 Michigan Avenue at Newburgh, Wayne
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

McDONALD FORD ---------- 734-427-6650
550 W. Seven Mile Rd., Northville
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon.
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues. - Fri.

IMPORTS

BILL COOK NISSAN, MAZDA, VW, AUDI, PORSCHE ---------- 248-471-0800
37911 Grand River, Farmington Hills
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.,
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

FOX TOYOTA • VOLKSWAGEN ---------- 248-656-0400
755 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester
Sales Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon., Thurs.
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sat.

JAGUAR OF TROY ---------- 248-643-6900
1815 Maplelawn • Troy Motor Mall
Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.,
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

FRED LAVERY COMPANY, PORSCHE, AUDI, LAND ROVER, INFINITI ---------- 248-645-5930
34602 Woodward Avenue, Birmingham
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

PAGE TOYOTA ---------- 248-352-8580
21262 Telegraph Road, Southfield • Between 8 & 9 Mile Roads
Service Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sat.

RED HOLMAN TOYOTA ---------- 734-721-1144
35300 Ford Road, Westland • At Wayne Road
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon. & Thur.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

TAMAROFF HONDA ---------- 248-353-1300
28585 Telegraph Road, Southfield
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

TAMAROFF NISSAN ---------- 248-353-1300
28585 Telegraph Road, Southfield
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

PONTIAC

RED HOLMAN PONTIAC-GMC TRUCK, INC. ---------- 734-721-1144
35300 Ford Road, Westland • At Wayne Road
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

BOB JEANNOTTE PONTIAC, GMC TRUCK ---------- 734-453-2500
14949 Sheldon Road, Plymouth • Just North of M-14
Service Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri.

See Your Local Dealer.

L4747118



'98 CHEVY CAMARO convertible, loaded, AM/FM stereo, power windows and locks. Feel the wind in your hair. $19,000. 555-0000

Why clutter your driveway when you can rely on Observer & Eccentric Newspapers?

With one quick call, you can send your message to thousands of ready buyers.

And you'll reach them when they are actually looking for item's to buy - not just when they happen to be passing by your driveway.

So park your vehicle in the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

NOW OPEN... O&E On-Line! You can shop **24 HOURS A DAY...**

http:/www.oeonline.com

WINTER BLOWOUT

2000 Mercedes-Benz ML320

$499 Per month 36 month lease*



M1 Package, leather, moonroof, Bose/CD

*$1744 due at signing, 10,000 miles per year

Mercedes-Benz **GRAND BLANC MOTORCARS**

1-800-968-6968

www.grandblancmotorcars.com

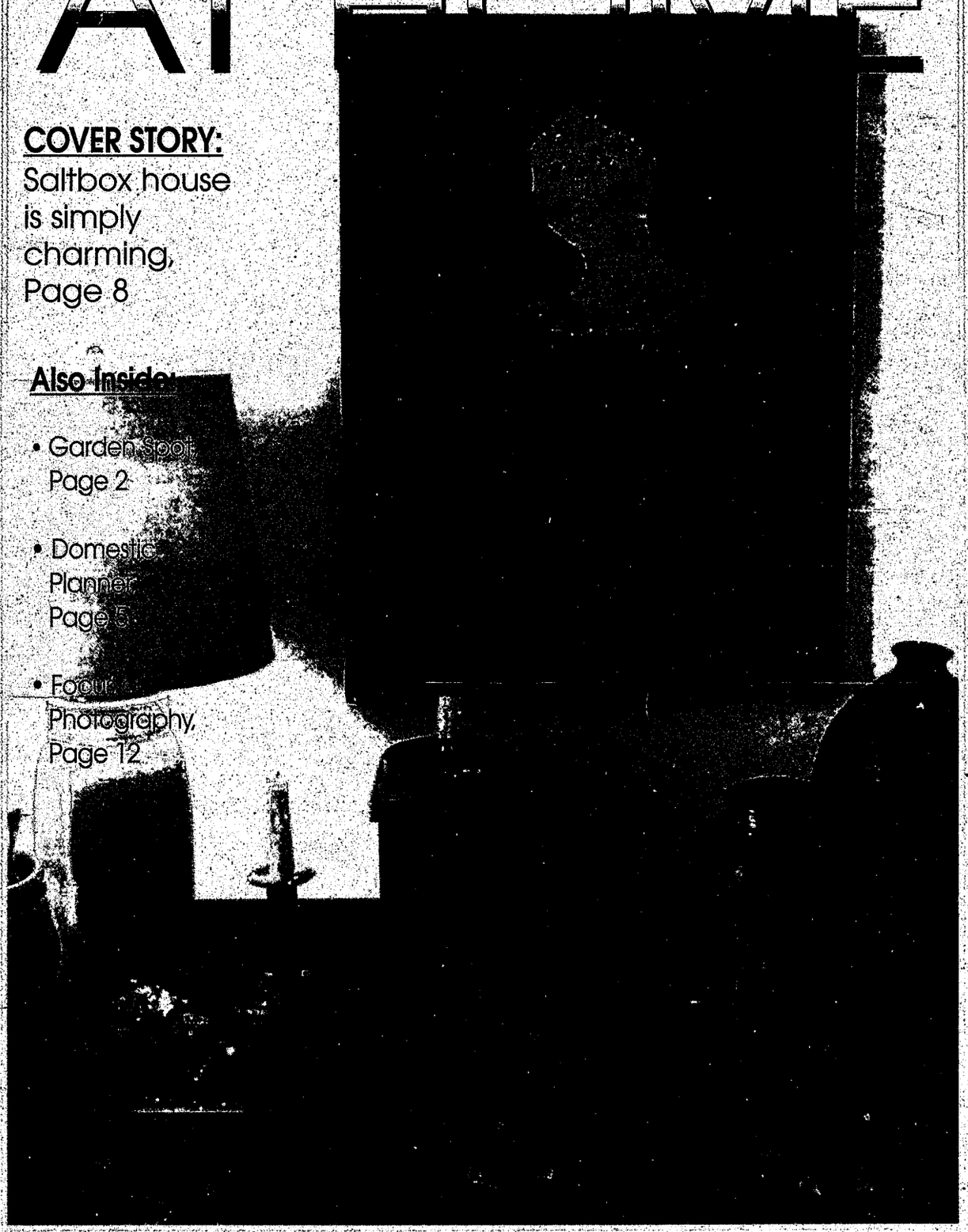
9099 H. Holly Road, Grand Blanc • Holly Road exit off I-75 (turn east) adjacent to the New Genesys Health Park

AT HOME

COVER STORY:
Saltbox house is simply charming, Page 8

Also Inside:

- Garden Spot, Page 2
- Domestic Planner, Page 5
- Focus on Photography, Page 12



Final Week To Save!



WINTER SALE

Don't Miss Out On The Last Week Of Special Winter Sale Savings

Save up to 40%



On Everything At Classic Interiors. We Have The Finest Dining Room, Bed Room, And Living Room Furniture By The Best Manufacturers In The Business Today. Come In This Week

And We Will Pay Your 6% Sales Tax! Or Qualify For 1 Year Interest Free Financing or Pay cash and Receive an Extra 8% Discount.*

Sale Ends March 13th

CLASSIC INTERIORS FURNITURE

20292 Middlebelt, Livonia, South of 8 Mile

(248) 474-6900

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9:30-9:00; Tues., Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Open Sunday 1-5

*Because of Thomasville minimum pricing we cannot offer 89% for casing Thomasville wood products only.

VISIT OUR IN-STORE CLEARANCE CENTER

appliance doctor

Defective switch spurs lawsuit



JOE GAGNON

I wrote a column in October about a defective switch on dishwashers and the story General Electric was giving to consumers. A recent newspaper article revisited this issue, and a lawsuit alleges how 3.1 million consumers are not being treated fairly by GE.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer now has sued General Electric, alleging it offered a sweeter deal to businesses that owned GE dishwashers recalled in October 1999 than it did to millions of individual customers.

"The company knew how its dishwashers could be fixed, and actually provided inexpensive repair kits to commercial customers," Spitzer said. GE encouraged individual consumers, however, to "spend hundreds of dollars on new machines when clearly they did not need to do so," Spitzer said.

The company dismissed Spitzer's claim as grandstanding, noting that its recall arrangement was approved by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In the 1980s an estimated 3.1 million of the defective dishwashers were sold under the General Electric and Hotpoint labels. The machines were defective because a slide switch for heat settings allowed the unit to overheat and sometimes catch fire.

GE told individuals the switch could not be fixed and offered them rebates of $75 to $125 toward a new GE or Hotpoint dishwashers, but the new GE dishwashers range in price from $399 to $499. Spitzer's office said the labor would cost about $75 for the 10-minute procedure to correct the defect. Commercial customers, such as hotels and landlords, were provided with repair kits, a video explaining how to fix the problem and a $15 labor allowance. The defective models include those made under General Electric and Hotpoint names with the model numbers GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA477 and HDA487.

According to the report, GE knows of 50 incidents in which the switch ignited fires.

I read this wire story and pulled the column out that I wrote a few months ago. I was mad when I wrote the column and asked why won't GE fix this defect for consumers. It is only a simple switch which, I would estimate, cost them no more than $5 to buy, take about 10 minutes to change and the consumer would then have a dishwasher capable of running for several more years.

■ I was mad a few months ago when I wrote a column and asked why won't GE fix this defect for consumers. It is only a simple switch which, I would estimate, cost them no more than $5 to buy, take about 10 minutes to change and the consumer would then have a dishwasher capable of running for several more years.

A month ago I talked with a repairman who fixes appliances in 300 apartment units. He told me of all the dishwashers he's been fixing under the guidance of his management who was informed on how to do it by GE. A young woman had her defective dishwasher replaced in her apartment. I wonder how much money was spent needlessly by that management company. I met an appliance store owner who told me that sometimes five customers at a time are on his sales floor buying new dishwashers because of this problem.

There is no end to the amount of money spent by consumers across the country, and the GE recall announced last October was never a recall. Why the Consumer Product Safety Commission allowed this or gave them permission to announce it is beyond me.

Who am I to question the methods used by honest and reliable government? 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.



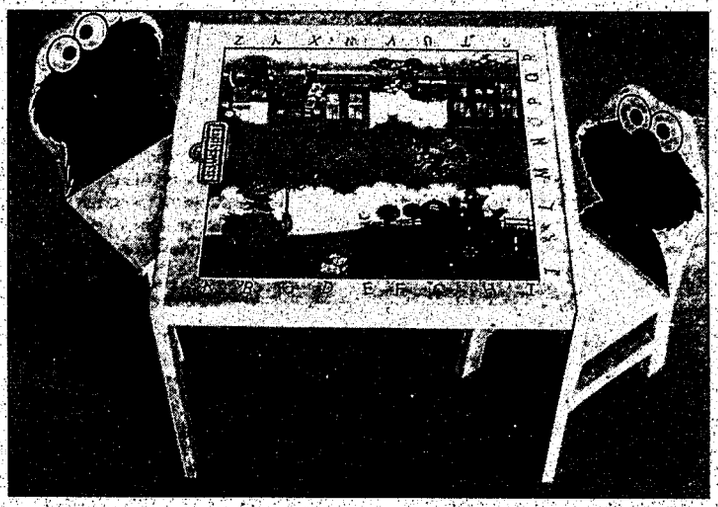
Thumb of approval

Going cobalt: *Guests will love Elsa Peretti's new thumbprint cobalt centerpiece bowl, featured at Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. The crystal bowl doubles as a serving dish for get-togethers, and retails for $175. Call (248) 637-2800.*



Brighton ideas

For the home: *Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, has one of the largest Brighton Home Collections in the area, featuring clocks and frames. Prices range from $38 to $42 for the clocks and $28 to $38 for the frames. Among other pieces are leather purses, belts, wallets, key rings, candleholders and jewelry. The store can special order, too. Call (248) 851-9862.*



Special seating

Pleasant places: *Kmart stores offer furnishings designed just for youngsters. The "Blue's Clues" musical thinking chair looks just like the one from the popular children's show. It is inflatable, plays music when a paw print button is pressed and is intended for ages 2 and older. The "Sesame Street" table and chairs, Kmart exclusives, are sturdy, colorful and sure to delight ages 3 and older. The play table is decorated with "Sesame Street" scenes and the alphabet, while the chairs feature Cookie Monster and Elmo.*



AT HOME • Mary Klemic, *editor (248) 901-2569*
We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to:

Mary Klemic, At Home
805 E. Maple
Birmingham, MI 48009

Or e-mail at ***mklemic@oe.homecomm.net***

Orchids enjoy holiday in the sun



MARTY FIGLEY

Gorgeous blooms of orchids are adding a bright note to many homes during this cold winter season.

Judy Knutson of Birmingham gives her orchids a holiday in the sun when she takes them outdoors for the summer months. She has been growing orchids for 28 years and finds that they enjoy their vacation as much as we do.

Judy takes her orchids outside "after the last frost – the end of May." Although some of the orchids are very delicate and can't tolerate cold temperatures, others such as the Cymbidiums need temperatures of 40 degrees so they can spend a little more time outside.

Judy's husband, John, and their son, Carl, built a stand for the orchids that butts up against a stockade fence. A slat roof and a nearby tree, along with the fence, provide the necessary filtered light.

During the summertime John waters and fertilizes the plants in one step, with a hose-end sprayer. He uses Miracle-Gro as the package directs.

At the end of September, before any frost, Judy brings the orchids back into the house. In about a month, she sets the pots in basins in the kitchen sink and sets them "up to their neck" in water with Peter's fertilizer mixed in, as directed. The plants soak for an hour or more in this solution.

"They love it," Judy said. "It makes all the difference in the world."

She also sprays the orchids with water to clean the foliage. Joyce Hague of Beverly Hills suggested this method, which encourages blooms.

This water/fertilizer method is repeated each month until it's time to take them on their annual vacation. Judy also waters and fertilizes weekly.

A box, which John constructed, is designed to fit under an east window in the home, an ideal place for the orchids. It is 3-1/2 by 1-1/2 feet, 12 inches deep in size, and has casters so it can be easily moved. A heat register near the window is closed to keep that area of the room on the cool side.



MARTY FIGLEY

Great outdoors: *Judy Knutson's orchids love to spend the summer outside.*

When the couple lived in Mexico in the early '70s, they collected 75 plants in the wild. When the plants were shipped to Michigan there was no place to keep them all in their home, so they donated many to the Cranbrook greenhouse.

Now Judy is satisfied with the 12 orchids she grows, including two that were collected during a second stay in Mexico in 1977.

In addition to the Cymbidiums, her collection includes Phalaenopsis that bloom for a long time, Paphiopedilum that have blooms in various shades of pink, as well as the pretty Oncidium and Dendrobium.

Nature association

Enjoy a breath of spring. The Matthaei Gardens Orchid Festival will take place noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the auditorium. The event is free. The gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro, between Geddes and Plymouth roads in Ann Arbor.

On Jan. 6, I wrote about the Nature Conservancy. James Gallagher of Livonia kindly called and told me about the Michigan Nature Association, P.O. Box 419, Fruitport, Mich. 49415, phone (231) 777-3834.

"The Michigan Nature Association is a nonprofit, educational organization incorporated in 1952. Its purposes are 1. to carry on a program of natural history study and conservation education, and 2. to acquire, maintain and protect nature sanctuaries, natural areas and plant preserves in the state of Michigan or areas adjacent thereto."

There are approximately 75 sanctuaries in Michigan. To become a part of this worthwhile effort you are invited to join the MNA. There are several levels of membership, which entitle members to many benefits.

Dues support MNA operation. Members receive newsletters, information and updates on current projects and announcements of guided field trips taking place each year.

The MNA's available publications are as follows: "In Our Trust," a 30-minute video journey to 44 of the nature sanctuaries, $24.88; "In Retrospect," a 96-page, hardcover, full-color publication, including maps, to 26 of the easiest to visit sanctuaries, $33.95; and the "Seventh Edition Sanctuary Guidebook," 128 pages of photos, maps and detailed information on 140 of the properties, $29.

I'm sure the MNA would be glad to hear from you!

GOODGARDEN TIPS

- If your potted azalea's leaves are turning yellowish, the soil may need to be more acidic. Make a mixture of 1 tsp. vinegar and a quart of water and apply this every three weeks.
- We might see spring bulb growth this month. Remove mulch covering as it appears.
- Now's the time to apply bulb fertilizer when growth appears.
- Houseplants are resuming active growth. Time to add fertilizer to the water.
- Early in the month when temperatures are above freezing, apply dormant oil to outdoor plants as needed. Don't use dormant oil on blue spruces.



inviting ideas

Devour book or 2 for tasteful event



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Oprah Winfrey has made the concept of an adult book club cool.

Start your own book club and devour a book monthly with a small group of friends or literate acquaintances.

For those "foodie" friends, have all the books relate to food – a novel, a mystery, a biography or a cookbook that shares more than just recipes.

Have book club members take turns monthly hosting the event, picking out the book, sending or getting books to members (set a specific amount of time to read the chosen book), and planning the menu that relates. The food can be supplied by the host, prepared as potluck or even catered.

No matter how you decide to share the responsibility, keep the food related to the title, influenced by the text, or use recipes (if there are any) right from the book.

Food-themed books are hot, hot, hot. Here are some of my favorite picks for your edible event:

■ "Chocolat," a novel by Joanne Harris, published by Viking, 1999 ($22.95), new in paperback.

This is the story of a globe-trotting single mom, with a 6-year-old, who brings a sophisticated big city taste of a chocolaterie to a small French village. This specialized shop opens during Lent, leaving the village priest absolutely livid. He sees these two newcomers as devilish threats, and the free-spirited mom, Vianne, sees him as a demon from the past. Temptation, good vs. evil, and decadent sweet treats – what a combination!

The menu for the day: A little obvious. Make this a dessert get-together with a variety of sweets, highlight on chocolate (from soufflé to gâteau). Add some sliced glacé fruited cakes and fruit-shaped marzipan treats for the coffee tables.

■ "Murder on the Gravy Train" by Phyllis Richman, published by Harper Collins, 1999 (hardcover $23 – expect a paperback soon!).

This the second in a series of food whodunits. Chas (Charlotte) Wheatley, the prolific heroine, is the restaurant critic for the fictional Washington, D.C., Examiner. Richman is actually the acclaimed restaurant critic for the nonfictional Washington Post.

Chas, with her insatiable taste for sleuthing, finds a combination of strange ingredients, a loser from a personals ad, an attempt on her life, and dead bodies – providing a recipe for mystery.

The menu for the day: Serve all food in courses, like an upscale restaurant. Keep the emphasis on presentation, or play off the title, and do some entree foods served with gravy.

■ "The Butter Did It" by Phyllis Richman, published by Harper Collins, 1997 (hardcover $23, now in paperback $5.99), the debut mystery novel by a well-known columnist turned author.

And so the story goes: Chas Wheatley's former lover, French chef Lawrence Levain, dies of a heart attack (most people believe it was the overexposure to his own fabulous food). Chas finds the chef's death to be more than suspicious. She then feels compelled to investigate his untimely death with the help of Detective Homer Jones (a bit of a gourmet himself). Wheatley encounters danger and mysterious events, but finally, she exposes the killer.

The menu for the day: Take from the initial concept, and do a decadent French meal, and don't spare the butter!

■ "Murder Makes an Entree," a Victorian whodunit by Amy Myer, published by St. Martin's Press, 1996 (first published in Great Britain, 1992, by Headlin Book Publishing). This is a book that you just might find on the bargain table at Barnes and Noble or Borders book shops.

Dickensian by design (and influence), this Edwardian mystery evolves from a sumptuous dinner that turns deadly. Master Chef Auguste Didier turns amateur detective, with a gaggle of quirky characters and a spectacular Victorian feast throughout.

The menu for the day: British food is a natural, but interesting entrees would fill the bill. You always have the option to "do tea" and stick to finger sandwiches and mini-sized sweet treats.

■ "Prime Cut," the newest in the lineup of food-related, recipe, murder mysteries by the prolific Diane Mott Davidson. Published by Bantam Books, 1998 (hardcover $23.95).

Goldy, a cateress turned sleuth, is the star of this mystery (along with the other seven books by Davidson). In this newest edition, an unscrupulous rival caterer is trying to force Goldy out of business, a real dog of a contractor leaves her kitchen in shambles, along with a series of mishaps, disasters and of course, murder. The storyline and the recipes are a true delicious culinary delight.

The menu for the day: Use some of the sumptuous recipes from the book and add your own special touches (or garnish) to make the recipes a more personal feast.

■ "Grilling Season" by Diane Mott Davidson, published by Bantam Books, 1997 (hardcover $22.95, paperback $6.50).

Goldy is hired to cater a hockey party when she is thrown into the prospect of seeing her ex-husband destroyed (he is arrested for murder). Her 14-year-old son is begging her to help his father, and her new husband is relegated to the background facts on the case (he's a homicide detective). Goldy feels compelled to investigate and still make her catering deadline.

The menu for the day: Go with some South of the Border appetizers, and some Stanley Cup delights – you could even do some octopus! Capitalize on the title and make some grilled fare. Be sure to pepper your menu with some or all of the 10 recipes peppered throughout the book.

■ "Killer Pancake" by Diane Mott Davidson, published by Bantam Books, 1996 (hardcover $22.95, paperback $6.50).

Newly married for a few months to homicide detective Tom Schulz, Goldy, owner of Goldilock's Catering, finds herself with a lucrative catering job for the Mignon Cosmetics Company (they want a "low-fat" luncheon). This challenging assignment turns bad when someone deliberately runs Claire Satterfield (a Mignon Cosmetics salesperson) down in the garage on the site where the conference is to take place. But of course Goldy feels compelled to investigate, and finds herself in the midst of danger.

The menu for the day: Go healthy – use the low-fat recipes included in the book or develop your own low-fat treats to serve. Another option is to play off on the "pancake" idea from the title – do a pancake breakfast or luncheon with all the trimmings (those may not be low-fat, the choice is yours).

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

GIFTS

Great Selection To Choose From!

Unique & Unusual

Always 30% OFF most mfrs

Free Gift Wrapping

Shop Sherwood ...it's worth it!

sherwood studios

6644 Orchard Lake Rd at Maple West Bloomfield 248 855 1600

Mon-Thur 10-9 Tue-Wed-Fri-Sat 10-6 Sun 12-5

Learning encourages art expression



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

The curvaceous nature of the watercolor sphere your child painted in varying shades of blue and green reminds you of a marble you treasured as a youngster. Your child asks you what you think of his rendition of the Earth. After readjusting your perspective, you're amazed at how you missed his interpretation.

Art is interpreted in so many different ways. Young children aren't yet tainted with the same reality-based views of the world as those of adults. They may more openly fantasize about the fruits of their artistic endeavors.

From the time your child is an infant, you can encourage him to appreciate the beauty of the world around him. Think of it as an artist's painted landscape. Pick a flower out of the "painting." Show it to your infant or toddler. Let him gaze at its three-dimensionality. Urge him to feel its textures. Watch him discover its limitations when he picks off a petal or bends the stem.

Give a preschooler the opportunity to experience color differentiation by comparing objects in your outdoor "canvas." Point to a rainbow after a spring rain or hues of green grass sprouting up between winter's dried blades. Watch him touch a cherry blossom or feel the texture of the seeds you plant in your garden.

Apply these learning experiences to an art project with your child using paint, mosaic, papier-mâché, crayons, chalk or clay. Observe the outcome of his view of the world around him.

Don't worry if all he wants to do is color in his Pokémon coloring book and cut out the figures. He is still creating and benefiting from the enjoyment he gets from expressing himself.

Once your child is in grade school, he has built a strong foundation of the world around him to nourish his imagination. Continue to nurture creative expression through encouragement. Point out what makes his work special. Ask him to tell you what he thought about as he created it, whether it's a clay model or a self-portrait.

Build your family's appreciation for art by visiting museums, special exhibits and art galleries. Frequent your local library to find art-related books about the famous masters, art techniques and picture book illustrations, particularly those in Caldecott Award-winning books. Enroll in community art classes or try studios that let you create using their supplies.

Share in the enthusiasm of creating projects together. Experiment with different materials to discover what they can do. Give your child the freedom to create a project without taking over the majority of it yourself.

Display your family's masterpieces. Children take great pride in their accomplishments when they can exhibit their work.

Invite family and friends over for a dinner party with an art exhibit theme. Send "exhibit" invitations out. Prior to the event, display your family's works in designated areas around your home. Write up brief descriptions for each work of art so your guests can read about the inspiration behind each piece.

Shortly after your guests arrive, introduce your artists and briefly elaborate on their works. Be prepared to respond if your guests ask, "Can we buy that piece?"

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

stuff storage



Where do you put the stuff that you're about? All that you are?
Tell us. We're listening.
And this is how we start to create your custom solution.

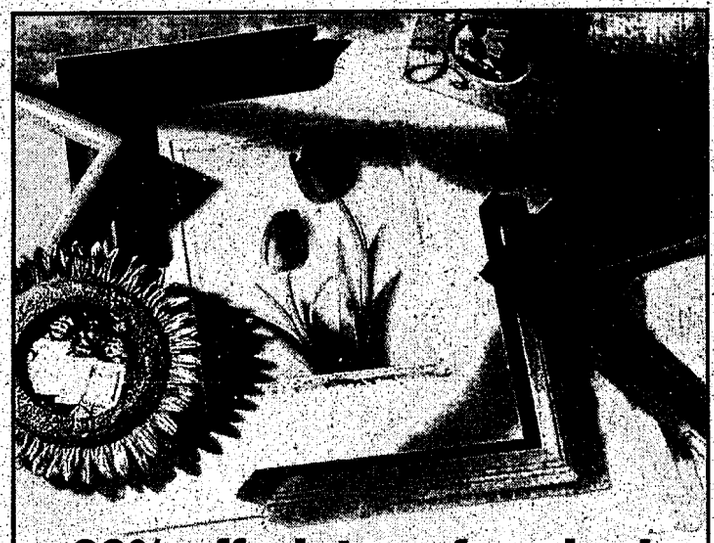
Simplify your life. Call for a complimentary in-home consultation.
(248) 624-1234

3260 Old Farm Lane
(W. of Haggerty Rd. off of Oakley Park)
Commerce Twp.

Sommerset Collection
North – 2nd Floor
Troy, MI

THE IDEA CENTER
3890 Charlevoix
Petoskey, MI
(231) 348-7080

CALIFORNIA CLOSETS



20% off picture framing!

Receive 20% off custom and ready-made framing. Savings include conservation framing, memorabilia, needle art, shadow box framing and more. Our creative staff will assist you in making selections that enhance your artwork and your decor. Please present this ad at time of purchase. Good through 3/31/00. Not valid with other discounts.

Frames Unlimited
Professional Picture Framing

Birmingham 626-3130 • Bloomfield Hills 338-6555 • Clarkston 620-1920 • Dearborn Heights 277-0325
Farmington Hills 553-3320 • Livonia 525-4522 • Novi 344-8369 • Rochester Hills 651-6450
Southfield 424-9998 • Sterling Heights 254-2668 • Troy 649-2489 • West Bloomfield 624-9959
Merchandise shown is representative of selection and may vary by store. • www.framesunlimited.com

domestic planner

Reciprocate creatively to invitations



DIANA KOENIG

Q: We have recently been invited to others' homes a lot. All of a sudden we have a long list of families and couples that we need to entertain. How can we possibly reciprocate?

A: It is easy to entertain when you have already established a home maintenance system that covers organization and cleaning.

Many women are stressed by the prospect of entertaining because it takes a day or more to prepare the house. If you find your list of reciprocation growing into a mountain, it is time to be creative. You don't always have to wait until your house is clutter-free and you have an abundance of time to plan and prepare a meal.

Creative reciprocation

■ Arrange for a picnic in the park. Pack your picnic basket with fried chicken, chips, watermelon slices, soda and a brownie.

■ Take your guests out to dinner, to a Sunday brunch or for dessert.

■ Plan a pizza party. You can order the pizza and just prepare a lettuce salad.

■ Hire help to prepare your house and meal. This can be your child, a teenager in the neighborhood, or someone you know who needs some extra money.

■ Exchange services with a friend. She can help you prepare for your guests and you can help with a project in her home.

■ Reciprocate with more than one family or couple at a time. Hold a mini party. Make sure the people you invite will enjoy each other's company.

■ Reciprocate with dessert and coffee (homemade ice cream would be fun). If you cannot pull a full dinner together, this is better than not responding.

■ Take them to a movie or a play. Even if you had been invited for dinner, it doesn't mean you have to reciprocate in the same manner.

■ At your next dinner invitation, offer to help with the meal so you don't feel the need to reciprocate as often or as quickly.

■ Remember you don't have to reciprocate in kind. Socializing shouldn't be a contest. It would be better to plan a meal that is simple and works with your schedule than to put off entertaining until you have a spotless house or can prepare a fancy dinner served on fine china.

Recently we invited some friends over for dinner. It had been on the schedule for more than a month.

I usually have the menu planned and food bought several days prior to the evening. I set the table and prepare some food the day before.

This particular week was crammed with many unplanned activities. The day of the dinner we attended our son's cross-country meet a long distance from our home. At 4:30 p.m. my husband and I were buying groceries for a dinner due to be served at 6 p.m.

Instead of canceling, I just planned a simple menu. We had no-boil lasagna, salad in a bag, garlic bread and banana splits for dessert. I kept my meal simple and my home was organized. We had a wonderful time with our friends. I was so glad I didn't cancel. My second back-up plan was to order pizza.

You don't have to reciprocate in the same way in which you were invited, but it is good manners to offer some form of reciprocation.

If you find entertaining easy you may want to offer your home for social gatherings. It is easier for me to entertain than some of my friends, so they bring the food and use my home. They feel they have contributed and we can see each other more often.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Spending time with family and friends is more important than impressing them!"

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

DIRECT FROM FACTORY
CABINETRY and CORIAN TOPS
For Kitchens, Bathrooms, Offices



DeGiulio Industries
Beautiful Showroom Open to Public at
15150 Century Drive • Dearborn
313-271-4990
Call for a brochure or see our designs on our website: www.degind.com
Save this ad for a FREE In-Home Estimate!
L055060

THE AFFORDABLE SOURCE OF EXOTIC WOOD FLOORING
Woods of the World



Come See Us at
The Michigan Home & Garden Show at
The Pontiac Silverdome
March 2-5, 2000

Over 100 Species
Australian Cypress • Jarrah • Santos Mahogany • Birdseye Maple • Tiger Maple • Mesquite • Andiroba • Mandioqueira • Leopardwood • Bloodwood • Machiche • Brazilian Olivewood • Chechen...

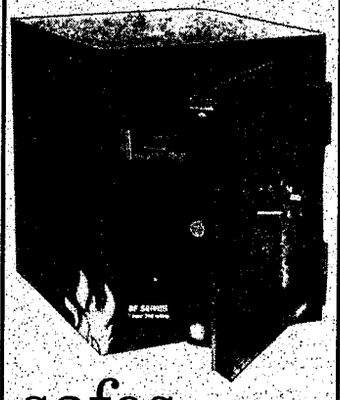
3" BRAZILIAN CHERRY
CLEAR GRADE
40-60% VERTICAL GRAIN
Everyday Low Price
$4.25 Square Foot

SHOWROOM HOURS:
10 am-6 pm Mon-Fri • 10 am-2 pm Sat

Borders • Medallions • Inlays • Feature Strips
Custom Designs & Installation Available

5421 Dixie Hwy • Waterford
(1/2 Mile S. of Andersonville Road)
Member National Wood Flooring Association
248-623-0022
www.woodsoftheworld.com
D954709

Better Safe Than Sorry!



safes unlimited
150 Safes on Show Room Floor
Wall Safes, Floor Safes, Gun Safes
Complete Delivery & Installation
WE CAN PROTECT YOU!
248-858-7100
1991 ORCHARD LAKE RD. • SYLVAN LAKE
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-5
Wed 8:30-2, Sat. 9-5
D955607

Saltbox style seasons charming home

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor
mklemic@oe.homecomm.net

Fred Klein and Janet Falcon went back in time and place to build their own home. To the couple, everything where they lived in Rochester Hills seemed to be in Tudor style.

When they moved to Clarkston in 1995, they wanted a house in the saltbox style prevalent in colonial times in New England. When they couldn't find one, they decided to build their own.

"I've always liked the homes in New England. They always appealed to me," Falcon said. "Just the simplicity, going back to our roots."

A saltbox house is characterized by a long, sloping roof in the back and a short, pitched roof in the front. Dormers were seldom featured. Colonial saltboxes were built to withstand New England's severe winters.

Klein and Falcon's distinctive, charming house seems comfortable in the setting that is so tranquil it suggests an earlier century.

And the residence's primitive style – while containing modern conveniences and open, contemporary spaces – is perfect for the family's antique furniture and collectibles. Room measurements were made with the pieces in mind.

"We need something to come home to (that's) relaxing," Falcon said.

Klein and Falcon spent about two years looking for property on which to build and did a lot of research into saltbox style. Klein designed the house.

"We kind of had our ideas and just kept pushing forward," he said.

"If you have the right person to build the house ... it's not that complicated.

"You have to have somebody who likes the challenge of something different."

This somebody turned out to be builder Louie Ranelli of Chesterfield Township, who worked with the couple to find ways to achieve their ideas.

The slate gray of the outside is carried throughout the interior. The house flows in other ways – with the 9-foot- (instead of the traditional 7-1/2- or 8-foot) ceilings and with the wide plank, pine floors that are in almost every room, even a bathroom.

Please see SALTBOX, page 10



Back to basics: *Fred Klein and Janet Falcon are happy with the saltbox house they built in Clarkston. The slate gray color of the exterior is carried throughout the interior; one of the ways the residence has a comfortable flow.*





On the cover: *The simple style of a saltbox house in Clarkston is chosen for the residents' antiques and reproductions. Staff photos by Steve Gentile*

The Reward Yourself Advantage

Redeemable only at World of Floors

10% Off Pergo Laminate Flooring

Applies to all stock and special order items. Full package/cartons only.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

Special Payment Option!* 6 Months! (For qualified buyers)

NO DEPOSIT, NO PAYMENTS, NO INTEREST CHARGES.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

20% Off Carpet & Rug Binding

10-DAY SERVICE.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

20% Off All Our Pad's

SAVE ON CUSHIONS!
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

$1.00 Off Every Fashionable Yard

Mohawk - Coronet - Tuftex, Min. 25 sq.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

10% Off Ceramic Tile

Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

10% Off Hardwood Floors

All Mannington & Bruce Wood Floors.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

Redeemable only at World of Floors

10% Off NO-Wax Vinyl Floors

Mannington - Congoleum.
Expires 3/31/00. Cannot be combined with other coupons, premiums or promotions. Prior purchases excluded.

Reward Yourself

- *Great Service*
- *Great Selection*
- *Great Prices*

World of Floors

MOHAWK FLOORSCAPES®
It's worth talking to the experts.

*$300.00 Minimum Purchase With Approved Credit
20% Deposit Required. See Store for Details

0955394

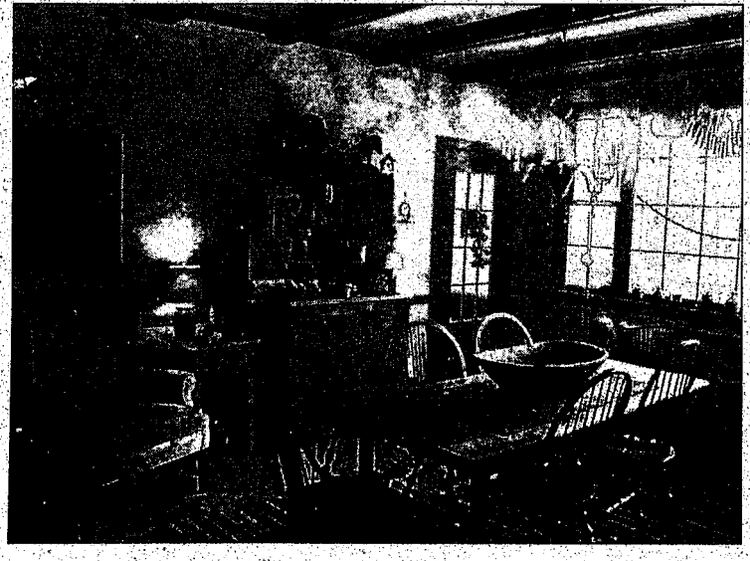
29321 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills (1 Block S. of 13 Mile) 248-324-8700	139 Main Street Rochester (Corner of Second St. & Main St.) 248-652-6900	5348 Dixie Hwy. Waterford (Between Andersonville & Walton in Northway Plaza) 248-623-1800	16511 Van Dyke Shelby Twp. 810-254-2000

CARPET ☐ CERAMIC ☐ WOOD ☐ NO WAX VINYL ☐ TILE ☐ LAMINATE

Saltbox, *continued from page 8*



Contemporary colonial: *Antique furnishings add to the charm of a saltbox style house. For example, pieces in the keeping room (below) include a pine table with a two-board top from around 1875. Staff photos by Steve Cantrell.*



Other colors in the rooms are soft, creating an appropriate ambiance for the antique furniture pieces (many of which are from New York) and such accessories as baskets, candles and bandboxes.

"I think the most difficult thing was moving in," Klein said.

Features everywhere instantly convey a colonial feel, from the spindle posts in the foyer staircase to wrought-iron hardware.

The keeping room features a blue cupboard from around 1820, which shows wooden bowls and redware, and a pine table made around 1875 with a two-board top. Also here and in other rooms are thick molding and chair rails, and ceiling beams.

The kitchen contains butcher block countertops, Shaker-style cabinets and a brick backsplash.

Ladderback chairs are arranged at the dining room table. The handmade chairs (with their original splint seats) date from around 1870; the table, from around 1880.

Among the special furnishings in the living room are checked curtains, made by a friend, and a fireplace with a fireboard upon which an artist painted a country scene. The room contains a tavern table, circa 1820, and an iron chandelier that is a reproduction.

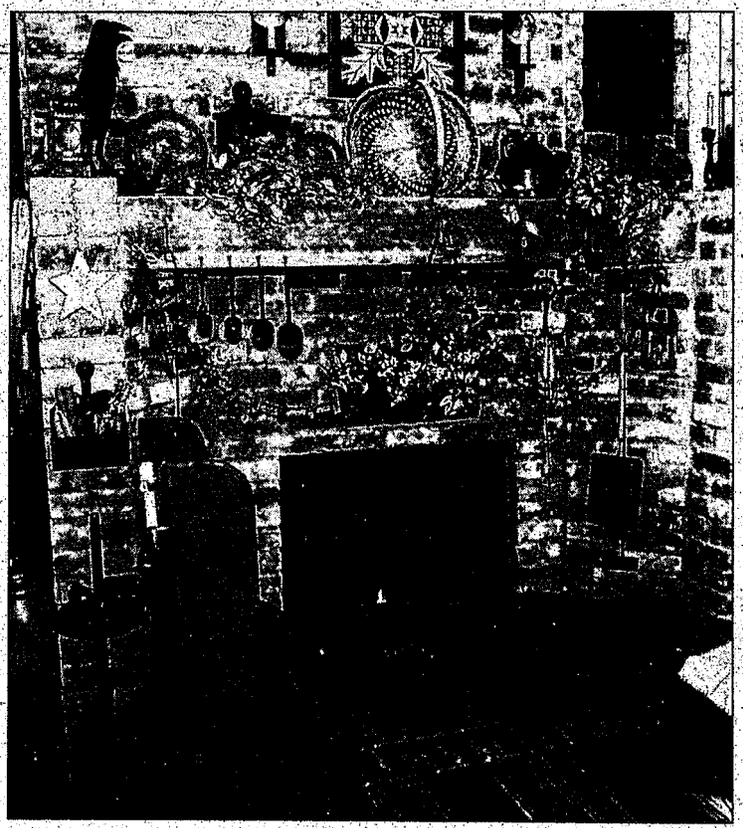
Other unusual furnishings in the house include an old rope bed that was converted into a regular box spring bed, and a pencil-post bed in the master bedroom. Wall cranes in a bedroom hold blankets. The laundry room displays a collection of old soap containers and an antique iron.

The main bathroom houses an antique vanity around the sink and a potbelly stove. On the wall are architectural accents in star and diamond shapes.

An office is in the walkout basement. The office features carpeting with a golf club and ball motif and a Tavern on the Green sign.

Klein and Falcon's efforts resulted in a home that has been featured in two national publications: Country Home and Better Homes and Gardens Home Plan Ideas.

And they received a special kind of rave that spoke volumes, when an aunt visiting from Connecticut said, "Oh, I feel like I'm home!"



Rejuvenate your photo creativity



MONTE NAGLER

Every creative endeavor has its pitfalls, traps, even a room of private torment. It's difficult to keep a wave of creativity in constant momentum.

This applies to photography, too. Even with our modern cameras, lenses and knowledge of the craft, we all have moments of confusion and doubt and we lose perspective on what we're doing.

Well, don't store away the camera in favor of a long vacation in front of the television. The recognition of frustration and a tendency to be overly critical of your photography are part of creativity. After all, it often takes a setback to achieve further growth.

So at those times when you feel you're at the end of your creative rope and you're ready to pack up the camera – don't! Here are some ideas to rejuvenate your creativity.

Review your past work and begin to ask yourself some questions. Are there any particular trends or themes you may be overdoing? Is there a variation of your subject matter that will produce a fresh outlook? Can you get a different perspective with another lens or camera angle, or by shooting at a different time of day? Are there ways you can add more of your own individuality to your pictures? Knowing where you've been will help you chart a course for the future.

Take another look at the world around you. There may be subject material you never considered photographing before that will now interest you.

If you've always shot landscapes, perhaps now is the time to begin to photograph people. If you've always favored distant scenes, now may be the time to take an intimate look at textures, patterns and close-up details. If you've always been a realist, how about taking a look at some abstracts?

■ Remember that you are making photographs, not just taking snapshots. Shift your photographic vision from the recording of a scene to an expression of mood.

A 180-degree turnabout may not ultimately be for you, but it will keep the creative juices flowing.

Start looking at more photographs. A trip to a local photo gallery or a leisurely browse through the photography books at your library or neighborhood bookstore will be rewarding and inspiring.

And keep some inspiring thoughts in mind, too. Remember that you are making photographs, not just taking snapshots. Shift your photographic vision from the recording of a scene to an expression of mood.

Remember that the two most important elements when you make a photograph are you and your subject. And remember to use your imagination and spontaneity when you photograph.

So don't let your creative bubble burst. Rather, let it help you soar to new heights of photographic excitement.

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.

Spurring change: *A total change of subject can rejuvenate your creativity. Monte Nagler photographed this cowboy in Rothbury, Mich.*



it's here
COLORWORKS UNCOMMON
a unique boutique

accent furniture, vessels, accessories, pillows, table linens, rugs, bedding, mirrors, throws, and so much more...

UNCOMMON PIECES ~ UNCOMMON PRICES
at
COLORWORKS STUDIO, INC.
32506 Northwestern Highway
between 14 Mile & Middlebelt
(248) 851-7540 www.colorworksstudio.com

Home, flower show set March 23-26

The 82nd annual GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show will be open Thursday-Sunday, March 23-26, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. The event is a member of the National Home & Garden Show Series.

"Showgoers know why we're called the granddaddy of home shows in the Midwest," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Kellett Construction Company of Bloomfield Hills.

"We have everything for the home and garden, educational seminars and tips from the pros."

The nonprofit BIA is sponsor of the event.

Peek behind the scenes with Ed Feldman and Joe L'Erario, hosts of The Learning Channel's "Men In Toolbelts," "Furniture To Go" and "Furniture On The Mend," for expert home renovation advice and demonstrations as seen on MSNBC, CNN and "Good Morning America."

The blooming and flowering gardens will be embellished with 25,000 spring flowering tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in the Detroit Flower Show themed "Detroit A'Bloom" sponsored by Standard Federal Bank. The Green Thumb Theater will help you enjoy your garden.

Presenters will include America's Flower Man Dale Rohman, who will bring his unusual talent in floral design to entertain and educate as seen on The Discovery Channel, and Jeff Holper, who will conduct his Terminator University class on "I Want To Be A Mole Killer" for a mole-free lawn and garden.

Discover fresh ideas at the Flower Creation Station and experience "Return to Classics," sponsored by WNIC Radio, with more than 100 floral arrangements and vignettes created by Allied Florists Association of Metro Detroit members. Witness a wedding March 24 at the show.

For the home

The Georgetown, a completely decorated, 2,050-square foot contemporary ranch by All American Homes, will show off the features of a modular home.

This full-size, three-bedroom and two-bath home is complete with an owner's suite that has a bay window, walk-in closet and whirlpool tub. The first floor laundry room also acts as a mud room and has easy access to the kitchen.

Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School will erect a steel frame, metal stud, 900-square foot home to show the industry's use of construction materials. Members of the school will be on hand to challenge visitors in a nail-driving contest.

GMC, title sponsor of the show, will feature its six nameplate brand vehicles, outfitted to reflect various home activities such as gardening or home improvement.

National kitchen expert Jim Krengel will tell how to make the kitchen functional and enjoyable, as seen on CNN and ABC's "Good Morning America," sponsored by Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers.

New kitchen and bath products and design trends will be on display at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show sponsored by The Detroit News and Free Press Classifieds.

Showgoers can listen to live broadcasts of WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon, "The Garden Show" with Dean Krauskopf, WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege, "Money Talk" with Rick Bloom and "PC Talk" with Mike Wendland.

Free plan books are available for the Parade of Homes, featuring a pictorial display of more than 90 new homes sponsored by Standard Federal Bank and BIA.

In addition, Detroit Edison safety experts will demonstrate electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines.

Homeowners can prepare for outdoor living with patio, yard, garage and garden products and services at the Pool, Spa & Recreation Show.

Other exhibitors will offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, spas, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

And for fun, homeowners can bring pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR Radio and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

You can try to estimate the correct number of nails at the WXYZ-TV House of Nails challenge to win $10,000 worth of windows from Wallside Windows, or enter the Treasure Chest contests with daily prizes.

The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. March 23-24, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. March 25, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26. Admission is $6.50 for adults, $4.50 for seniors, $4 for ages 6-12 and free for under age 6.

For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit http://www.builders.org



New book shares history of famed Cranbrook House

■ The photos in 'Cranbrook House & Gardens: A Visual Collection' provide the most complete view to date into the 1908 home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth.

Step into metro Detroit's oldest manor home through the pages of a new book, "Cranbrook House & Gardens: A Visual Collection."

Nearly 75 photographs – including color images by renowned architectural photographer Balthazar Korab and historic photographs from Cranbrook's archives – provide the most complete view to date into the 1908 Arts and Crafts style home of Cranbrook's founders, George and Ellen Booth.

The 28-page, soft-cover book documents everything from the bright purples of delphiniums in the home's sunken garden to the beauty of commissioned sculptures to carefully woven tapestries and finely detailed woodwork.

The book's text, by Cranbrook Journal editor Mary Iorio, starts with the property's purchase in 1904 and shares facts about the house's design by Detroit architect Albert Kahn, through its storied history as the place where spirited debates led to the creation of Cranbrook's schools, art academy and museums.

It also brings to life the Booth family, with memories drawn in part from Ellen Scripps Booth's diary, the "Annals of Cranbrook" and the writings of George Booth, once the publisher of the Detroit Evening News.

Cranbrook House & Gardens opens to the public each spring, summer and fall.

Published by the Cranbrook Press under the auspices of the Cranbrook House & Garden Auxiliary, "Cranbrook House & Gardens: A Visual Collection" was edited by Kingswood alumna Lisa Gleeson and sells for $13.95.

It can be bought at Cranbrook House & Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, or by calling (248) 645-3149.

Got wick? Celebrate with candles

For folks who are both practical and stylish, candles are burning hotter than ever these days.

The popularity and sales of candles have reached an all-time high and show no signs of tapering off. Candle and candle accessories racked up $2.1 billion in retail sales last year, industry sources said.

With literally hundreds of fragrances, styles and colors available, candles have inspired a renaissance in home decor and have emerged as one of the most universal – and sensible – decorating accessories of the decade.

But candles have been around for thousands of years. They're part of celebrations and ceremonies; they're very much a part of our lives.

This year, as you welcome the new year and the dawn of a new century, celebrate with some of the best things in life – good friends, great food and lots of candles.

PartyLite Gifts Inc., a leading direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories, offers ideas to help you celebrate the new year.

■ Beat the Y2K "bug" – Whether they've worked out all the "bugs" in your locale, and whether you're a Y2K worrier, it's wise to be prepared for power outages.

The well-prepared household should have a supply of pillar candles, votives and tapers along with the appropriate holders for each style of candle. A supply of safety matches is also recommended.

■ Build a "fire" without the fuss – Fill your fireplace with a selection of candles in varied styles, widths and heights. A grouping of 10 to 12 ivory pillar candles, a three-wick candle and five or six votive candles in glass holders makes an elegant, eye-catching display. Place all candles on appropriate holders inside your fireplace.

Grouped candles also create soft mood lighting throughout the room.

■ Give the gift of "glow" – Each new year brings with it 12 months of celebrations and occasions for gift-giving – birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, weddings, etc.

If you're starting to get burned out on gift ideas, consider giving candles. Everyone loves candles, and there's a style, color and fragrance to please even the most difficult-to-buy-for people on your list.

■ Be safe with your candles – Never leave a burning candle unattended. If you have to leave the room, bring the candle with you or "snuff" it out with a candle snuffer. Be sure to trim wicks to 1/4-inch before lighting any candle, and extinguish taper candles when they burn down to within 1 inch from the holder or decoration.

■ Make candles part of your everyday life – Candles are a simple way to bring joy to your life while creating a delightful ambiance throughout your home. This year, make a resolution to enjoy the warm, soft glow of candles.

PartyLite is based in Plymouth, Mass. To learn more about products and career opportunities with PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100.

Modernistic goes to 'extreme' with new cleaning system

Modernistic Carpet Cleaning recently bought the technologically advanced hydro extreme liquid extraction system for carpeting and added 24-hour emergency fire and flood restoration services.

The hydro extreme is the single most effective liquid extraction tool available – able to completely extract liquids right through carpeting and pads, all the way to the floor. The new system eliminates the need to pull pads and "float" dry the carpeting with dryers and blowers.

Modernistic works closely with insurance companies to minimize costs.

"In the past, when a resident or business owner experienced a flood, all carpeting and padding would have to be replaced, or the padding would have to be pulled out and the carpeting would be 'floated' dry with blowers and dehumidifiers," said Bill Wurtzbacher, vice president at Modernistic.

"It was an extremely laborious process and the results weren't always the best. The hydro extreme system is powerful enough to extract water and other liquids through the carpeting, pad, and right down to the floor. We're able to do much more ... and not damage carpeting. This system also provides huge savings for the client."

Several well-known businesses and hospitals use Modernistic's cleaning services and emergency flood crisis services, including the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Pontiac Silverdome, EDS, Detroit Edison, Providence Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Garden City Hospital, Signature Associates, the Signal Building Company and the Kramer Triad Property Management Company.

In addition to carpet and upholstery cleaning, Modernistic provides window blind cleaning, ceiling cleaning, wall washing and 24-hour, seven-day flood/fire restoration services.

Modernistic Carpet Cleaning has been providing quality carpet and upholstery cleaning for more than 27 years.

With a fleet of more than 25 trucks and 65 professionally certified technicians, Modernistic is the largest independent carpet cleaning business in Michigan. In addition to metro Detroit, the company has a thriving franchise in Kalamazoo.

Modernistic Carpet Cleaning is at 1460 Rankin in Troy. For more information, call (800) 609-1000.

Web site gives information on carpet cleaning, sales

Modernistic Carpet Cleaning's Web site now provides information on all available cleaning and restoration services, special pricing offers and its new carpet sales.

The site, www.modernistic.com, is updated regularly to provide the most current information available.

Modernistic recently introduced the hydro extreme liquid extraction system to Michigan. The innovative system is specifically used for flood damage and restoration, and eliminates the need for floating carpet and removing pads.

Modernistic provides carpet, upholstery, blind and ceiling cleaning; wall washing; and flood/fire restoration services.

Modernistic Carpet Cleaning is at 1460 Rankin in Troy. It has been providing quality carpet and upholstery cleaning for more than 27 years.

With a fleet of more than 25 trucks and 65 professionally certified technicians, Modernistic is the largest independent carpet cleaning business in Michigan. In addition to metro Detroit, the company has a thriving franchise in Kalamazoo.

For more information, call (800) 609-1000.



■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a variety of classes related to home and garden. Offerings include "Journaling Your Photographs," taught by Laurie Freedman, president of Write Idea, a full-service writing and events planning company in West Bloomfield, Thursday, March 2; "The Art of Accessorizing," taught by Renea Lewis, owner of Design By Choice, a Rochester-based interior design studio, Tuesday, March 7; "Decorative Stenciling," taught by decorative painter Emma Marxer, Tuesday, March 7; "Perennial Gardening," taught by Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., Wednesdays, March 8-29 (omit March 15); and "Creative Picture Framing," taught by Brian Iler and Jared Moore of The Great Frame Up, Thursdays, March 9-16 (this class will meet at The Great Frame Up in Birmingham). Call (248) 644-5832.

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Guests may attend. Hilda of Affordable Flowers will present the program, "Flower Arranging."

■ The Troy Garden Club will present Dale Smart of the Organization for Bat Conservation noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. There will be a slide presentation as well as live bats to view up close and personal. Guest donation $3. Refreshments will be served at noon. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ The Continuing Education Department of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, will offer a class, "Perennial Gardening," taught by Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc. Call (734) 462-4448. The four-session class will begin 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11. Cost is $75. Learn to use perennials in your garden to add variety and beauty throughout the growing season, and how to select the best perennials for both sun and shade and how to integrate them into your garden.

■ "A Glimpse of Life in Other Places," featuring exhibits of foreignography by Bernadine Vida and multicultural decorative boxes, continues to Saturday, March 11, at the Galerie de Boicourt, on the upper level of 251 Merrill in Birmingham. Call (248) 723-5680.

■ The Community House Antiques Festival – with more than 40 dealers from around the country, a repair shop and a garden boutique – will run Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 17-18 and noon to 5 p.m. March 19 (admission is $10). Related events include a breakfast, lecture on "The Golden Age of Antiques" by Wendell Garrett of Sotheby's in New York and The Magazine Antiques, and an appraisal clinic Tuesday, March 7. The breakfast, lecture and verbal appraisal of one item will be 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday (tickets are $35). During 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, 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). Appraisals will be by representatives from the Frank Boos Gallery and DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit. Other events are a gala preview party 6-10 p.m. March 16 (tickets are $100 and $55); and a brunch and lecture on "Things to Consider When Collecting Antiques" by Cassie Spencer of Sotheby's in Chicago 10-11 a.m. March 17 (cost is $15, which includes admission to the festival). For information, call special events at The Community House at (248) 594-6403.

■ The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, March to November. New members and guests are welcome. Call (248) 646-7675 for details, location and questions.

■ 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. Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

■ Home decorating classes are scheduled at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010 for information. In "Duvet Cover," Thursdays, March 2-23, learn how to choose suitable fabrics, match patterns, make welting and install zipper closures.

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

■ A panel discussion, "Landscaping Today," will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is $10 per person, free for members. Call (734) 998-7061. Discover the newest trends and learn the secrets of award-winning designers who bring artistic sensitivity to the latest horticultural developments. John Hollowell, Mike Abbott and John Stevens will be on the panel, moderated by gardens designer Paul Little. A question-and-answer session will follow.

■ In preparation for this year's orchid festival at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Orchid Society will set up a special display in the lobby of the gardens two weeks before the event. The lobby exhibit may be viewed March 4-17. This year's festival will be open to the public noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the auditorium of the gardens. A special time for photographers only will be 9-10 a.m. March 19. Beautiful displays by competing orchid societies, vendors and special lecture topics will be part of the free festival throughout both days. Call (734) 998-7061.

■ To celebrate National Reading Month, Art Van Furniture Kids Castle teams will read to children in the castles in Art Van stores in Novi and four other communities Sundays in March. Kids Castle characters will also visit area schools throughout the month to read and hand out gifts. Call (248) 348-8922.

■ A collaborative exhibit, "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art," is on display at the Detroit Historical Museum and the Museum of African-American History through April 16 and April 23, respectively. While supplies last, the guest service center at each Art Van Furniture store offers coupons good toward $2 savings on the admission price to the museums and additional information on the exhibit. Art Van is the education sponsor of the exhibit.

■ Tour hours at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester are 1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Reservations aren't required. Tours for groups of 20 or more may be scheduled for other times; advance reservations are required for group tours. Admission is $8 adult, $6 for ages 62 and over, $4 for ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and under. Group admission is $6 adult and $4 children. Call (248) 370-3140. Meadow Brook Hall, off Adams, is a 110-room, Tudor-revival style mansion built by the widow of auto pioneer John Dodge.



Gardening classes set for kids

The Michigan School of Gardening is conducting a series of Saturday classes filled with garden-based fun for ages 5-14.

Instructors Nancy Perry of Canton and Mary Lore of Farmington Hills lead projects that will inform and entertain and can be repeated at home.

Classes last one hour and are offered 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. each Saturday at the school's main location at 29429 Six Mile, on the southwest corner at Middlebelt. The fee is $10 per class per child.

Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information and to register. Space is limited.

Here is a list of classes:

■ Plant Neighborhoods – A garden-sized ecology lesson packed in fun activities, April 8.

■ Super Seeds – Examine and plant seeds and learn to unlock their secrets, April 29.

■ Plant-A-Pizza – Learn to grow a pizza, sow seeds and take home a garden pizza, June 3.

■ Insect Heroes and Villains – Build a bug and get acquainted with the exciting and important roles that insects play in gardens, June 24.

Hardwoods: Strong furniture for kids

When parents buy shirts, pants and shoes for their children, they expect them to be outgrown in a matter of months. But that's definitely not the case when they furnish a child's bedroom or playroom with quality solid hardwood furniture.

According to experts interviewed by the Hardwood Information Center, more parents today are buying better-quality beds, desks and storage pieces that will provide years of use and adapt to the changing needs of a growing child. And they are looking for such solid woods as oak, ash and maple in adaptable furniture that lasts.

"A piece of solid hardwood furniture is not a throwaway," said Russ Page, national sales and marketing manager for Moosehead Manufacturing, a Maine-based furniture maker. "It's going to last many generations, and that makes it the best value. Quality means longevity."

"People are definitely looking for better quality furniture," said Russ Hepner, sales manager for Gallery Furniture in Houston. "Even when they're buying furniture for a 5-year-old, they want it to last through college."

Furniture that will meet a child's needs as he or she grows from toddler through adolescence includes full-size beds; durable, spacious storage pieces; and units that can be added to, perhaps with a desk or hutch, as the child's furniture needs evolve.

"We're selling more computer work stations," Hepner said.

"And more 'wrap groups,' which are units that have multiple components such as a chest of drawers or a toy box."

Betty Romane, co-owner of Gladhill Furniture in Middletown, Md., also is noticing more parents buying for the long haul and seeing increased sales for computer desks and wrap groups, especially in solid woods such as oak, birch and ash.

"The solid hardwood furniture is built extremely well. I buy it for myself."

When shopping for children's furniture, the Hardwood Information Center suggests you look for the same materials and construction details that you would when buying a dining room set or entertainment center, but with additional attention to safety:

■ Understand construction methods. The terminology classifying wood furniture construction can be confusing, but there are generally three categories:

Solid hardwood, which means that each exposed furniture part is made of hardwood lumber.

Hardwood veneers, which are thin slices of wood bonded to plywood or particleboard.

Artificial laminates, which are simulations of natural wood.

Solid hardwood furniture is easily the most durable because it stands up well to the inevitable abuse inflicted by children. Scratches and nicks can be sanded out and the piece refinished to look as good as new.

■ Inspect the finish. No one is tougher on furniture than a child. To ensure that a piece will be "kid-proof" enough to look good for years, closely inspect the finish. Make sure it is smooth and uniform, and free of drips or bubbles. Also, inspect interior surfaces to make sure they're smooth.

■ Quality is in the details. Telltale signs of quality construction include drawers of dovetail construction, hardware that is straight and firmly secured, and doors that swing freely and smoothly.

■ Inspect for safety. Make sure bookshelves, chest-of-drawer units or other "vertical" furniture is sturdy and won't easily tip over.

■ Look for drawer stops that prevent drawers from being completely removed. And, especially when buying for younger children, avoid furniture with sharp, pointy corners.

■ When shopping for children's furniture, the Hardwood Information Center suggests you look for the same materials and construction details that you would when buying a dining room set or entertainment center, but with additional attention to safety.

■ 'Even when they're buying furniture for a 5-year-old, they want it to last through college.'
Russ Hepner

Cotton design accents make home retreat comfortable

(NUI) – When people need to soothe frazzled nerves, to what room in the house do they most often retreat?

Nearly 42 percent of those surveyed said the living room was where they felt most comfortable in their homes, while nearly 32 percent chose the bedroom.

"The home is becoming a retreat," said Elizabeth Hough, Cotton Inc. senior director, fashion marketing, home fabrics.

"The bed and bath areas especially have become almost mini spas, places where you can unwind and relax and just get away from the stresses of everyday life," Hough said.

In addition, when asked what made their favorite room comfortable, nearly 41 percent said decor-related reasons, with 28 percent identifying overall furnishings, such as sofas, chairs and carpeting, as key to comfort.

Interestingly, more than 41 percent chose their favorite room based on emotional reasons. Nearly 21 percent cited "relaxing" and "peaceful" as the top qualities they desired most in their preferred place to de-stress.

Lou Gropp, editor-in-chief for House Beautiful, recently said, "Our concept of home has changed in America. It's no longer a shelter from the elements. It's a shelter for the soul."

Known for comfort and color, cotton is used in virtually every home decorating category – from sheets, bedding and towels to upholstery, window treatments and decorative pillows, Gropp said.

"Cotton has a familiar, worn, broken-in feeling to it and, the more you wash it, the softer and nicer it becomes," said Bob Williams, vice president of Mitchell Gold Co., which makes sofas and chairs.

"After a day of fax lines, e-mail, telephones, traffic and so on, it's nice to come home and have something that is warm and comforting and familiar waiting for you," Williams said.

Now L.L. Bean – a company that has over the last 86 years dressed its customers comfortably for the outdoors – offers, through its home furnishings division, a wide array of cotton products for the home. It seems only natural to bring that same concept into the home.

- Expert Furniture Refinishing and Repair
- Quality Reupholstering
- Fine Furniture Sales - Antique and New
- Custom Built Furniture (upholstered and/or cabinetry)
- 1000's of Designer Fabrics (Robert Allen, Kravet, Schumacher, B. Berger, Stroheim & Romann, JAB and more)
- Custom Window Treatments (drapery, cornices, blinds, shades etc.)
- Wallpaper (over 800 designer books)
- Accessories for every room



832 Crestview • Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 332-7204 • Fax (248) 332-7284

Rest Assured.

UL Listed • Certified Fire Protection • Lifetime Warranty
Competitive Prices • Over 20 Models

"Go with America's best! I did, now I leave home with a safe feeling."
General Chuck Yeager



We build America's Best so you can rest assured that your guns, family heirlooms, coin and card collections, legal papers, investment records, photo albums, cameras, household inventory and sentimental items will be safe from fire and theft.

FORT KNOX SECURITY PRODUCTS

The Most Trusted Name In Security.

Able Safe, Inc.
37107 Schoolcraft, Livonia
(734) 542-0401
Open Sat.

Ernest Hemingway

A COLLECTION OF A LIFETIME

"Adventurous Styling, Incredibly Priced."

40% off with No Payments & No Interest for 12 Months*

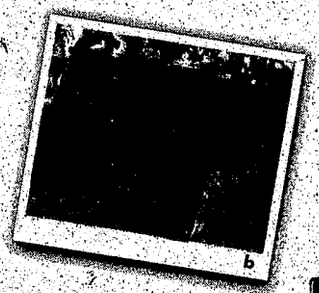


e





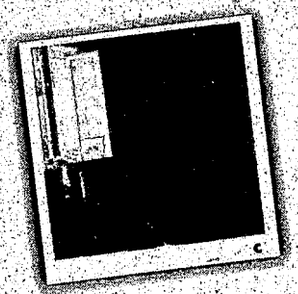
d



b



f



c

"He should always try for something that has never been done or that others have tried and failed."
Ernest Hemingway, Nobel Prize acceptance speech.



A Thank You Gift



To Say Thank You. A Gift.
From the Hemingway Collection The Anselmo Butler's Table is a stately companion piece for your home. Its tray top lifts off for your own "moveable feast." A $1,495 value. Our gift to you with any $5,000 purchase of fine Thomasville furnishings. This exclusive offer is good March 3-13.

a) Kilimanjaro Queen Size Bed *As the highest mountain on the African continent, all eyes turn to Kilimanjaro. We think the furnishings that bear the same name will inspire a similar reaction.*
Suggested Retail: $5,085
Sale Price: $3,049

b) Floridita Buffet
The magnificent Floridita Buffet features scrolling, antique pewter-finished grille doors and gallery rail, as well as a rich Habanero finish.
Suggested Retail: $3,750
Sale Price: $2,250

c) Havana Armoire
Hand-wrought ironwork fashioned in a gate-like style adorns the honey amber tones of eucalyptus.
Suggested Retail: $5,685
Sale Price: $3,399

d) Whitehead Street Dining Room
Tropical influences of Key West are evident in the banana leaf and fern motifs, as well as the intricate rope carvings. Price includes dining table, 4 side chairs & 2 arm chairs.
Suggested Retail: $7,335
Sale Price: $3,399

e) Pilar Chairside Table
Offered and numbered as a limited edition, the cast brass marlin weather vane design is a reminder of Hemingway's fiercely competitive passion for deep-sea fishing.
Suggested Retail: $1,875
Sale Price: $1,125

f) Papa Hemingway Chair and Ottoman
Rich, distressed woods and leathers inspired by the rugged landscape of western Idaho.
Suggested Retail: $3,735
Sale Price: $2,239

See all of these fine furnishings at:

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Clarkston
7350 Dixie Hwy. One Half Mile South of I-75
(Exit 93) in Clarkston • PH: (248) 620-3344
[illegible]
www.thomasvilleofclarkston.com

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Bloomfield Hills
4080 Telegraph Rd.
One block south of Long Lake Rd.
Phone: (248) 646-0800
www.thomasvilleofbloomfield.com
[illegible] Mon-Fri 10-9 Sat 10-6 Sun 12-5
[illegible] offer. 25% deposit required on all special orders.

Thomasville
HOME FURNISHINGS
Of Sterling Heights
7023 14 Mile Rd. Just West of
Van Dyke In Sterling Heights
Phone: (810) 274-4440
www.thomasvilleofsterling.com

Entertainment

The Eccentric

Page 1, Section E

Joe Bauman, Editor 248-901-2562, jbauman@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer-eccentric.com Thursday, March 2, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Kirk Hanley performs with the Second City Touring Company at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets $25 per person, includes afterglow with refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. Call (248) 553-2955.

SATURDAY



Gladys Knight stars in the Grammy Award-winning musical "Smokey Joe's Cafe," a celebration of hits from the 1950s and 1960s, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets $20 to $45, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 433-1515.

SUNDAY



The Community Concert Association of Troy presents Boston Brass performing classical and jazz favorites 3 p.m. Sunday at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy., Troy. Tickets $15 at the door. For information call (810) 979-8406 or (248) 435-5307. 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



Wish upon a star and the dazzling Blue Fairy from "Pinocchio" makes dreams come true in "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic," through Sunday, March 5, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Show times vary. Tickets $35, $18.75, $16.75 and $13.75. Call (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or online www.olympiaentertainment.com

the Chieftains

BELOVED IRISH BAND'S MUSIC STEEPED IN TRADITION



Irish roots: *The Chieftains play the traditional music of their homeland, touring eight months a year.*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

If Paddy Moloney were in Ireland, he'd go to Mass on St. Patrick's Day and then watch a small parade wend its way through town – a sprig of shamrock tucked into his lapel.

The Chieftains
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor.
Tickets: $12-$30. Call (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or visit the Web site at www.ums.org.

Since he can't go home on March 17, Moloney and the Chieftains (Matt Molloy, Seane Keane, Derek Bell, Kevin Conneff, and Martin Fay) will think of their country's green hills while playing traditional Irish music in a concert for the University Musical Society series Wednesday, March 8, in Ann Arbor. The Chieftains are on the road promoting their new album, "Water From the Well."

They'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day as they have for the past 20 years at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Never in his wildest imagination did Moloney think the band's appeal would cause them to tour eight months a year. Long before anyone had heard of U2 and Thin Lizzy, the Chieftains were well on their way to becoming the most beloved Irish band in the last four decades. Their 36 albums – for which they've won six Grammys – have sold millions of copies.

"When we first started playing together 38 years ago, who would have ever have dreamed that our traditional Irish music would be played throughout the world?" said Moloney in a phone interview from Boston. "Coming back to Ann Arbor is going to be a joy. We have a great following there, and we'd like to invite your wonderful traditional musicians to come two hours before the show so they might come down and join us for the finale."

"Riverdance" fiddler Mairin Fahy and award-winning step dancers Danny Golden and Dierdre Gould, along with students from the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland, will join the Chieftains on stage. Tim O'Hare, an Irish step dancer and owner of the dance school, toured with the Chieftains two summers ago. O'Hare won the All-Ireland World Championships in 1975 and 1976.

Great opportunity

"Before Irish dancing and music was really popular, the Chieftains were the premier Irish group," said O'Hare. "It's a great opportunity for the students to dance with them."

"Water from the Well" is a departure from the last few Chieftains' recordings – "Tears of Stone" and "The Long Black Veil" – on which they collaborated with performers ranging from Mick Jagger to Sting and Joni Mitchell. The Chieftains have a history of working with performers in the studio and on the concert stage. Michael Flatley danced with the band seven years before earning acclaim as "Lord of the Dance."

Although they've never strayed far from their roots, the Chieftains' "Water From the Well," released on Feb. 22 on RCA Victor, revisits the traditional folk songs of their birth land with stories about a red-haired lass and wild goats that roam the hills of County Kerry. A musical tour of Ireland that goes back as far as the 17th century, the album was recorded half in the studio and half in counties and towns throughout Ireland. The lead cut, "Lots of Drops of Brandy," is Moloney's favorite

Please see CHIEFTAINS, E2

ST. PATRICK'S EVENTS

- The City of Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department presents Blackthorn in concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.
Tickets are $8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following their performance. Tickets can be charged by phone by calling the Southfield Centre for the Arts at (248) 424-9041.
Ranging from sea chanties to more serious ballads and contemporary music emerging from the Emerald Isle; the music of Blackthorn brings audiences a glimpse of the true Irish experience.
- Mary Black, Ireland's premier folk singer, will sing at a St. Patrick's Day Concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.
- An After the Parade Party will be held 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 East Congress, Detroit. Irish entertainment featuring Michale O'Brien, a cash bar with Irish beer and food are included. A $5 donation is welcomed. Children under 12 are free. Call (313) 885-5618.
- The Brown Bag Lecture Series celebrates Saint Patrick's Day with Irish Folk performer Charlie Taylor at noon Thursday, March 16 at the Information Technology Auditorium in Waterford. For more information, call the Office of Arts, Culture and Film at (248) 858-0415.
- Spring is in the air during a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Somerset Collection, on Big Beaver between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy.
The third-annual Spring Fashion Show, a fund-raiser for On My Own of Michigan, a non-profit organization that serves young adults with mild developmental disabilities, will be held Friday, March 17.
The show begins at 7 p.m. with food by Portabella, wine, music and a silent and live auction followed by the fashion show. Black tie is optional.
A St. Patrick's Day Afterglow will be held immediately after the fashion show at the Heather's Club of Bloomfield Hills. Tickets for the fashion show and the St. Patrick's Day Afterglow are $100 per person. Tickets for only the fashion show are $85 per person.
Admission includes a chance to win a shopping spree at the Somerset Collection. For ticket information, call (248) 649-3739.

Celtic group discovers meaning of Irish holiday

Who is St. Patrick and why do so many Irish descendants, and those who just want to be Irish for a day, raise a toast to him every March?

Gordon Ireland, a member of GaelQuest, an Oakland-county based Celtic study group, said St. Patrick was a deacon, priest and bishop, ordained by Pope Celestine, in the Catholic Church during the fifth century A.D.

According to Celtic legend, prior to his calling with the church, Patrick was kidnapped by "pirates" raiding the coast of England and sold as a slave to Druids in Ireland.

Druids were a pagan religious order of priests, soothsayers, judges, lawyers poets in Britain, Ireland and France who practice magic, according to Ireland.

Ireland said Patrick escaped as a slave and began on his mission to spread Christianity. He is credited with helping banish the snakes, otherwise known as

Please see CELTIC, E2

COMMUNITY THEATRE

Warm comedy a sign of a good year for SRO

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

Here are a few theater trivia questions: What play won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1954? "The Teahouse of the August Moon."

Next: Who wrote the script for this outstanding comedy, which was made into a famous movie in 1956 starring Marlon Brando? Answer: John Patrick.

OK, name another play by John Patrick?

What: "A Bad Year for Tomatoes"
When: 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10 -26
Where: The church at the historic Burgh site, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield
Tickets: $10 general admission; $8 for senior adults and children. For information, call (248) 827-0701.
SRO Productions is a community theater company sponsored by the City of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department.

Stumped? The answer is "A Bad Year for Tomatoes."

And if you aren't familiar with the play, Standing Room Only Productions is offering everyone a chance to see another of Patrick's warm comedies also filled with personable, zany characters for three weekends.

The title, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," tends to make one question what kind of play it is.

"It's a comedy that will make people feel happy and pleased to be alive," said director Genevieve Terry of Farmington Hills. "Adults and kids will get a big kick out of it because of the funny characters."



PHOTO BY ROB VEDRO

Acting quartet: *(Standing, from left) Robin DeMaagd, Linda Pelliccioni and Terri Denise Faison join (sitting) Connie Fox in the SRO production A Bad Year for Tomatoes.*

The story is about an actress who wants to get away from her hectic life. She leases a house in the small town of Beaver Haven, to write her memoirs, according to William Mandt, SRO pro-

Please see SRO, E2

Couple makes last-ditch try at stardom in 'Moon Over Buffalo'

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Play director Kimberly Britt prefers serious drama but she'll dabble in comedy when it's Avon calling.

Britt is directing *Moon Over Buffalo*, a comedy about a married couple from an acting company making one last hopeless pitch at stardom. It shows this month at the Avon Players, Rochester's community theater.

The cast for *Moon over Buffalo* is eight and the staff totals about 25, which is more than most amateur acts. Britt's assistant director is Kari Tollefsrud and the co-producers are Marlaina Jurco and Patrick Phenecie.

"My first love is drama but I like the support structure at Avon," Britt said. "There's a real wide base of production staff. The director doesn't have to build the stage and make the props, dress the people. I can concentrate on the whole picture."

What: Avon Players presents "Moon Over Buffalo," a comedy about a struggling theatrical family with one last shot at stardom when a Hollywood director is expected to see their performance.
When: March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.
Where: Avon Playhouse, 1185 Tienken, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills.
Tickets: $13. Call (248) 608-9077.



Three's company: *Actors (left) Charlotte (Lesa Bydalek) and George Hays (Mike Bramson) flank Howard (Dave Mountz), a weatherman whom the Hays mistake for a big-screen director in Avon Players' Moon Over Buffalo.*

Britt studied theater at Central Michigan University, graduating in 1984. She wanted to pursue a professional career but debt for college loans kept her in the Detroit market.

She has also directed plays, mostly

Please see MOON, E2

SRO *from page E1*



Lead role: *Ves Spindler stars in SRO Productions' A Bad Year For Tomatoes.*

ductions executive producer. The plot revolves around the actress, her agent, pretend sister, funny neighbors and the town sheriff. The name of the play stems from conversations about tomato growing.

The play takes place in the year 1969, which, Terry said, allows Barbara Amman of Livonia a chance to use crazy clothes for costumes. Set designer Maggie Gilkes of Farmington Hills created a tiny haven in Vermont look with an old wood cabin, complete with cedar shingles and other authentic touches.

But the biggest challenges to preparing the production for opening night were finding a beaver and instilling a New England accent in the actors.

"We had the hardest time finding a stuffed beaver for a prop," said Terry. "Luckily, my daughter, Patricia Bandy of Holly, knew someone who lived in Brighton who had one we could borrow."

Alice Durbin of Southfield is the dialect coach to this group of community theater performers. Ves Spindler of Southfield, probably has the easiest time with his accent, according to Terry. His lines consist mostly of one-word retort, stereotypical of a small town New Englander.

Not so for Linda Pelliccioni of Northville, who has the lead role of Myra. She's on stage for 56 pages of the 58-page script, said her husband, Larry Pelliccioni. He plays her wise-guy agent, Tom.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" is the sixth community theater production the Pelliccionis have been in together.

"This play is really fun for us," Larry Pelliccioni said. "We've added some dialogue to the part when I attempt to seduce her. It's more fun for us since we're married."

In fact, community theater is what brought this theatrical couple together.

"We were both cast in a play at Ridgedale Players in Troy together in 1991 and we were married in 1992," he said.

"I have had the good fortune to have married my leading lady and that's just as true today as it was eight years ago."

Linda said she enjoys working with her husband on stage. "It's actually very comforting to have him up there with me," she said.

Other actors in the comedy are James Pierce and Robin DeMaagd of Southfield and Connie Fox and Terri Faison of Detroit.

Working behind the scenes are producer and stage manager Joan Boufford of Southfield and assistant director Martha Tabacco of Farmington Hills. Ben Chunov of Southfield and Mark Liljegren of Dearborn are responsible for lights and sound. Ron DeMaagd of Southfield handles props. Gilkes also handles the playbill.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" opens SRO Productions' 2000 season, which begins in March. The season includes "You Should Be So Lucky," opening May 12; "Agnes of God," opening July 28 and "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which opens Oct. 13.

Celtic *from page E1*

goddesses and Druids, most notably at Croagh Patrick in County Mayo.

The mountain stands majestically overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at Clew Bay. Also known as the Reek, the mountain has been the site of religious activities since ancient times.

"St. Patrick had epic battles and won," Ireland said.

St. Patrick used the Irish symbol of a clover leaf to explain the Holy Trinity — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, according to Ireland.

"There are three leafs and a stem just like there are three persons in one with the trinity, he would explain," Ireland said.

And you thought St. Patrick was the person who founded green beer...

GaelQuest meets in Berkley each month and can be reached online at gaelquest@aol.com

— By Steve Kowalski

Apple ripe for new release

Go ahead, call it self-indulgent.

The 90-word title of Fiona Apple's latest album has been analyzed to death. A poem derived from what the young artist considered to be an unfair article about her and her work is a title which requires one sufficient attention span and one deep breath.

"When the Pawn Hits the Conflicts He Thinks Like a King What He Knows Throws the Blows When He Goes to the Fight and He'll Win the Whole Thing 'Fore He Enters the Ring There's No Body to Batter When Your Mind Is Your Might So When You Go Solo, You Hold Your Own Hand and Remember That Depth Is the Greatest of Heights and If You Know Where You Stand, Then You Know Where to Land and If You Fall It Won't Matter, 'Cuz You'll Know That You're Right" shows a deep, sonic honesty for the 22-year-old who broke into pop music as a frail ingenue to be reckoned with just three years ago.

While her debut, *Tidal*, drowned listeners deep into the murky waters of Apple's soul, and shared her tortured thoughts on love and life, it wasn't nearly as honest and revealing as "When the Pawn.." Apple has sufficiently separated herself from the throw-away pop stars by creating this new category of jazz-inspired, hip-hop-tinged rock. Like some Beat poet behind a piano, Apple's sound is decidedly dark, yet uncompromisingly engaging.

— By Stephanie Casola

Apple visits Detroit's State Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 10. It's a sold out show.

Chieftains *from page E1*

because "it's a very old Irish tune" that he rearranged "to show how great the music."

"We're going back to the well and what we started 38 years ago," said Moloney, who produced the recording. "It was difficult to put together the array of some of these great tunes. You could go down the road 30 miles and hear a different tune."

A film crew from Dreamchasers followed the Chieftains around the countryside including Matt Molloy's pub in County Mayo. Molloy is flutist for the group. "We had 25 in a room at the back of the pub, sort of a big band sound of traditional music," said Moloney. "The documentary was to show the likes of the sound by meeting up with the Charlie Parkers and Miles Davises of traditional Irish music."

Moloney fell in love with the music as a child when his mother bought him a tin whistle at age 6. He still uses the tin whistle to write music. Moloney's soundtrack for a film with Angelica Houston, titled "Agnes Browne," comes out in March.

"My grandmother's house in the midlands of Ireland, to me it was a kingdom," Moloney said. "It was a small farm house. The locals would come in and sit around and tell tall stories, and then the melodeon would come off the dresser and my grandfather would play the flute and there would be tapping of the feet on the floorboards."

A few years would pass before Moloney picked up the uillean pipes.

"It's elbow pipes or uillean in Irish," said Moloney. "Unlike the bag pipes, they're an indoor instrument with a much more mellow tone. They were invented by Irish in the 17th century and played sitting down."

Moon *from page E1*

dramas, for the Village Players and the Plymouth Theatre Guild.

By day Britt is a freelance photographer and a manager for a camera repair shop.

"Community theater is a nice way to allow me to practice my craft, give me something to do in the evenings," said Britt, who changed her last name from Schutzler in college for stage reasons. "These people just like theater for the fun of it. We're lucky to have talented people around here that don't want to walk the streets in New York and get rejected for life."

Moon over Buffalo takes place in the 1950s and centers around George and Charlotte Hays, who had successful Broadway careers before moving to Hollywood and flopping on the big screen.

Seeing a chance at rekindling their careers, George (played by Mike Bramson of Rochester) and Charlotte (played by Lesa Bydalek of Shelby Township), take their acting company to Buffalo upon hearing a popular director at the time, Frank Capra, needs an older couple for an upcoming movie and would be watching auditions.

"They're 'has beens,' never really been stars," Britt said.

Accompanying Charlotte and George is Charlotte's mother Ethel (Sheila Lyle of Rochester). Charlotte and George's daughter Roz (Lisa Grech of Rochester), who lives away from home, reunites with her parents.

Ellen (played by Mary Pagnani) is a member of the Hays' acting company who has a tryst with George.

"Eileen is the 'bimbo,' going to look like Marilyn Monroe," Britt said.

The Hays' meet a man named Howard (played by Dave Mountz of Royal Oak), who they mistake for Capra.

Turns out Capra never shows up to watch the audition and Howard is really a weatherman who is engaged to Roz and very star struck with her parents. In the meantime, Charlotte finds out Eileen is pregnant with George's child and nearly walks out on the acting company.

She's talked into returning, and George, at this point thinking he has lost his wife and acting partner, goes on a drinking binge. Charlotte shows up to the audition drunk in the wrong costume, and can't walk a straight line, let alone remember his lines.

George accidentally falls into an orchestra pit, which is one of the scenes most repeated in rehearsals.

George and Charlotte didn't get the gig but at least they were relieved to know their future son-in-law isn't really a big-stage director.

"The Hays' were devastated thinking at first that Capra witnessed George falling in a pit," said Britt. "It's been challenging, having George practice falling into a pit."

Other cast members include Paul, the theater manager (played by Dean Trudell), and Richard (John White), the Hays' lawyer whose romantic pursuits of Charlotte are turned down.

THE 2000 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEES

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS Part of HomeTown Communications Network™ Hometown News: It's all about you!

ACADEMY AWARDS BALLOT BOX

SEND IN YOUR BALLOTS AND ENTER TO WIN:
AN ANNUAL MOVIE PASS TO AMC THEATRES

Rules: The person who has the most number of correct guesses will win an annual movie pass good for two people to any area AMC Theatres. In case of a tie, winner will be picked in a random drawing. You must be 21 and over to enter. Employees of the O&E, AMC theatres, Street Marketing are not eligible to win. Winner will be contacted by phone and announced in the paper on Sunday, April 2, 2000 in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

ENTRY FORM

BEST PICTURE:
- ☐ AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ☐ THE CIDER HOUSE RULES
- ☐ THE GREEN MILE
- ☐ THE INSIDER
- ☐ THE SIXTH SENSE

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE:
- ☐ Russell Crowe in THE INSIDER
- ☐ Richard Farnsworth in THE STRAIGHT STORY
- ☐ Sean Penn in SWEET AND LOWDOWN
- ☐ Kevin Spacey in AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ☐ Denzel Washington in THE HURRICANE

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE:
- ☐ Michael Caine in THE CIDER HOUSE RULES
- ☐ Tom Cruise in MAGNOLIA
- ☐ Michael Clarke Duncan in THE GREEN MILE
- ☐ Jude Law in THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY
- ☐ Haley Joel Osment in THE SIXTH SENSE

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE:
- ☐ 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

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE:
- ☐ Toni Collette in THE SIXTH SENSE
- ☐ Angelina Jolie in GIRL INTERRUPTED
- ☐ Catherine Keener in BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
- ☐ Samantha Morton in SWEET AND LOWDOWN
- ☐ Chloe Sevigny in BOYS DON'T CRY

BEST DIRECTING:
- ☐ Sam Mendes in AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ☐ Spike Jonze in BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
- ☐ Lasse Hallstrom in THE CIDER HOUSE RULES
- ☐ Michael Mann in THE INSIDER
- ☐ M. Night Shyamalan in THE SIXTH SENSE

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY:
- ☐ Alan Ball for AMERICAN BEAUTY
- ☐ Charlie Kaufman for BEING JOHN MALKOVICH
- ☐ Paul Thomas Anderson for MAGNOLIA
- ☐ M. Night Shyamalan for THE SIXTH SENSE
- ☐ Mike Leigh for TOPSY-TURVY

Send or fax entries by 5 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2000
To: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Rd • Livonia, MI 48150 • Fax (734) 591-7279

NAME:_____ DAYTIME PHONE:_____

ADDRESS:_____

Celebrate Mardi Gras

This coupon entitles you to
ONE FREE STRAND OF BEADS* at
Laurel Park Place

*Coupon can be redeemed at the Mardi Gras Cart near Center Court. No photo copies allowed. Coupon will be equivalent to a $35.00 receipt as it relates to the "Indulgence is Shopping" promotion. Coupon must be turned in with other receipts. One coupon per person. Coupon and receipts cannot be returned. L65778

MICHIGAN'S LARGEST
SPORTS CARD SHOW
BUY TRADE SELL
MARCH 3-4-5
FRI 12-9 • SAT 10-9 • SUN 10-6
BUY TRADE SELL
SPORTS CARDS • COMICS • MEMORABILIA • SUPPLIES & MORE!
ADMISSION ONLY $2.00 PER CARLOAD!



FORMER DETROIT BASEBALL STAR
MARK 'THE BIRD' FIDRYCH
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH • 4:00PM - 6:00PM
FREE AUTOGRAPHS



BASEBALL HALL OF FAMER
WARREN SPAHN
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
1:00PM - 3:00PM
$14.00 BASEBALL / FLAT • $19.00 OVERSIZE*
$27.50 BAT / JERSEY



HOCKEY HALL OF FAMERS
HARRY HOWELL
NORM ULLMAN
SUN., MARCH 5TH • 1:30PM - 3:30PM
$8.00 EACH AUTOGRAPH (ANY ITEM)

Gibraltar TRADE CENTER, INC.
I-75 & EUREKA RD. (EXIT 36) TAYLOR
734-287-2000
VISIT US ON THE WEB: GIBRALTARTRADE.COM

FREE FRIDAY ADMISSION
WITH THIS COUPON
FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD ONLY OE

Zevon keeps on rockin' into his fourth decade

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER
arhein@oe.homecomm.net

To be a Warren Zevon fan requires tremendous patience. His recordings range from brilliant — immediately his 1978 release "Excitable Boy" comes to mind — to quite dissatisfying: "Transverse City" tops that list.

His live performances can leave audiences musically sated, or force them to wonder why they continue to support rock's consummate curmudgeon.

It's hard to say what to expect from his concert scheduled for this Sunday, March 5 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. The gravel-voiced troubadour is touring solo to support his latest release "Life'll Kill Ya" on yet another record label (Artemis).

But if the show is any reflection of the dozen tracks that comprise his ninth album, it's likely to be reflective, perhaps a bit doleful, but nonetheless superb.

Zevon, a classically-trained musician who studied piano with Igor Stravinsky, burst through the radio airwaves in 1978 with "Werewolves of London," a quirky tune that became a howl-along hit, and the acerbic "Lawyers, Guns and Money," which most recently garnered attention when Minnesota Governor and former WWF wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura requested Zevon play it at his inaugural party.

Though myriad artists including Shawn Colvin, Linda Ronstadt and Stevie Nicks have covered his music, and he's collaborated with the likes of Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen, for better or worse, those two tunes define Zevon to his marginal fans. They've even served as comedic fodder during guest appearances on "The Simpsons" and Larry Sanders.

But to his faithful followers, the 53-year-old is the most pro

found singer-songwriter to survive the flood of California musicians that emerged in the '70s. In recent years, Zevon has had a regular gig on David Letterman's show when the band leader is out. And while his old buddy Jackson Browne has all but vanished into oblivion, Zevon lives on.

"Life'll Kill Ya" is living proof.

The album is sparse, a deliberate move on the artist's part so that he'd be able to, as he once said, "faithfully recreate the album alone in saloons in Korea when my career goes down the toilet."

But that typical self-depreciating style has also kept Zevon going strong — sometimes in spite of himself.

If his 1987 release "Sentimental Hygiene" chronicles his emergence into sobriety, then "Life'll Kill Ya" is his way of staring down death and offering a heartfelt confessional. Even his cover of Steve Winwood's "Back in the High Life Again" unravels as a dirge.

But all is not mordant. "Porcelain Monkey" is a driving tune that skewers a certain fried-chicken loving king of rock and roll without mentioning names. And Zevon breaks out the harmonica for a mock revival in "Dirty Little Religion."

In the dreamy folk song "Hostage-O," he's all tied up, while the title track finds him at the piano musing about the great equalizer.

The final track, "Don't Let Us Get Sick," offers a benediction of hope, a prayer that goes down as easy as a lullaby.

Zevon has said he chose to collaborate with Radiohead producers Paul Kolderie and Sean Slade on this album since he considers the innovative British rock band to be one of his favorite recording artists in decades.

Certainly the last two decades have seen the rise and fall of many a rock prodigy, but Zevon – maudlin as he is – continues to rock steady.



Still playin': *Classic rocker Warren Zevon is best known for his 1978 hit song "Werewolves of London."*

What: Concert by Warren Zevon.
When: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5.
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale.
Tickets: $20 at the Magic Bag box office, (248) 544-3030 or Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

'Epic' recognizes early civilization

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER
nstafford@oe.homecomm.net

Rhythmic, soaring music, dance, song and poetry from ancient West Africa — these are the forms that weave the tale of *The Mandinka Epic*, an account of early civilization in the region.

So it's no wonder the narrative, which Les Ballet d'Afrique Noire will present March 9 and 10 at Ann Arbor's Power Center, has been described as a theatrical adventure.

"It's as much theatrical as it is authentic dance and music from another culture," said Sara Billmann, marketing and promotions director for the University Musical Society, which is hosting the 30-member company through its association with Africa Exchange, a national organization dedicated to bringing authentic African art to audiences in the United States.

"There are so many people in metropolitan Detroit interested in African art — there is such a demand. We wanted to fill that gap," said Billmann.

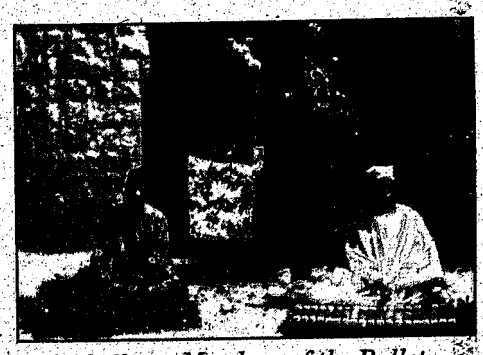
The Mandinka Epic, which is based on the stories of oral historians, or "griots," as they were known in the ancient Mandinka culture, recounts the struggles and triumphs of civilization between the 13th and 15th centuries in what is today Senegal, Gambia, Ivory Coast and Mali.

The music of the Mandinka people, a dominant tribe in the region during the period that's credited with forming Mali, marks out the production. Ancient West African instruments, including the djembe, sabars and tamas — different types of drums — and a 21-string kora, a harp-lute, are employed during the two-act, nine-scene program.

Mandinka music has recently gained popularity in the world music scene due in part to films like *The Lion King*, *Mandingo* and *Keita*, which are loosely based on legends of the Mali Empire and Mandinka people.

Also lending authenticity to the program, all spoken words — song, narrative and poetry — are performed in the Mandinka language.

Audiences are "absolutely" more interested in culturally-based presentations, as society at large strives to discover more about its own multi-cultural roots, said Billmann. More than 3,000 people, for example, turned out for the society's last African arts program, the music of Doudou N'Diaye Rose, the head of a West African drum orchestra, at Hill Auditorium, said Billmann.



Early rhythms: *Members of the Ballet d'Afrique Noire in The Mandinka Epic play ancient instruments.*

What: Ballet d'Afrique Noire's *The Mandinka Epic*.
When: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10.
Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street in Ann Arbor.
Tickets: $16-34 through the University Musical Society box office, (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

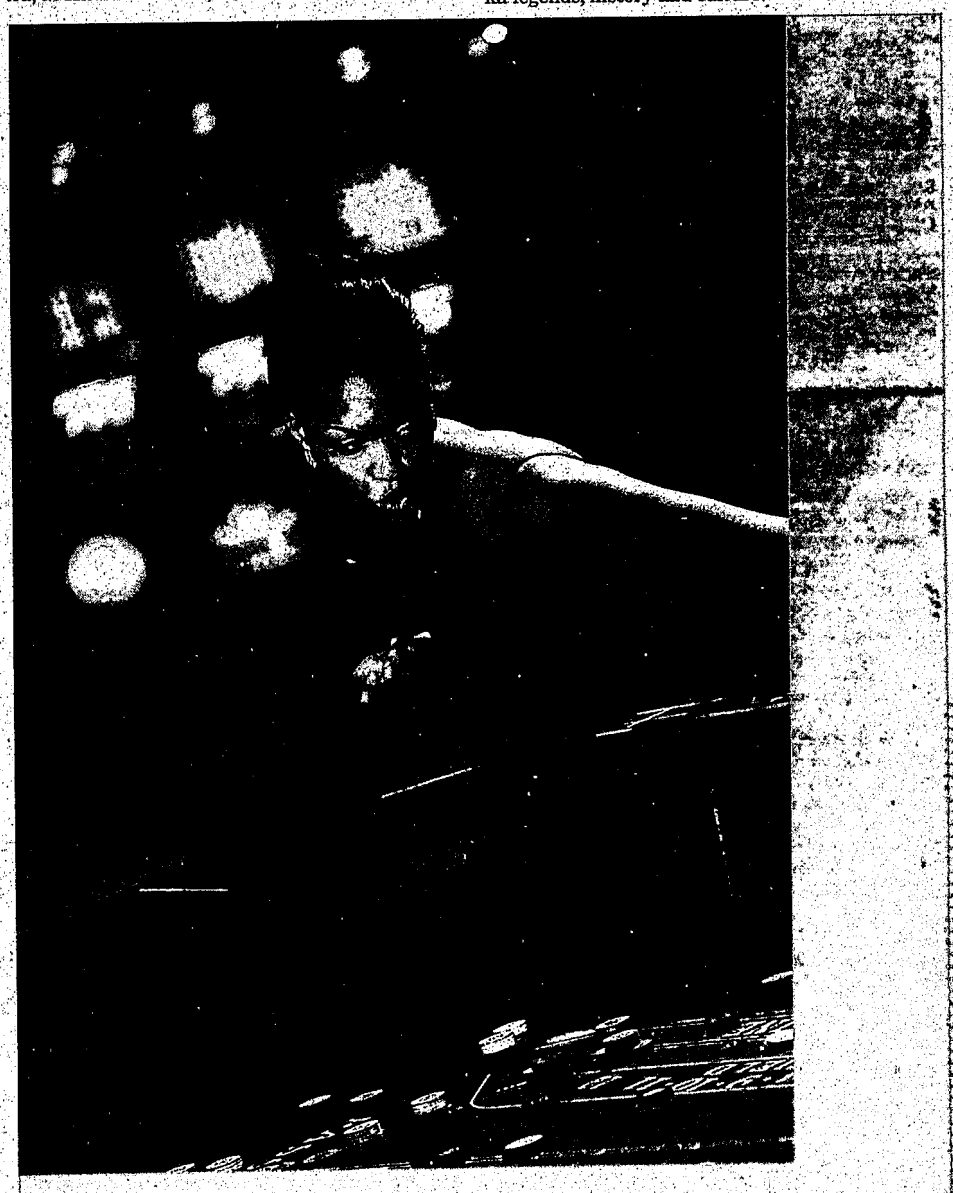
Composed of singers, musicians and dancers, Senegal-based Les Ballet d'Afrique Noire is another of West Africa's leading artistic groups. While the company regularly performs in Europe, *The Mandinka Epic* marks its first international tour.

The company is led by Jean Pierre Leurs, who in 1995 received the Laureate of the Grand Prize for Scenic Arts from Senegal's president.

Having always been fascinated with the history of the Mali Empire, Leurs proposed and helped create *The Mandinka Epic* in 1994.

In conjunction with the company's visit, UMS is co-sponsoring several educational events, including two master classes, Senegalese drumming at 10 a.m. March 11 through Washtenaw Community College's music department and African dance at 2 p.m. March 11 through the University of Michigan's dance department.

Also scheduled is a symposium on *The Mandinka Epic* at 4 p.m. March 9 at U-M's Rackham Assembly Hall. The program will explore Mandinka legends, history and culture.



Make your Destination: CRANBROOK and Cranbrook Institute of Science for a "Heavenly" March!

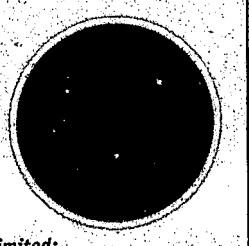


Awesome Planet Alignment Viewing

Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6-9pm
Join Institute astronomers for the long-anticipated grouping and alignment of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars and watch astronomical history being made! The event begins at 6pm with the Planetarium program *Planet Alignment 2000!* then moves outside for planet viewing. ***Planetarium seating is limited. Planetarium program fee: Members $3 adults, $1.50 children; non-members $5 adults, $3 children. Outside observing is free.***

Planetarium Programs

Planet Alignment 2000!
Fridays, 8pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 12:30 & 3pm
Young Stargazers Sky Journey ***Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30am***
Laser Swing ***Fridays, 7 & 9pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 2 & 4pm***



Astronomy for Inquiring Minds – An Introduction to Astronomy

Adult Science Class ***March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 7:30-9pm***
Instructor: Jeffery Bass, Head of Astronomy
Fee: $45 members/$50 non-members Minimum age 16. Class size limited; call 248 645.3210 for reservations.

Spring Fling

March 18 & 19, 11am-4pm
Learn about all things spring, from what you can do now for your garden to the astronomical significance of the spring equinox. ***Free with museum admission.***

CRANBROOK SCIENCE
Call (toll free) 1-877-GO-CRANBrook (1-877-462-7262)

Get ready to shake things up.

This "winning roll" has been brought to you by MotorCity Casino.

Located in the historic Wonder Bread Bakery

at Grand River and the Lodge.

MOTORCITY casino

For more information, visit us at www.motorcitycasino.com or call 1-877-777-0711.

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

MotorCity Casino and the MotorCity Casino Logo are trademarks of Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C. All rights reserved. © 1999 Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C.

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues in an open-ended run, at the theater, Detroit. $12.25-$17.25 through Tuesday, March 7, $24.50-$34.50 beginning Wednesday, March 8. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATER: "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. $37.50-$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, $35-$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

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 June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" previews Wednesday-Sunday, March 8-12, show dates March 15-19, March 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. $15-$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Tuesday-Sunday, March 7-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" through Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. $18 Friday-Saturday, $15 Thursday and Sunday; $3 discount for seniors for all performances. (734) 663-0681

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" opens March 10 continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

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

HARTLAND PLAYERS: "Steel Magnolias" March 10-11 and 18-19, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall. $8, $7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

NOVI THEATRES: "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, March 10 and 12 and Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. $12. (248) 347-0400

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. $11. (313) 561-TKTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. $12, $8 students. (248) 349-7110



Skating extravaganza: *Mickey and Minnie welcome one and all to "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic," through Sunday, March 5, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show features beautifully choreographed figure skating to your favorite Disney music. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets $35, $18.75, $16.75 and $13.75 available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. To buy tickets online, visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or online www.olympiaentertainment.com. Learn more about Disney on Ice by visiting www.Disney-OnIce.com on the Web.*

Auditions: *Be a Disney On Ice figure skater. Auditions are 3-5 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Male and female candidates who are high school graduates or 18 years or older will be judged on skating ability and availability to travel. Personality, appearance and an ability to learn intricate routines are important. Bring a resume, photo, name, address, phone number, age and height information, and current Figure Skating Association test levels. Wear appropriate figure skating attire. For more information call Lisa Scuffle (941) 349-4848.*

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 and 10-11, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. $9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. $12. (313) 531-0554

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the theater in Troy. Show dates are March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. (248) 988-7049

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

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PUPPETART: "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

THE RISING STARS: "Little Luncheonette of Terror," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, Andover High School. $3 at the door. (248) 433-0885

SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS YOUTH THEATRE: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at The Community House, Birmingham. $7 (general seating), $9 at door, $30 reserved. (248) 644-5832. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House.

YOUTHEATRE: "Amelia Bedlia Goes Camping" and other stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Music Hall, Detroit. $8 advance, $9 at door. (313) 963-2366.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT SPORTFISHING & TRAVEL EXPO: 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Palace, Auburn Hills. $7.75, $3.50 ages 6-12.

MARCH MADNESS DINNER DANCE: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 followed by dancing to the swing music of The Warren Commission, and dance contests, winning dancers will go on to the national competition of the American Lindy Hop Championships. $35. (313) 869-8385.

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

AUDRA MCDONALD: The three-time Tony award winner performs American standards and original songs with a jazz trio, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $24-$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

OUTDOORAMA: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday March 5, and 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, at the Novi Expo Center. $6.50, $3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

RECORD COLLECTORS SHOW: 45's, disco CDs, music memorabilia and more at this, the longest-running record collector's show in Michigan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Roseville VFW Hall, 25671 Gratiot, Roseville. $3 cover. Free parking. Snack bar. (810) 759-5133

BENEFITS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozero, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. $15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

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

ARTHUR CAMPBELL: The clarinetist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $10-$25. (734) 769-2999

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; Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts "Pictures at an Exhibition" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Musical Pictures" concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. $15, $10 students/children. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through March, at Dunlevy'Z River Place, 267 Jos. Campau, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

AUDITIONS

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Auditions for "My Fair Lady" will be 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7 at the Players Guild, near Outer Drive and Monroe. Production dates are May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27. Call (734) 525-7293.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads. Performances take place May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-20. For more information, call director Kirk Haas at (248) 570-2708 (pager – enter your number plus 555) or the Guild at (248) 349-7110

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

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

CHORAL

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

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

MARTY MONTGOMERY & DOUBLETAKE: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

CHRIS SPEED'S YEAH NO: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $15, $10. (734) 769-2999

JANET TENAJ: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

WORLD MUSIC

LIAM CLANCY: The legendary Irish musician performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $20. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

CHUCK BRODSKY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. $8. (734) 665-8558

JAN CHRIST: Performs as part of the Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

FLATLANDERS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $20 advance, $23 day of show. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $10, $9 member/student/senior. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The YMCA's 18th annual Colloquium Series and the Detroit Public Library's 6th annual International Women's Day Reading 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, features Diane di Prima, Chris Tysh, Anca Vlasopolos, and Melba Joyce Boyd, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338

YMCA'S 18TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES: Continues with Barry Wallenstein, jazz musician Faruz Z. Bey, Bob Hicok, and Terry Wooten, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.ymcaartsdetroit.org

DANCE

ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND: Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at Scarlett Middle School. (734) 623-0624

BALLET D'AFRIQUE NOIRE: "The Mandinka Epic" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $16-$34. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, beginners teaching session at 1:30 p.m., at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $6, $5 students. (734) 975-2312

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 3, in Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Jeff Brannon with Sal Demilio & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Mike Green with Rob Little & Dee Profitt, at the club, Commerce Township. Call (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Steve McGrew, also Kirk Noland Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4; Big Mo Alexander, also Seth Buchwald and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday-Saturday, March 8-11, 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: Taylor Mason Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Kozak, Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4, also Kevin McPeek; Kozak also does a children's magic show, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4; John Bowman Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, also J.R. Remick, 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,

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.

at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. $25, (248) 553-2955.

THE ARK: Suzanne Westenhoefer 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $17. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths, debuts Saturday March 4, the 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: Historic church tour Monday, March 6 and Behind The Scenes Dinner Series at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 (313) 833-4727; "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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Discussion, "Spirit Portraits: Shaman Paintings of the Korean Choson Dynasty (1392-1910)," by Wonyoung Koh, co-curator of the new gallery of Korean art in the Royal Ontario Museum, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, in the lecture hall at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 833-4249(313) 833-7900 or www.dia.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," extended hours through March 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Friday and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 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: 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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues through August, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 Dan Hershberger presents a program, "Hitting the Road: Early Automobile Touring in America," also "Let's Go Fly a Kite" a family oriented program designed for kids to learn about the history and science of kites and kite flying 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, kite kits for coloring and making your own kite available for $3, at the museum, Plymouth. $3, $1 students, $7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; 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. (248) 645-6666

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

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. Sold Out.

ASPERA: With Jumbos Kill Crane, H2 Doap & The Maypops, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555

AUNT RALPH'S RECIPE: With Mad Peeps and Donkey Punch, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $3. (734) 996-8555.

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Friday-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.

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Westland. www.bennyandthejets.com

BETTER DAYS: Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

DJ FRANKIE BONES: With DJ Bassick and DJ Brooks Mosher, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Science, Detroit. Cover charge $10-$15. 18 and over welcome. (313) 438-4146

DJ BOOMER REYNOLDS: With DJ Michael Geiger and DJ Keith Kemp, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Science, Detroit. 18 and over. Cover charge $10-$15. (313) 438-4146.

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 GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2450.



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.

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.



CJ CHENIER & RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12. (248) 645-6666

CLOUD NINE: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $26.50. (248) 645-6666.

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

DEATHGIRL.COM: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (313) 961-MELT.

DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

EL TOPO: With Bonk and UAW, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555

FACE: Saturday, March 4, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540.

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN: Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta 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

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. $10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

INDIGO SWING: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

INDIGO SWING ORCHESTRA: With DJ Del Villareal, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $8 advance. (734) 996-8555

JILL JACK: With Jason Fisher, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. $5. Children 12 and under free. (248) 399-3946

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

JOCELYN B: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover $10 for 21 and over. Cover $15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR RCOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

RANDY JOHNSTON: 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 662-8310

KGB: 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

KNEE DEEP SHAG AND 60 SECOND CRUSH: Spring Breakout 2000 with Soot, Eliza and Face, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $17. (248) 544-3030.

KRUST: With Morgan, Dynamite MC and Yuval Gubay of Soul Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Motor, Hamtramck. $10. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. See Landis and Rick Matle every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details (jazz).

LARVAL: With Master Puppets, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555

LIT: 22 Jacks, Revv, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Science, Detroit. No cover for ladies. Cover charge $10-$15. (313) 438-4146

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $35-85. (248) 645-6666

MB2: 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (top 40 covers).

FREDDIE MCGREGOR: With Glenn Washington and Benjy Myaz, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20. (248) 645-6666 (reggae)

MIXMASTER MIKE: With Rahzel, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $15. All ages. (248) 645-6666

METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. $30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

MIDLIFE CRISIS: Friday, March 10, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

MURDER CITY DEVILS: With Gluecifer, Easy Action, 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance, 18 and older. (313) 977-9700

MUSTARD PLUG: With Aks Mama and Blackout, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

MUZZLE: With Big Ass Ham, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555

NO DOUBT: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $22.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION: 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $20. (248) 645-6666

JIM PERKINS WITH FINVARRAS WREN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941



GRANT LEE PHILLIPS: Solo appearance by Grant Lee Buffalo member, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 7th House, Pontiac. $10. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

PRIME MINISTERS: Midnight, Friday, March 10, Roadrunner's Raft, Hamtramck. 18 and over. $6. (313) 873-7238

THE PUSH STARS: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 7th House, Pontiac. $7. All ages. (248) 645-6666

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, US 12 Bar and Grille, Wayne. (734) 722-7639. (alternative)

HARMONICA SHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $17.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

STEVE SOMERS BAND: 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theater, Independence Township. $25 lawn/$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

STEEL PULSE: With Rustic Overtones, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and over. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666. www.steel-pulse.com

SONIA DADA: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antiflag, Pilfers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. $10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE SUMTHINGS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788

TELEGRAPH: With Horace Pinker and Stereo, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Shelter, Detroit. $6. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THIRD EYE BLIND: With Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. $23.50. (248) 645-6666.

THOSE BASTARD SOULS: With The Blacks, The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $6 advance. (734) 996-8555

THOSE BASTARD SOULS: With Euphone, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

TYPE O NEGATIVE: With Coal Chamber, Full Devil Jacket, The Deadlights, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: With Half-Looking, Simple Neptune, Lori Amey, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 7th House, Pontiac. $7. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

VISIONEAR: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Zeitgeist Theatr, 2662 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192

VISION OF DISORDER: With Candiria, Skarhead, Buried Alive, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Shelter, Detroit. $10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES: 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10 p.m. Friday, March 18, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE WHITE STRIPES: With The Lolitas, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $8. (313) 833-9700.

DAVID WOLFENBERGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. $3. All ages. (248) 399-3946.

TRISHA YEARWOOD: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester. $15.50-$30. (248) 645-6666

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

WARREN ZEVON: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $20. (248) 544-3030.

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO: 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $18. (248) 544-3030.

2XL: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

3 OF US: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

'The Whole Nine Yards' a fun-filled adventure

By Ted Anthony
AP National Writer

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a harried dentist who lives in a suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him. "It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spills forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this movie) are involved in an underworld caper that involves Yanni Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the inimitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy, especially one about mobsters and regular schlubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters, and – despite the amoral profession of many of them – most (with the exception of Arquette's character) are admirable in a strange way.



Comedy: *Matthew Perry (left to right), Bruce Willis and Amanda Peet star in "The Whole Nine Yards."*

Pierre Vinet

Willis has clearly learned something from his superior performance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down (he's been doing it for 5 1/2 years on "Friends"), shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous tics, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero.

Perry's body comedy is at its best here; though it may sound like heresy, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton. The way he employs it, it's keyed as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from scrunched-up and menacing to grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Pollak, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the mob kingpin. He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and linguistic mishaps.

Peet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Full of fun moments and little scenes within scenes, "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
248-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily.
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed Thurs. Fri. Sat.
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP WONDER BOYS (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SNOW DAYS (PG)
THE BEACH (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)
NEXT FRIDAY (R)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)
SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
ANGELA'S ASHES (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3449
Bargain Matinees Daily.
All Shows until 6 pm.
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat. & Sun.

NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
SNOW DAY (PG)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SCREAM 3 (R)
THE HURRICANE (R)
NEXT FRIDAY (R)
STUART LITTLE (PG)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W Side of Telegraph
810-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily •
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP SNOW DAY (PG)
THE HURRICANE (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
810-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP WONDER BOYS (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SCREAM 3 (R)
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
SIXTH SENSE (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Quo Vadis
Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed.Thurs. Fri. & Sat.

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
THE BEACH (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
NEXT FRIDAY (R)

ALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Showcase Westland 1-8
6800 Wayne Rd.,
One blk.S. of Warren Rd.
313-729-1060
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed.Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP WONDER BOYS (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE BOILER ROOM (R)
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
NP THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
NP SNOW DAY (PG)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
GALAXY QUEST (PG)
SIXTH SENSE (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Star Theatres
The World's Best Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily $5.00 All Shows Starting before 6:00 pm
Now accepting Visa & MasterCard
"NP" Denotes No Pass Engagement

Star Great Lakes Crossing
Great Lakes Shopping Center
248-454-0366

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP SIMPATICO (R)
NP WONDER BOYS (R)
NP JUDY BERLIN (NR)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
THE BEACH (R)
SNOW DAY (PG)
THE TIGGGER MOVIE (G)
SCREAM 3 (R)
ANGELA'S ASHES (R)
THE HURRICANE (R)
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
GALAXY QUEST (PG
THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (R)
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (R)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)
TOY STORY 2 (G)
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG)
THE INSIDER (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Star John R at 14 Mile
32289 John R. Road
248-585-2070

No one under 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
SNOW DAY (PG)
SCREAM 3 (R
EYE OF THE BEHOLDER (R)
GIRL INTERRUPTED (R)
NEXT FRIDAY (R)
HURRICANE (R)
THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (R)
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)

TODAY ONLY
CLOSED CAPTIONED
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
853-2260
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
TIGGER MOVIE (G)
THE BEACH (R)
SNOW DAY (PG)
SCREAM 3 (R)
THE HURRICANE (R)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Star Southfield
12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern, Off I-696
248-353-STAR
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

FOR SHOWTIMES AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY PHONE CALL 248-372-2222
WWW.STAR-SOUTHFIELD.com

NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
NP THE BEACH (R)
NP SNOW DAY (PG)
NP THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SCREAM 3 (R)
ANGELA'S ASHES (R)
THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (R)
EYE OF THE BEHOLDER (R)
THE HURRICANE (R)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
GALAXY QUEST (PG)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Star Winchester
1136 S. Rochester Rd, Winchester Mall
248-656-1160
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

CLOSED
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR PATRONAGE

United Artists Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily, for all shows starting before 6:00 PM
Same day advance tickets available.
NV - No V.I.P. tickets accepted

United Artist Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
248-988-0706

REINDEER GAMES (R) NV
WONDER BOYS (R) NV
BOILER ROOM (R) NV
ANGELA'S ASHES (R)
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
248-349-4311

WONDERBOYS (R) NV
PITCH BLACK (R) NV
BOILER ROOM (R) NV
SNOW DAY (PG13) NV
THE SIXTH SENSE (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

United Artists Westt River
9 Mile,
2 Blocks West of Middlebelt
248-788-6572

REINDEER GAMES (R) NV
WONDERBOYS (R) NV
HANGING UP (PG13) NV
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R) NV
PITCH BLACK (R) NV
BOILER ROOM (R) NV
SNOW DAY (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (R) NV
THE HURRICANE (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

United Artists Commerce Township 14
Located Adjacent to Home Depot
Just North of the intersection of 14 Mile & Haggerty Rd.
248-960-5801
•All Stadium Seating
•High-Back Rocking Chair Seats
•Two-Day Advance Ticketing

REINDEER GAMES (R) NV
WONDERBOYS (R) NV
HANGING UP (PG13) NV
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R) NV
PITCH BLACK (R) NV
BOILER ROOM (R)
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
SNOW DAY (PG) NV
THE BEACH (R) NV
SCREAM 3 (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G) NV
THE GREEN MILE (R)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Birmingham Theatre
211 S. Woodward
Downtown Birmingham
248-644-3456
NP Denotes No Pass Engagements

Order Movie tickets by phone! Call 644-3456 and have your VISA or Master Card ready! (A 51¢ surcharge per transaction will apply to all telephone sales)

NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP BOILER ROOM (R)
NP THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
NP THE BEACH (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)
THE HURRICANE (R)
THE END OF THE AFFAIR (R)
MAGNOLIA (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

MJR THEATRES

Brighton - Cinemas 9
I-96 Exit, Grand River
810-227-4700
Call 77-Film Ext. 548

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
CIDER HOUSE RULES PG13)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SNOW DAY (PG)
THE BEACH (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)
HURRICANE (R)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Waterford Cinema 16
7501 Highland Rd.
S.E. corner M-59 & Williams Lake Rd.
24 Hour Movie Line
(248) 666-7900
CALL 77 FILMS #551
WE'VE TRIPLED OUR LOGGY AND ADDED FIVE NEW SCREENS. THE ONLY THEATRE IN OAKLAND COUNTY WITH THE NEW DOLBY DIGITAL EX SOUND SYSTEM AND MORE...CHECK US OUT!!
OUR EXPANDED PARKING LOT IS NOW OPEN
FREE REFILL ON POPCORN AND POP

NP REINDEER GAMES (R)
NP WONDER BOYS (R)
SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
NP CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
NP HANGING UP (PG13)
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
NP THE BOILER ROOM (R)
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
SNOW DAY (PG)
THE BEACH (R)
SCREAM 3 (R)
STUART LITTLE (PG)
THE GREEN MILE (R)

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEKEND

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Visa & Mastercard Accepted

Main Art Theatre III
Main - 11 Mile
Royal Oak
(248) 542-0180

HOLY SMOKE (R)
ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER (R)
SWEET AND LOWDOWN (PG13)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES
Children Under 6 Not Admitted

Maple Art Cinema III
4135 W. Maple, West of Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
248-855-9090
DISCOUNTED SHOWS!!

REAR WINDOW (PG)
MANSFIELD PARK (PG13)
TOPSY TURVY (R)

CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

Oxford 3 Cinemas, L.L.C.
Downtown Oxford
Lapeer Rd. (M-24)
(248) 628-7100
Fax (248)-628-1300
DETROIT'S LOWEST FIRST RUN PRICES INCLUDING TWILIGHT PRICING $3.00 4-5 PM.

CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

AMC Livonia 20
Haggerty & 7 Mile
734-542-9909

CALL THEATRE FOR FEATURES AND TIMES

$1.00 Ford Tel $1.50
313-561-7200
$1.00 til 6 pm
After 6 p.m. $1.50
Ample Parking - Telford Center
Free Refill on Drinks & Popcorn
Please Call Theatre for Showtimes

THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
THE MAN ON THE MOON (LRO
DEUCE BIGALOW MALE GIGOLO (R)

"THE FUNNIEST MOVIE SINCE 'SOMETHING ABOUT MARY.'"
Scott Patrick, STARZ



DANNY DEVITO BETTE MIDLER NEVE CAMPBELL JAMIE LEE CURTIS

DROWNING MONA

A HYSTERICAL COMEDY THAT'S ALL ABOUT TAKING OUT THE TRASH!

DESTINATION FILMS PRESENTS A NEVERLAND FILMS/JERSEY SHORE PRODUCTION
A FILM BY NICK GOMEZ DANNY DEVITO BETTE MIDLER NEVE CAMPBELL JAMIE LEE CURTIS
DROWNING MONA CASEY AFFLECK WILLIAM FICHTNER MARCUS THOMAS PETER DOBSON
MONIKA MIKKELSEN GWEN BETHELL MICHAEL TAVERA TERRY DRESBACH
RICHARD PEARSON RICHARD TOYON BRUCE DOUGLAS JOHNSON JONATHAN DANA
DANNY DEVITO MICHAEL SHAMBERG STACEY SHER JONATHAN WEISGAL
AL CORLEY BART ROSENBLATT AND EUGENE MUSSO PETER STEINFELD
NICK GOMEZ
PG 13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
NEVERLAND FILMS JERSEY SHORE DESTINATION

www.drowningmona.com

STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 3

SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS 1-14
UA COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
AMC FORUM 30 DEARBORN
STAR GRATIOT
STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R
AMC LIVONIA 20
SHOWCASE PONTIAC 6-12
QUO VADIS
STAR SOUTHFIELD
MJR SOUTHGATE CINEMA 2
SHOWCASE STERLING 1-15
UA 12 OAKS MALL

• Sorry, No Passes, VIP or Discount Coupons Accepted For This Engagement •

"IT WILL HAVE YOU SITTING UP BEGGING FOR MORE. I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT."
JOEL SIEGEL, GOOD MORNING AMERICA

"A RARE BREED. A FAMILY MOVIE WITH A HEART AND A BRAIN."
-SUSAN WLOSZCZYNA, USA TODAY

"THE FIRST TRIUMPH OF THE NEW YEAR."
-REX REED, NEW YORK OBSERVER

"A MOVIE FOR ADULTS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CHERISH."
-GENE SHALIT, TODAY

"FRANKIE MUNIZ - STAR OF 'MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE' - IS NEARLY AS IRRESISTIBLE AS SKIP."
-A.O. SCOTT, THE NEW YORK TIMES

"IT LEFT ME IN TEARS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 'FIELD OF DREAMS.' A WONDERFUL FAMILY MOVIE."
-JEFFREY LYONS, WNBC-TV



FRANKIE MUNIZ DIANE LANE LUKE WILSON KEVIN BACON

MY DOG SKIP

WILLIE MORRIS' CLASSIC TRUE STORY.
ALCON ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS
A MARK JOHNSON/JOHN LEE HANCOCK PRODUCTION "MY DOG SKIP" FRANKIE MUNIZ DIANE LANE
LUKE WILSON AND KEVIN BACON MUSIC BY WILLIAM ROSS EDITED BY JAY RUSSELL MARTY EWING
PRODUCED BY MARK JOHNSON, JOHN LEE HANCOCK AND BRODERICK JOHNSON, ANDREW A. KOSOVE
WRITTEN BY WILLIE MORRIS DIRECTED BY GAIL GILCHRIEST DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JAY RUSSELL
PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED
SOUNDTRACK ALBUM ON MERCURY NASHVILLE
www.mydogskip.com

STARTS FRIDAY AT THESE THEATRES!

AMC BELAIR	AMC FORUM 30	AMC ABBEY
AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC SOUTHFIELD	AMC LAUREL PARK
BEACON EAST	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8
SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS	SHOWCASE DEARBORN	SHOWCASE PONTIAC 6-12
SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR ROCHESTER	STAR ROCHESTER	STAR SOUTHFIELD
STAR TAYLOR	UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 3

MY DOG SKIP
A funny and heartfelt story about a friendship between an eight-year-old boy and his dog. Based on the best-selling childhood memoir by award-winning author Willie Morris. Stars Kevin Bacon.

ROSETTA
Emilie Dequenne and Fabizio Rongione star in this contemporary drama that follows the day-to-day struggles of a tough Belgian teenager as she goes about her chores in a dreary, wintry town. Exclusively at the Detroit Film Theatre.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 10

THE NEXT BEST THING
A platonic relationship between Abbie (Madonna) and her gay best friend Robert (Rupert Everett) comes undone following a night of intimacy resulting in Abbie becoming pregnant. The two decide to live together as a family for the sake of the child. This seems to work until Abbie falls in love with another man.

AGNES BROWN
Anjelica Huston, Marion O'Dwyer, Niall O'Shea, Ciaran Owens star in this story that tells of a feisty widow who, together with her seven children, learns to deal with life's adversities following the death of her husband.

MISSION TO MARS
Sci-fi adventure centers around the first manned mission to the red planet. Following several disasters, a second manned flight is sent to their rescue. Stars Gary Sinise and Tim Robbins.

THE NINTH GATE
Johnny Depp and Emmanuelle Seigner star in this supernatural thriller that tells of a conspiracy involving murder, ritual and the supernatural. A dubious book finder is hired to find the two remaining volumes of a 16th century demonic text that supposedly holds the key to summoning Satan himself.

The Brothers Groove have 'got that thing'



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Chris Codish knows the power of words and the passion of playing music. As the voice and keyboards behind Detroit-based The Brothers Groove, the tall, blond 28-year-old has been surrounded by music most of his life. From the early influences of his family, to high school rock bands, and his days working with legendary blues talents like Johnnie Bassett and The Blues Insurgents, Larry McCray and Thornetta Davis, Codish committed himself solely to a career in music in the early '90s. Last fall, he made a decision that would draw on all of his experiences.

"I wanted to get back to having my own band," said Codish. "I was tired of being a sideman."

By incorporating the musical talents of his bassist Jim Simonson and drummer Michael Caskey, The Brothers Groove was born. Simonson, a Clarkston native, met Caskey at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as teenagers. When the guitarless trio came together September 1999, the Brothers immediately recorded a four-song demo fusing blues, rock and funk.

BENEFITING EMERGING ARTISTS IN MUSIC

Who: Unsigned, emerging musical artists who are 21 or older can apply.

Where: Grant applications and information is available at www.jimbeam.com or by writing B.E.A.M. at P.O. Box 4723, New York, N.Y. 10163-4723.

What else: Future deadlines for 2000 applicants are April 29, July 31 and Oct. 31. A total of $75,000 will be distributed this year.

Codish said he's far from his days of catering to older crowds with traditional blues. "I love that music, but I also like Led Zeppelin just as much, or P-funk or James Brown ... there's elements of that."

Simonson admitted he's "in love with the Chili Peppers," but he doesn't want to lose that traditional jazz, either.

Caskey, honed his skills playing in jazz bands, but said he no longer has to live up to other people's expectations. "I actually have a part in the tunes."

The Brothers weren't the only ones to catch the resonating effects of that vintage sound. The band was awarded $2,200 from a Jim Beam program, Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music. Chairman of the advisory board for B.E.A.M. and Smithereens vocalist, Pat DiNizio, chose The Brothers Groove along with 26 other unsigned musicians across the country. "I'm extremely impressed with The Brothers Groove's talent and dedication to its music," said DiNizio in a press statement. Entering the final competition of the 1999, the band was one of ten winners in a pool of 100 applicants, and the only recipients from Michigan.

Hearing about the grant program from a friend, Simonson mentioned it to Codish, and the singer went online to apply — writing about his influences and why his band deserves the grant. In late December, he was interviewed by DiNizio. Just one day later, the band got the grant. "I was thrilled when they told me," said Codish. "The grant really helped."

The Brothers Groove are using the money to design a Web site, purchase promotional materials and studio gear. "You gotta view it as a business, that's the thing creative people don't like."



CYBELLE CODISH

Like family: *From left, Michael Caskey, Chris Codish and Jim Simonson are The Brothers Groove. The band has proven itself worthy of a national grant and are garnering local attention.*

Codish writes the band's lyrics as if he's overheard "a meeting between Frank Zappa and Harry Connick Jr." His deep voice pulls it off onstage without a hitch, especially with catchy tunes like "You've got that thing" and the funkified "Fat Daddy."

"We definitely don't sound like anyone else," added Simonson. From cover bands to the house band at Walt Disney World, the 1994 Clarkston High School graduate has finally found his niche.

The band's focus is on its own music and growing fan base. Codish said more people are making it to shows and they often tell him "they don't know what we sound like, but they know they like it." That's the essence of The Brothers Groove, a group of musicians who are close enough to be "brothers" in music — if not relation.

Look out for a debut CD around May. As Caskey said: "We basically feel like we need a product, a CD, before we can take it on the road." While momentum builds beneath them, Codish remains calm and confident: "I want to take it as far as it can go."

Caskey agreed: "It would be nice to get a killer record deal ... The bigger plan is to teach people how to listen differently."

See The Brothers Groove 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Edison's, Birmingham. Free show. (248) 645-2150; or 9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Dick O'Dow's, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135. Check the Web at www. thebrothersgroove.com

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

THE TRAP IS SET. THE GAME IS ON.

"DIRECTOR JOHN FRANKENHEIMER KEEPS THE ACTION FLYING ON ALL CYLINDERS!" -Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

"THE MOST ENTERTAINING GAME IN TOWN!" -JoAnna Langfield, THE MOVIE MINUTE

"BEN AFFLECK AND CHARLIZE THERON SIZZLE IN THE SEXIEST THRILL RIDE OF THE YEAR!" -Richard Rid, NORTHWEST NEWS

BEN AFFLECK GARY SINISE CHARLIZE THERON
REINDEER GAMES
R DIMENSION

NOW SHOWING AT THESE THEATRES!		AMC BEL AIR
AMC EASTLAND 2	AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK
AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC SOUTHFIELD	AMC WONDERLAND
BIRMINGHAM	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8
QUO VADIS	RENAISSANCE	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS
SHOWCASE DEARBORN	SHOWCASE PONTIAC 1-5	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS
STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR LINCOLN PARK
STAR ROCHESTER	STAR SOUTHFIELD 12 & TELEGRAPH	STAR TAYLOR
UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS OAKLAND	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER

FOR MOVIES AND SHOWTIMES CALL (313) 89-FILMS or (810) 77-FILMS or visit moviefone.com AOL Keyword: Moviefone

#1 FAMILY MOVIE IN AMERICA!

Snow Day

"LOTS OF FUN! Families will enjoy it." -Leah Rozen, PEOPLE

"LAUGH-OUT-LOUD... packs the punch of a well-timed snowball, zinging straight for the funnybone!" Lou Carlozo, CHICAGO TRIBUNE

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED www.snowdaymovie.com

AMC BEL AIR 10	AMC EASTLAND 5	AMC FORUM 30
AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC SOUTHFIELD CITY
AMC WONDERLAND	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS
SHOWCASE DEARBORN	SHOWCASE 1 2 3 4 5 PONTIAC	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS
SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR LINCOLN PARK 8	STAR ROCHESTER HILLS
STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR	UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14
UNITED ARTISTS 12 OAKS	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER	NO PASSES OR COUPONS ACCEPTED

AMERICA'S #1 HIT, MAN!

Bruce Willis Matthew Perry

"Extremely Funny!" -Jeffrey Lyons, NBC-TV

"A Laugh Riot!" -Larry King, USA TODAY

"Two Thumbs Up!" -Roger Ebert and Michael Peyser, ROGER EBERT & THE MOVIES

The Whole Nine Yards

Life's a comedy. It's all in the execution.

R www.nineyards.net

NOW SHOWING AT THESE THEATRES!		AMC BEL AIR
AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
AMC SOUTHFIELD	BEACON EAST	BIRMINGHAM 8
CANTON CINEMA	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CTR. 8
QUO VADIS	RENAISSANCE	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS
SHOWCASE DEARBORN	SHOWCASE PONTIAC 1-5	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS
STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R
STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER	STAR SOUTHFIELD 12 & TELEGRAPH
STAR TAYLOR	UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER

rupert EVERETT / MADONNA

best FRIENDS MAKE the BEST mistakes.

THE NEXT BEST THING

PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED www.nextbestthingmovie.com

STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 3		AMC EASTLAND
AMC FORUM 30	AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC WONDERLAND
MJR SOUTHGATE 20	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS	SHOWCASE PONTIAC
SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE
STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR LINCOLN PARK 8
STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR
UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS 12 OAKS	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER

NO PASSES ACCEPTED

Michael Douglas

NEWSWEEK, David Ansen
"'WONDER BOYS' IS PURE PLEASURE! The laughs come tumbling out! Michael Douglas is a superb comic actor and he's never been more appealing. It's the loosest and juiciest performance of his career."

ROLLING STONE, Peter Travers
"A COMIC DAZZLER! MICHAEL DOUGLAS...DELIVERS ONE OF HIS BEST PERFORMANCES IN 'WONDER BOYS.' Director Curtis Hanson, in his first film since the stunning 'L.A. Confidential,' works wonders with a pitch-perfect cast. Frances McDormand is glorious...Tobey Maguire is captivating ...Robert Downey Jr. is electrifying...and Katie Holmes acts with fire!"

ROGER EBERT & THE MOVIES, Roger Ebert & Michaela Perrin
"TWO VERY ENTHUSIASTIC THUMBS UP FOR 'WONDER BOYS!'"

THE NEW YORK OBSERVER, Rex Reed
"LOOPY AND LOVEABLE. FUNNY, HEARTBREAKING AND FILLED WITH SKYROCKET SURPRISES!"

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, Roger Ebert
"★★★★ BRILLIANT...IT'S MICHAEL DOUGLAS' BEST PERFORMANCE IN YEARS."

THE VILLAGE VOICE, Amy Taubin
"WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT 'WONDER BOYS' IS THAT IT SWINGS!"

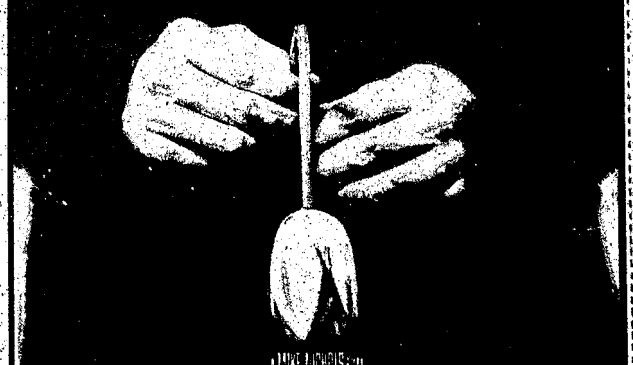
Wonder Boys

www.wonderboysmovie.com

MUTUAL FILM COMPANY R RESTRICTED

AMC EASTLAND 2	AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK
AMC LIVONIA 20	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS
SHOWCASE 8 7 9 10 11 12 PONTIAC	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR LINCOLN PARK 8
STAR SOUTHFIELD	UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TWP. 14	UNITED ARTISTS OAKLAND
UNITED ARTISTS 12 OAKS	UNITED ARTISTS WEST RIVER	NO PASSES ACCEPTED

"HILARIOUS! Off-The-Wall Comedy At Its Best." Jim Ferguson, DISH NETWORK



A JAMIE KENNEDY FILM

WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM?

GARY SHANDLING ANNETTE BENING GREG KINNEAR BEN KINGSLEY JOHN CORBETT

R COLUMBIA PICTURES

www.sony.com/whatplanet

STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 3

UNITED ARTISTS 12 OAKS 248/349-4311	UNITED ARTISTS COMMERCE TOWNSHIP 14 248/960-5801	STAR THEATRES GREAT LAKES CROSSING 248/454-7551	SHOWCASE CINEMAS PONTIAC 6-12 248/334-6777	MJR SOUTHGATE 20 734/284-3456
SHOWCASE CINEMAS AUBURN HILLS 1-14 248/373-2660	AMC EASTLAND MALL 313/521-2811	STAR THEATRES JOHN R 248/585-2070	STAR THEATRES ROCHESTER HILLS 248/853-2260	SHOWCASE CINEMAS STERLING 1-15 810/979-3160
AMC BEL-AIR 10 313/336-0800	AMC FORUM 30 810/254-5663	AMC LAUREL PARK 10 734/462-6200	STAR THEATRES SOUTHFIELD 248/372-2222	STAR THEATRES TAYLOR 313/287-2200
UPTOWN THEATRES BIRMINGHAM 248/644-FILM	STAR THEATRES GRATIOT 810/791-3420	AMC LIVONIA 20 734/542-9909	AMC SOUTHFIELD CITY 12 248/569-2730	SHOWCASE CINEMAS WESTLAND 1-8 734/729-1060

Sorry, No Passes, Coupons, V.I.P. or Group Activity Tickets Accepted • Check Theater Directories For Showtimes

FOR SHOWTIMES CALL 313 89 810 77 -FILMS or visit moviefone.com AOL Keyword: Moviefone

EATING OUT

Howe's Bayou hits the spot, New Orleans style

By Elanor Heald
Special Writer

While better understood over the last few years, New Orleans cooking still carries some mystique.

Unveiling the mystery and fabulous flavors of "Nawlins" cooking is the pleasure of Ferndale's Howe's Bayou. While the name is a play on words, food is serious with quite authentic Cajun and Creole selections.

Owner Tom Brandel, who also owns three Tom's Oyster Bar restaurants in the Detroit area, explored a new theme and the New Orleans flavor clicked.

His latest business interest is a former storefront on Woodward Avenue, just north of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale, which was gutted to the studs and new was made to look old.

Howe's Bayou has the look of Old New Orleans, akin to the famous Acme Oyster Bar with dark wood, mirrored walls, tin ceiling, a large bar, and seating at tables with green and white checkered tablecloths.

Writing on mirrors announces such special nights as Tuesday and Wednesday evening blues and jazz.

Howe's Bayou

Where: 22848 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale (248) 691-7145.

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until midnight Friday; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday; 5-10 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: traditional Cajun and Creole with spicing levels offered to preference.

Cost: all main dishes under $13.

Reservations: not accepted.

Credit cards: all majors.

Details: Tuesday and Wednesday blues and jazz duo 8 p.m. – midnight; Tuesday perch night; daily specials; all items available for take-out; full liquor license.

Howe's Bayou uncorked

Wine list, suggested by manager Todd Shepard:

- Voodoo Shrimp and 1998 Reverdy Sancerre or 1997 Renwood Barbera
- Acadian Mustard Fried Catfish and 1997 Wilson-Daniels Carneros Pinot Noir
- Southern Short Ribs and 1996 Penfolds Cabernet-Shiraz Bin 389

Culinary authenticity of dishes is in the hands of Brandel's Corporate Executive Chef Michael Houlihan, a Southfield resident. Recipe execution, final tastes for consistency, and spicing levels to a diner's preference, are the responsibility of property chef Roderick Adams, the kitchen supervisor since the opening in summer, 1998.

Chef Rod enjoys the flavor and variety of New Orleans-style cooking.

"Some people think that this food is too spicy and hot," he said. "I can spice dishes to particular preferences; mild if that's the choice. I can also kick it up a notch with cayenne pepper, hot pepper vinegar, or fresh habanero peppers. Our Creole sauce, however, is always well-spiced and brings a sweat to my brow."

Howe's Bayou menu gives you a clue. Dishes in red print are well spiced.

Extending southern hospitality are three managers, Todd Shepard, Gary Barney, and Carl Tasio, one of whom is always on the premises. Shepard, with Brandel's Director of Operations Ray Hanson, have developed a savvy wine list, with 80 beers (eight on tap), and a varied selection of "Nawlins" cocktails to choose from.

Shepard notes his wine list spans moderate to high-end pricing. He enjoys helping wine aficionados pick a wine that will pair with voodoo sauce and crawdads to the freshest fish specials.

"New Orleans food is ethnic food within our culture," Barney, who also tends bar, said. "In a relaxed, unpretentious, casual environment, it's fun to introduce people to a broad range of foods and beverages."

If you've not yet discovered Howe's Bayou, the most popular "beginnings" are Andouille Encrusted Oysters, Voodoo BBQ Shrimp, and Baton Rouge Crawfish Cakes. Main dishes such as Acadian Mustard Fried Catfish, Pear River Pasta (with scallops and crawfish), and Shrimp Creole are selected most often.

All main dishes come with a Lagniappe (side dish), named from the translation, "a little something extra." Favorite lagniappes are Baked Macaroni & Cheese and Garlic Smashed Potatoes, both of which top the comfort food list.

For Mardi Gras, which starts Tuesday, Howe's Bayou will be specially decorated. The group Bon Temps Roulez will be on hand from 8 p.m. to midnight. A good bet, though — the good times will roll this weekend.



Staff Photo by Donna McLaughlin

Howe's this: *Howe's Bayou general manager Todd Shepard presents a meal featuring rice pudding, voodoo chicken and macaroni and cheese.*



Complete dishes: *Howe's Bayou's menu features authentic Cajun and Creole selections.*

Cajun, Creole dishes offer variety

Cajun and Creole, two distinctly different cooking styles influence New Orleans dishes.

- Cajun food is the hearty, robust and very old French-country cooking of Acadian farmers and fishermen.

In the early 1600s, Cajun people emigrated from southern France to Nova Scotia and settled a colony known as Acadia.

In the mid-1700s, the British drove them out and many migrated to Louisiana.

- Creole is more sophisticated and cosmopolitan.

It originated in New Orleans as a mixture of French, Spanish, Italian, native-American and African culinary traditions.

- Andouille is Cajun-smoked pork sausage.
- Etouffée in French means "smothered," covered by a sauce like a stew.

It is Creole and generally made with crawfish.

- Gumbo is a Cajun soup, thickened with either okra or filé powder (made from sassafras leaves) to give it a more stew-like consistency.

It's served over rice. The name comes from Congolese "quingombo" meaning okra.

- Jambalaya is a Creole dish of seasoned rice mixed with meat or seafood in which rice is the main ingredient.

The word originates from jambon (French for ham), Acadian à la, and African ya, meaning rice.

NOW THRU SUNDAY
11th Annual Michigan Home & Garden Show
at the Pontiac Silverdome TM
MARCH 2-5
SPRING HAS ARRIVED AT THE MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW. LET YOUR SPRING PLANS FOR HOME AND GARDEN START HERE.
STROLL 18 BEAUTIFUL LIVING GARDENS.
Your stroll will produce 100's of ideas you can use for your yard or garden including landscaping and design.
FIND HOME IMPROVEMENT IDEAS BY THE 100'S.
From the basement to the attic and all rooms in between, the Michigan Home & Garden Show has just about everything for your home.
LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS.
Daily seminars on the Builder's Stage with Glenn Haege, America's Master Handyman; Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor; Don Booth, "Lookin' At Your Home"; Garden Stage, Nancy Szerlag, Garden Writer; Jeff Ball, Garden Author and many more. For a complete speaker list visit www.showspan.com
JEFF BALL GLENN HAEGE NANCY SZERLAG
WIN A Home Theater System From CIRCUIT CITY
Complete description of prize rules at Bose display at show. No admission required. Random drawing of all entries to be held March 5, 2000
KrogerDAYS! Thursday & Friday Get a 'Buy One, Get One Free Ticket' at any Kroger.
11th Annual Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome TM MARCH 2-5
$1 OFF
Thursday 3 pm - 10 pm
Friday 12 noon - 10 pm
Saturday (No Coupon) 10 am - 10 pm
Sunday (No Coupon) 10 am - 6 pm

Read The Eccentric

Mama Mia
BANQUET ACCOMMODATIONS FOR UP TO 300 GUESTS • LIVONIA ONLY
LIVONIA 27770 Plymouth 1/2 Block W. of Inkster Rd. [734] 427-1000
REDFORD 19385 Beech Daly Just East of Grand River [313] 537-0740
ALLEN PARK 15606 Southfield at Allen Rd. [248] 383-6900
DINNER FOR 2/ $13.99
CHOICE OF: VEAL PARMESAN, CHICKEN SCALLOPINI, BROILED SCROD, HOMEMADE LASAGNA (Veggie Available)
ABOVE INCLUDES: Soup or tossed salad, potato or pasta, fresh garlic sticks, bread & butter
With Coupon Expires 4/30/00 Holidays Excluded O&E

PRIME RIB DINNER $14.95
MITCH HOUSEY'S
Now Appearing... THE SHOWCASEMEN FRI.- SAT.
28500 Schoolcraft In the Super 8 Motel Complex LIVONIA (734) 425-5520
AMPLE LIGHTED PARKING
NOW EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY
DAVE The DJ
Formerly at Vickie's Steakhouse
OPEN DAILY MON-SAT AT 11:00 AM
DINNERS from 4 p.m.
BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHES from $5.95
DINNERS from $6.95

Cedarland RESTAURANT
مطعم بلاد الأرز
Sobh Bros. صبح إخوان
10% discount if you bring this ad.
Try Our Famous SHAWARMA
HALLAL MEATS
RAW JUICES
Drive-Thru • Catering
OPEN 7 DAYS – 9 AM-MIDNIGHT
13007 W. Warren • Dearborn • (313) 582-4849

Daylight parking all night long
For more information call 1-877-888-2121 or visit our web site at www.mgmgrand.com/detroit.
I-94 I-75 Bagley Michigan Third Woodward Lodge Fwy. M-10 Abbott Howard Fort Jefferson
MGM GRAND DETROIT CASINO
If you bet more than you can afford to lose, you've got a problem. Call 1-800-270-7117 for confidential help.
MGM Grand is a registered trademark of MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Inc. Copyright MGM Grand Hotel, Inc, 2000.

Real Estate

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED

NO Page 1, Section F

Barry Jensen, editor (734) 953-2125 bjensen@oc.homecomm.net on the web: http: www.observer-eccentric.com Thursday, March 2, 2000

State fails to regulate condo dock

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I read that there has been some litigation where the DNR took the position that a condominium association putting out docks for association members is required to get a marina permit.

Do you have any information on the status of that case?

In a recent decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals, the court held that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources didn't have the right to require that a condominium association obtain a marina permit for operating a dock within the confines of the condominium.

The court held that under a relevant statute, a marina is a facility owned and operated by a person, extends into or over an inland lake or stream, and offers service to the public or members of the marina for docking, loading or other servicing of recreational water craft.

The court concluded that the term "marina," in the applicable statute, doesn't cover docks like those located in front of the condominium. Instead, the court said docks belong to individual condominium owners with riparian rights to the property and that the docks exist for the owners' private, noncommercial recreational use.

This is a significant decision which, of course, may be appealed, but gives the association, under certain circumstances, the latitude to put in docks without dealing with DNR-required permits.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich..com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- ☑ **SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☑ **LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☑ **HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET** (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☑ **SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD** (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- ☑ **AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS** (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- ☑ **APPLIANCES INCLUDED?**
- ☑ **PROPERTY TAXES** (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, **NOT** CURRENT RECORDS)
- ☑ **MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED** (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- ☑ **CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES**



COURTESY ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA, METRO DETROIT CHAPTER

Building trades: *Apprenticeship programs pave the way to high-paying jobs in the construction industry.*

Jobs a'plenty

Building trades looking for apprentices

You don't have to go to college to earn a good living.

In fact, you get paid while you learn during a building trades apprenticeship sponsored by a union/ contractor partnership, Management and Unions Serving Together.

And by the time your friends graduate from college, you could be a journeyman earning more than $20 per hour plus benefits.

With plenty of work, too.

"The construction industry continues to grow and shows no signs of slowing in the immediate future," said Thomas L. Landry, president of Etkin Skanska Construction of Farmington Hills and chairman of the Construction Association of Michigan.

"Nearly half of our members plan to add full-time employees during the next six months," Landry added.

Opportunities are still available for men and women who like to work with their hands – and minds – transforming the real estate landscape.

"We have a hard time finding people – come on down," said Jack Love, who teaches bricklayers at the International Masonry Institute Detroit Metropolitan Masonry Joint Apprentice Training Center.

Ron Conrad, director of Detroit Carpenters Apprenticeship School, echoed those sentiments.

"There's lots of opportunity, lots of room for advancement," he said. "It's easy to break in if you have a good work ethic."

"Last year was probably the best year in the trades," added Paul Logsdon, painting apprentice instructor. "I expect a tremendous amount of work in spring."

How to apply, page F2

■ 'We have a hard time finding people – come on down.'

Jack Love
International Masonry Institute Detroit Metropolitan Masonry Joint Apprentice Training Center

■ 'There's lots of opportunity, lots of room for advancement. It's easy to break in if you have a good work ethic.'

Ron Conrad
Detroit Carpenters Apprenticeship School

Some trades are more difficult to get into than others.

"We get about 3,500 applicants a year and take about 200," said Mike Hogan, training director at the Electrical Industry Training Center.

Consequently, electrical worker apprentices typically are a little older, in their mid 20s. But persistence pays off.

"We have people who have applied three or four times," Hogan said. "They'll come back and tell the committee they've done certain things – taken a math class, worked in the field as an electrician's helper. Those things help."

"It's highly competitive, but not difficult to get in if you have the right tools," said Carl Schroeder, director of training at the Plumbing Industry Training Center.

"Take college prep (courses)," he advised. "All trades are heavy in math."

Union-sponsored apprentices earn more than $10 per hour to start – well above minimum wage – and receive periodic pay increases.

Tom Sheehy of Livonia is four years into a five-year electrical apprenticeship. He enjoys manual labor and the variety of his work.

"You see something different all the time," Sheehy said. "You're never doing the same thing – at least not very long. There's so much activity happening."

William White of Commerce is almost finished with his four-year iron workers apprenticeship.

"It's worked out real well," he said. "The money isn't bad at all. For what I put in, you can't beat it."

Al Chamberlain is in his second year as a bricklayer apprentice. "I like being outside. At the end of the day, you can see what you accomplished."

Edward A. Abbott, coordinator of the Iron Workers Apprenticeship School, said he has a college degree and a journeyman's card.

"I've been in the trade now 16 years," he said. "I chose to do this. Everyone is not made to sit behind a desk, work on a computer or be in a sales position."

Abbot's advice to someone who might be interested in erecting the iron skeletons of buildings? "They need to have some decent math skills. Take some welding courses, blueprint reading."

The Associated Builders & Contractors, non-union, merit-based shops, sponsors an evening apprenticeship program where anyone who meets general requirements – 18, high school or GED grad – is admitted.

Candidates pay tuition for training there. Four-year apprenticeships are offered in electrical, carpentry, plumbing and sheet metal.

"Classes fill up quickly," said Kathy Misiakowski, director of education for Associated Builders & Contractors. "Because we have a membership list, there's always a need for apprentices. You have to sell yourself, like any job market."

■ 'It's highly competitive, but not difficult to get in if you have the right tools.'

Carl Schroeder
Plumbing Industry Training Center

Expect to get great service on mortgage

HOMELOAN UPDATE.COM



DAVID C. MULLY

The last couple of years, rates were dropping and lenders were swamped with customers refinancing to the lower rates. This year, rates have stabilized.

Lenders will be hungrier for your business. If you don't get great service from one lender, move on to the next one.

Ask for a loan officer experienced with "purchase mortgages" not just "refinance mortgages" Purchase mortgages require more knowledge of property guidelines and more interaction with Realtors and builders.

Expect: a quick response to your phone calls, a willingness to meet at your convenience, as much time as you need to go over your mortgage options, pre-qualifying you for your requested loan amount, being available for you during your entire home shopping period, providing you upfront with a complete fee/cost breakdown of your expected closing cost (Good faith estimate RESPA), updated interest rate quotes whenever you like, an official letter for your Realtor or builder on your mortgage qualifications, completing the process once you find your new home, keeping all interested parties informed of your mortgage process and pending closing, giving you another complete cost breakdown of fees prior to your closing (compare to your original good faith estimate).

A lender that does not offer a particular loan program will not recommend it. If you have another program in mind that they are not offering, ask them why.

Just because someone has told you that a mortgage program is best for you does not mean this is true, especially if that someone is not an experienced mortgage professional.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Detroit, provides mortgage rate updates and useful information daily for consumers who are shopping for home financing in Michigan. For daily lender updates, go to www. MortgageDetroit.com. Mully is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association and the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mortgagedetroit. com

SAW & HAMMER

Top markets for single family building permits issued during 1999

City	No. of permits
Atlanta	48,071
Phoenix	38,401
Chicago	28,662
Washington,DC	28,529
Dallas	22,843
Houston	22,184
Las Vegas	21,823
Riverside, CA	18,805
Minneapolis	18,319
Charlotte, NC	17,546

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

For the Best Home Buys in your Hometown, Check the Sunday and Thursday Real Estate Section.

HOME Of The WEEK

CHARMING COLONIAL IN QUARTON LAKE ESTATES! A rare opportunity for total privacy in a fabulous family neighborhood. You can walk to Quarton Elementary school. Windows everywhere that let gorgeous views become part of you decorating scheme. Perennial gardens abound in completely fenced yard. Weekly maintenance provided for gardens for 2000 season. Huge swimming pool will be completely renovated including extensive concrete apron and steps as soon as weather permits.

$825,000

Max Broock Realtors, Inc. (248) 644-6700



HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 25 - 29, 1999, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
952 Bloomfield Vlg Blvd $73,000
3612 Camden Ct $213,000
40 Earl Ct $103,000
2675 Hatton Rd $124,000
3203 Henrydale St $139,000
3818 Hillsdale Dr # 73 $254,000
3630 Lapeer Rd $80,000
3630 Lapeer Rd $81,000
3178 Oxford W $288,000
3403 Oxford W $288,000
732 Provincetown Rd $138,000

Clarkston
6715 Andersonville Rd $100,000
8150 Ashare Ct $325,000
7154 Bluewater Dr $157,000
11205 Cedar Cove Ln $19,000
9700 Dixie Hwy $500,000
8401 Foster Rd $200,000
6342 Heron Park Way $250,000
4730 Meadowbrook Ave $191,000
9990 Oak Valley Dr $120,000
6852 Oakhurst Rdg Rd $400,000
6620 Ridgewood Ct $414,000
4976 Spring Meadow Dr $256,000
9467 Thornhill Dr $537,000

Commerce Township
2211 Applebrook Dr $312,000
2420 Baltimore Ct $290,000
3258 Benstein Rd $142,000
4616 Benstein Rd $161,000
1555 Carthage $197,000
8701 Cooley Lake Rd $235,000
4079 Cumberland Ct $251,000
1851 Dogwood Trl $300,000
505 Farr St $140,000
2029 Golfcrest Dr $230,000
5074 Greenview Dr $255,000
3380 Heatherwood Dr $50,000
5013 Knollcrest Ct $304,000
8447 Lagoon St $163,000
421 Low Bank Ct $65,000
5850 Lynne Hollow Dr $430,000
3285 Mapledale St $254,000
5470 Mill Race Way $65,000
5261 Riverwalk Trl $65,000
2005 Rob Rdg $273,000
3080 Roselawn St $42,000
2820 Tall Pines Way $170,000
9175 Tanbay St $205,000
3743 Thomas Ct $174,000
3103 W Ridge Ct $268,000
235 Winslow Cir $239,000
267 Winslow Cir $221,000
300 Winslow Cir $232,000

Davisburg
11321 Andersonville Rd $142,000
12278 Windcliff $197,000

Grand River
32523 Grand River Ave $7,000
23030 Hawthorne A101 $108,000
22843 Hayden St $163,000
21120 Meadowlark St $185,000
33215 Oakland Ave $170,000
34027 Oakland St $243,000

Farmington Hills
22361 Atlantic Pointe $110,000
37687 Avon Ln $270,000
23372 Barfield St $133,000
27491 Bridle Hills Dr $214,000
22314 Cape Cod Way $111,000
25236 Carollton Dr $297,000
25090 Castlereigh Dr $243,000
30745 Cntry Rdg Cr $428,000
30941 Cntry Rdg Cr $3,500,000
36280 Fredrcksbrg Rd $256,000
29615 Greening St $169,000
28838 Lincolnview Dr $205,000
30646 Maplewood Cir $269,000
29668 Meadow Rdg S $216,000
23150 Mission Ln $377,000
38653 Mystic Ct $318,000
38669 Mystic Ct $382,000
21516 Oxford Ave $150,000
21796 Parker St $131,000
29110 Ramblewood Dr $234,000
25570 Ranchwood Dr $305,000
36913 Ridgedale Ct $166,000
21234 Saint Francis St $89,000
38282 Saratoga Cir $213,000
29576 Sierra Point Cir $195,000
30219 Southampton Ln $266,000
24119 Tana Ct $185,000
30042 W 12 Mile #54 $90,000
24483 Walden Woods $230,000
28829 Wilton Dr $300,000
27224 Winterset Cir $294,000
38315 Wynmar $170,000

Franklin
30055 Cheviot Hills Dr $350,000
30133 Cheviot Hills Dr $675,000

Keego Harbor
1607 Cass Lake Rd # B $100,000
1617 Cass Lake Rd # D $86,000
3066 Moss St $98,000
2932 Nagle Ct $114,000

Lake Orion
151 Burnlah Ln $336,000
384 Coats Rd $56,000
3807 Kaeleaf Rd $393,000
231 Lookout Ln $130,000
198 Morgan Hl $196,000
435 Newton Dr $159,000
3968 Red Root Rd $331,000
925 Ridgeview Cir $50,000
1219 Ridgeview Cir $251,000
1126 River Valley Dr $265,000
167 Summer St $110,000
3141 Sunnyside Ct $80,000
2626 Wildwood Ct $91,000

Lathrup Village
18464 Coral Gables Ave $162,000
27735 E California $202,000
17540 Rainbow Dr $169,000
18140 Redwood Ave $177,000

Novi
23320 Argyle St $492,000
23517 Argyle St $491,000
24325 Bashian Dr $106,000
44750 Bayview Dr #38 $126,000
43490 Bennington Dr $345,000
22174 Chase Dr $390,000
45720 Galway Dr $292,000
47450 Iroquois Ct $115,000
24141 Nilan Dr $175,000
30818 Palmer Dr $251,000
42591 Park Ridge Rd $199,000
22859 Penton Rise Ct $340,000
44942 Roundview Dr $332,000
44000 Settlers Crk Ct $303,000
44090 Settlers Crk Ct $290,000
2117 W Lake Dr $275,000

Oakland Township
3561 Magnolia Ct $649,000

Orchard Lake
3929 Shady Beach Blvd $129,000

Orion Township
2565 Mueller Rd $139,000
1701 W Silverbell Rd $151,000

Oxford
958 Coats Rd $45,000
949 Crestmoor Dr $255,000
864 Inverness Dr $46,000
1847 John Paul Ct $302,000
8 Lakeville Ct $123,000
701 Markwood Dr $80,000
3020 Mullins Ct $137,000
4310 Ramsey Rd $210,000
1127 Somerville Dr $191,000

Rochester
4545 Ascot Ct $113,000
3914 Briarbrooke Ln $210,000
1170 Churchill Cir $235,000
1182 Churchill Cir $222,000
1514 Ford Ct # 36 $275,000
120 Griggs St $135,000
3180 Hixon Rd $221,000
4133 Holly Ln $324,000
5757 Lochmoor Ct $830,000
316 Lone Pine Cir $323,000
350 Lone Pine Cir $323,000
3246 Lynhurst Ct $220,000
409 Miller Ave #101 $86,000
1156 Miners Run $90,000
1168 Miners Run $90,000
1173 Miners Run Lot46 $90,000
966 Pine Needle Trl $930,000
1270 Putnam Cir $341,000
632 Quarter St $107,000
3102 Silverbrook Dr $220,000
1205 W University Dr $480,000
530 Wyngate Dr $286,000

Rochester Hills
3568 Alida Ave $110,000
517 Apple Hill Ln $265,000
561 Arlington Dr $210,000
200 Bedlington Dr $275,000
2054 Belle Vernon Dr $207,000
905 Bolinger St $175,000
516 Buttercup Dr $376,000
1978 Carter Rd $290,000
1615 Crossbow Ct $621,000
2283 Crystal Dr $170,000
46353 Dequindre Rd $150,000
3081 Devondale Rd $130,000
1484 Gracedale Dr $243,000
3246 Greenwood St $118,000
51 Grosse Pines Dr $400,000
958 Hillsborough Dr $251,000
1667 Hillside Ln $229,000
950 Langley Rd $265,000
601 Lehigh Rd $180,000
793 Lockmoore Ct $245,000
95 Manor Way $120,000
1822 Marlowe Ave $133,000
948 Norcross Dr $316,000
988 Norcross Dr $325,000
1837 Old Homestead Dr $347,000
3024 Primrose Dr $207,000
835 Ravine Terrace $150,000
2959 Saint Clair St $119,000
490 Shortridge Ave $145,000
3598 Sleepy Fox Dr $405,000
898 Snowmass St $325,000
44 Stratford Ln $150,000
2178 Walton Blvd $98,000
973 Wexford Way $136,000
763 Whitney Dr $217,000

Southfield
18480 Adrian St $174,000
29445 Ashley Ct $190,000
29885 Brentwood St $150,000
25228 Briarbank Ave $195,000
28830 Brooks Ln $196,000
21285 Constitution St $204,000
21074 Dartmouth Dr $191,000
25160 Edgemont Dr $211,000
17201 Evans St $186,000
16135 Fairview Cres $166,000
25350 Farmbrook Rd $85,000
25661 Lahser Rd $50,000
25661 Lahser Rd $62,000
24225 Lathrup Blvd $170,000
23195 Laurel Valley $285,000
20952 Mada Ave $118,000
19051 Magnolia St $109,000
28466 Marshall St $73,000
28530 Marshall St $24,000
17349 Park Ln $185,000
15600 Pennsylvania St $183,000
22269 Poinciana St $110,000
22012 Rougewood Dr $201,000
22750 Shevington Dr $305,000
22750 Shevington Dr $305,000
18938 Silvercrest St $151,000
27300 Spring Arbor Dr $123,000
17288 Sunnybrook Dr $106,000
22767 Timberline Dr $324,000
22660 Twycknghm Wy $119,000
28902 Walnut Grove Ln $198,000
29131 Wellington Rd E $122,000

Sylvan Lake
1356 Avondale St $139,000

Troy
5785 Algonquin Dr $590,000
386 Belle Meade Rd $443,000
41 Biltmore Dr $115,000
5373 Breeze Hill Dr $151,000
1677 Caliper Dr $264,000
5122 Crowfoot Dr $268,000
1515 Delta Dr $310,000
105 Forthton Dr $82,000
90 Hampshire Dr $220,000
3322 Harmony Dr $195,000
3018 Henhawk Dr $208,000
855 Keaton Dr $265,000
121 Larchwood Dr $218,000
5848 Larkins Dr $197,000
336 Leetonia Dr $265,000
1516 Muer Dr $128,000
2324 Paris Dr $160,000
1712 Pinoak Ct $260,000
2842 Rhodes Dr $153,000
3907 Ruthland Dr $194,000
1156 Shallowdale Dr $230,000
4302 Stonehenge Ct $275,000
1222 Stonetree Dr $200,000
3301 Talbot Dr $123,000
6583 Tamarack $430,000
72 Telford $382,000
1133 Vermont Dr $139,000
2851 Whitehall Dr $275,000

Walled Lake
130 Chestnut Rdg $213,000
2137 Hidden Mdws Dr $123,000
875 S Pontiac Trl #B308 $81,000

Waterford
3881 Anoka Dr $146,000
6360 Barker Ave $132,000
2710 Bender Ave $108,000
2556 Bonita Dr $170,000
4061 Cass Elizabeth Rd $80,000
2903 Chevrolet St $20,000
5675 Clinton River Dr $153,000
1868 Colonial Vlg Wy#4 $58,000
620 Cove View Dr $160,000
61 Gateway Dr $90,000
4421 Island View Dr $550,000
761 Lakeside Dr $166,000
5946 Loch Leven Dr $144,000
4374 Louella Dr $124,000
938 Marvell St $132,000
1314 Muskingum Dr $172,000
1123 Myrtle Dr $84,000
1374 N Cass Lake Rd $109,000
2700 Newberry Rd $113,000
2184 Old Lane Dr $135,000
3018 Orangegrove Rd $330,000
186 Oshawa Cir $134,000
1004 Parkway St $116,000
100 Pine Tree Rdg Dr $117,000
30 Pine Tree Rdg Dr #3 $119,000
1000 Premont Ave $116,000
391 Quail Ridge Ct $50,000
7835 Rookery Blvd $50,000
93 S Ascot St $116,000
71 S Cass Lake Rd $160,000
6365 Saline Dr $115,000
3530 Sashabaw Rd $60,000
5436 Savoy Dr $160,000
32 W End St $62,000
5584 Walling Dr $121,000
393 Waterfall Ridge Ct $50,000
85 Willow Way $99,000

West Bloomfield
4434 Apple Valley Ln $360,000
7394 Azalea Ct $179,000
2714 Bay Dr $110,000
7134 Buena Vista Ct $430,000
5636 Carol Ct $130,000
4066 Chablis St $255,000
4170 Crestdale Ave $155,000
6716 Dandison Blvd $115,000
2571 Empire Dr $149,000
4166 Forbush Ave $110,000
2916 Greenbrooke Ln $295,000
6460 Hermana Rd $142,000
2870 Lakewoods Ct $720,000
6294 Lindsay Ct $340,000
6510 Noble $260,000
4569 Northridge Ct $102,000
7126 Pebble Park $178,000
7400 Pebble Pointe $168,000
6971 Pebblecrk Wds Dr $269,000
2622 Pine Ridge Rd $191,000
5304 Pond Bluff Dr $326,000
7000 Portpool St $185,000
5180 Rock Run $163,000
2052 S Hmmnd Lk Rd $390,000
5095 Shenandoah Ct $270,000
5877 Three Ponds Ct $270,000
7010 Timberview Trl $320,000
2830 Treyburn Ln $360,000
2865 Treyburn Ln $275,000
4894 Walnut Creek Dr $340,000
7245 White Oak Dr $270,000
6307 Wildwood Ln $406,000
7335 Willow Oak Dr $227,000

White Lake
9345 Buckingham St $144,000
11365 Diana Ct $179,000
915 Mallock St $142,000
8860 Tackles Dr $120,000

Wolverine Lake
2350 Darnell St $134,000
1607 S Commerce Rd $85,000

Here's how to get started in building trades

Here's a brief summary of how to get into some major building-related apprenticeship programs sponsored by Management and Unions Serving Together.

For a free copy of a booklet with details on all the building trades, call MUST at (313) 964-2662.

Information also is included below on how to get involved in tuition-paid apprenticeships provided by Associated Builders & Contractors.

■ **Electrician** – Electrical Industry Training Center, 32100 Utica Road, Fraser; (810) 293-6600.

Requirements: 18 years of age, high school/ GED graduate with a minimum one year of algebra.

How to apply: Pick up application in person 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first working Monday of every month at the training center.

Bring picture ID and know Social Security number. Completed application and official high school transcript must be returned (can be mailed) within 30 days.

Selection process: Basic math and reading aptitude test given to all who meet basic qualifications 3 months after they apply.

If pass test, interview granted. Score on interview determines place on rolling eligibility list. Hundreds currently on list, 20 selected from top of list for each new class formed as determined by workload.

Individual score good for 2 years. May re-interview after one year if take additional classes or gain work experience.

Training: five-year program. 2 days per month at training center, the rest on job site daily.

Starting base pay: Effective June 4, beginning apprentice $12.00 per hour; journeymen, $30.01.

■ **Plumber** – Plumbing Industry Training Center, 531 E. Seven Mile, Detroit; (313) 891-5755.

Requirements: 18, high school/ GED grad, valid driver's license.

Application/ selection process: Application available at the school/ Plumbers Local 98 in Detroit 9 a.m. to noon weekdays. Completed applications accepted 9 a.m. to noon the third Monday of the month.

Test follows in mechanical and numerical reasoning when a new class is to form. Those who pass, receive an interview and are ranked on an eligibility list from which apprentices are selected when classes begin, usually in March and September.

If not selected, must start application process again.

Training: five-year program. Eight hours twice a month at the school, the remainder on the job.

Starting base pay: Apprentices, $13.04, journeymen, $28.88.

■ **Carpenter** – Detroit Carpenters Apprenticeship School, 1401 Farrow, Ferndale; (248) 541-2740.

Requirements: 17, high school/ GED grad, valid driver's license and pass drug screen test.

Application/ selection process: Application materials available 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at the school. Bring your birth certificate, Social Security card and diploma.

Candidates, who will be given a list of contractors and referrals, must find someone who will hire them. They can start work immediately and formally begin apprenticeship school quarterly.

Training: 4-year program. Eight hours every other week at the school, the remainder on the job.

Starting base pay: Apprentices, $10.60 per hour, journeymen, $22.68.

■ **Bricklayer** – International Masonry Institute Detroit Metropolitan Masonry Joint Apprenticeship Training Center, 21031 Ryan, Warren; (810) 757-6668.

Requirements: 18, 2 years of high school or GED grad, resident of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Monroe county, valid driver's license.

Application/ selection process: Applications available and may be filled out 9 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of every month at the school.

$20 required as applicant's share for mechanical aptitude test issued every 3 months through Macomb Community College. Next test date April.

Those who pass come in for interview and placed on eligibility list based on test score and interview. School usually selects 2 candidates for pre-apprentice training school every other week.

Training; 12-week pre-apprenticeship training, 40 hours per week at the school, then 3-year program, most on job site.

Starting base pay: Apprentices, $13.16, journeymen $23.92. $50 per week for pre-apprenticeship training.

■ **Painter** – Painters Apprenticeship School, 1191 E. 10 Mile, Madison Heights; (248) 548-0090.

Requirements: 18, high school/ GED grad, no color blindness or aversion to heights.

Application/ selection process: Go in person to Painter's District Council 22, 22655 S. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park, (248) 399-5775, during business hours where a list of union painting contractors will be made available.

Candidates on their own must find someone who will hire them, at which time they will be sent back to the district council to join the union and from there admitted to the apprenticeship school.

Training: 3-year program. Credit given for previous experience. 4 hours per week at the apprenticeship school on their own time, the remainder paid on the job.

Starting base pay: Apprentices, $10.70 per hour; journeymen $21.39 hourly.

■ **Iron worker** – Iron Workers Apprenticeship School, 32121 Schoolcraft, Livonia, (734) 421-1050.

Requirements: 18, high school/ GED, pass a physical exam and drug screening.

Application/ selection process: Periodically announces short (few days) application window where candidates obtain and complete applications at school.

For 4-year program, most recently done in December and probably won't be done again until the end of the year. For 3-year, pre-engineering materials program, April application period expected. Call school periodically for details.

Selection strictly by lottery system.

Training: 2 days a month at the school, the rest on the job.

Starting base pay: For 4-year program, apprentices $11.79, journeymen, $23.57. For 3-year program, apprentices $10.63, apprentices $18.

■ **Associated Builders & Contractors**, 25229 Dequindre, Madison Heights; (248) 399-6460. Apprenticeships available in electrical, carpentry, plumbing and sheet metal work.

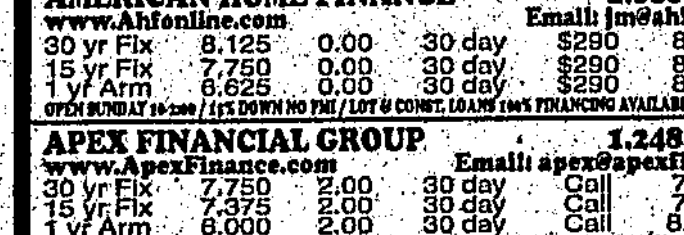
Requirements: 18, high school/ GED grad.

Application/ selection process: Candidates who meet requirements are admitted to program. Classes run September-April.

Training: 4-year program. Classes offered evenings 3 hours per night Mondays/ Wednesdays or Tuesdays/ Thursdays.

Tuition: Ranges from about $1,000-$1,300 per school year.

Subdivision featured every Sunday
in the Eccentric New Homes section



Daily Reports on Rates, Programs and Market Conditions – Online – All the Time!

TERM	RATE	PTS	LOCK	FEES	APR*
AMERICAN HOME FINANCE 1.888.424.1940 www.Ahfonline.com Email: jm@ahfonline.com					
30 yr Fix	8.125	0.00	30 day	$290	8.375 apr
15 yr Fix	7.750	0.00	30 day	$290	8.000 apr
1 yr Arm	8.625	0.00	30 day	$290	8.184 apr
OPEN SUNDAY 10-2:00 / 5% DOWN NO PMI / LOT & CONST. LOANS 100% FINANCING AVAILABLE / EQUITY LOANS					
APEX FINANCIAL GROUP 1.248.273.4000 www.ApexFinance.com Email: apex@apexfinance.com					
30 yr Fix	7.750	2.00	30 day	Call	7.982 apr
15 yr Fix	7.375	2.00	30 day	Call	7.781 apr
1 yr Arm	8.000	2.00	30 day	Call	8.810 apr
100% PURCHASE / WE SPECIALIZE IN FHA & VA LOAN PROGRAMS					
BAY POINTE MORTGAGE CORP. 1.888.LOAN.099 www.BayPointemtg.com Email: Baypte@msn.com					
30 yr Fix	7.875	2.00	50 day	$0	8.12 apr
15 yr Fix	7.375	2.00	50 day	$0	7.76 apr
7 yr Balloon	7.625	2.00	30 day	$0	8.07 apr
Look NOW 84 rates go up! 100% Purchase Loans No Upfront Fees! / FREE Pre-Approval / Visit Our Web Site					
CREATIVE MORTGAGE FUNDING 1.877.542.9600 www.CreativeMtg.com Email: blaise@creativemtg.com					
30 yr Fix	8.500	0.00	40 day	$0	8.549 apr
15 yr Fix	8.250	0.00	40 day	$0	8.299 apr
1 yr COFI	4.950	0.00	40 day	$0	TBD apr
CALL US WITH YOUR BEST WRITTEN OFFER & WE WILL BEAT THAT DEAL					
FIRST ALLIANCE MORTGAGE CO. 1.800.292.7357 www.FirstAlliance.com Email: info@firstalliance.com					
30 yr Fix	7.750	2.00	30 day	$295	8.223 apr
15 yr Fix	7.375	2.00	30 day	$295	7.798 apr
1 yr Arm	6.250	2.00	30 day	$295	8.610 apr

•NO INCOME VERIFICATION SPECIALIST
•FAST CLOSINGS/CASH FAST
•WE SAY YES WHEN THE BANK SAYS NO
•FHA-GOVERNMENT SPECIALIST!
"Open 7 days a week"
SEE OUR AMERITECH YELLOW PAGES DISPLAY

FIRST FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORP. 1.248.347.7440
www.FirstLoans.net Email: mikegrnley@firstloans.net
ATTENTION SENIORS 62 YRS. AND OLDER
A Reverse Mortgage Allows You To:
Improve Your Standard of Living / Repair Your Home
Pay Off Debts / Remain Independent
NO QUALIFICATIONS NO CREDIT HISTORY
NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS EVER!

TERM	RATE	PTS	LOCK	FEES	APR*
FLAGSTAR BANK 1.888.LOAN.FSB (562.6372) www.Flagstar.com Email: flagstarbanking@banking.com					
30 yr Fix	8.500	0.00	30 day	$350	8.548 apr
15 yr Fix	7.875	0.00	30 day	$350	8.073 apr
1 yr Arm	6.625	1.00	50 day	$350	8.566 apr
3 yr Arm	7.625	0.00	50 day	$350	8.024 apr
NO INCOME VERIFICATION LOANS / NO MONEY DOWN-NO MORTGAGE INSURANCE-NO CLOSING COSTS* *CALL FOR DETAILS**					
GOLDEN RULE MORTGAGE 1.800.991.9922 www.GoldenRuleMortgage.com Email: jewen71341@aol.com					
30 yr Fix	7.625	1.750	30 day	$0	7.869 apr
15 yr Fix	7.250	1.750	30 day	$0	7.548 apr
1 yr Arm	5.500	1.250	30 day	$0	7.587 apr
MAINSTREET MORTGAGE 1.800.900.1313					
30 yr Fix	8.125	0.00	30 day	$300	8.19 apr
15 yr Fix	7.875	0.00	30 day	$300	7.97 apr
1 yr Arm	7.375	0.00	30 day	$300	7.43 apr
3/1 Arm	7.500	0.00	30 day	$300	7.65 apr
5/1 Arm	7.625	0.00	30 day	$300	7.78 apr
PLEASE CALL FOR JUMBO RATES / ZERO COST LOANS AVAIL. BRUISED CREDIT NO PROBLEM. EVE. & WEEKEND APTS. AVAIL.					
MONUMENT MORTGAGE INC. 1.800.887.7662 www.FiNet.com					
30 yr Fix	8.125	0.00	60 day	$300	8.24 apr
15 yr Fix	7.750	0.00	60 day	$300	7.89 apr
1 yr Arm	7.000	0.00	60 day	$300	8.48 apr
5/1 Arm	8.000	0.00	60 day	$300	8.48 apr
30 yr Jumbo	8.625	0.00	60 day	$300	8.79 apr
15 yr Jumbo	8.375	0.00	60 day	$300	8.58 apr
ASK ABOUT FLOAT DOWNS AND 3% DOWN PROGRAMS / LOWEST RATES & FEE'S / PERSONAL SERVICE / BAD CREDIT ? NO PROBLEM WITH SUFFICIENT EQUITY / OPEN M - F and WEEKENDS/ VISIT US @ www.FiNet.com					
OLD KENT BANK (MORTGAGE) 1.734.354.4350 Email: Elizabet.C.Lundy@OldKent.com					
30 yr Fix	8.500	0.00	30 days	$250	8.61 apr
1 yr ARM*	5.625	0.00	20 days	$250	7.62 apr
3/1 Arm	7.750	0.00	20 days	$250	7.90 apr
5/1 Arm	8.000	0.00	20 days	$250	8.27 apr
*1 YR ARM RATE IS EFFECTIVE FOR LOAN AMOUNTS UP TO $750,000					
PRUEDENTIAL MORTGAGE 1.800.772.6101 Email: prumtg@mediaone.net Open 7 Days CALL NOW !!!					
30 yr Fix	8.000	0.375	30 day	ZERO	8.068 apr
15 yr Fix	7.625	0.375	30 day	ZERO	7.728 apr
GOOD CREDIT BONUS / CALL NOW!!! ZERO DOWN AVAILABLE / GREAT RATES-LOWER COSTS / NO APPLICATION FEE !!					
ROCK FINANCIAL 1.800.308.3562 www.RockLoans.com Fast Approval with our "Rocket Loan"!					
30 yr Fix	8.500	0.000	45 day	$300	8.604 apr
15 yr Fix	8.125	0.000	45 day	$300	8.282 apr
1 yr Arm	7.875	0.375	45 day	$300	9.114 apr
3 yr Arm	8.125	0.625	45 day	$300	9.306 apr
5 yr Arm	8.125	0.750	45 day	$300	8.817 apr
Call Today to find out about our Zero Down Home Loans. You don't need a Down Pmt. to buy the Home of your Dreams! Even if your Credit is not Perfect!					
STANDARD FEDERAL BANK 1.800.HOME.800 or 1.800.643.9600 www.StandardFederalBank.com					
30 yr Fix	7.875	2.00	45 day	$300	8.170 apr
15 yr Fix	7.500	2.00	45 day	$300	7.958 apr
1 yr Arm	6.125	2.00	45 day	$300	8.903 apr
5/25 Balloon	7.250	2.00	45 day	$300	7.932 apr
7/23 Balloon	7.500	2.00	45 day	$300	8.032 apr
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION					

Rates/terms/apr current as of 2/29/00 may change without notice, or vary depending on loan size. Fees = Credit report/appraisal, *APR based on $100,000 loan amt., 15 day prepaid int.. Source: Mortgage Detroit, Novi, MI. LENDERS TO PARTICIPATE CALL: 1.800.794.0631

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

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.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

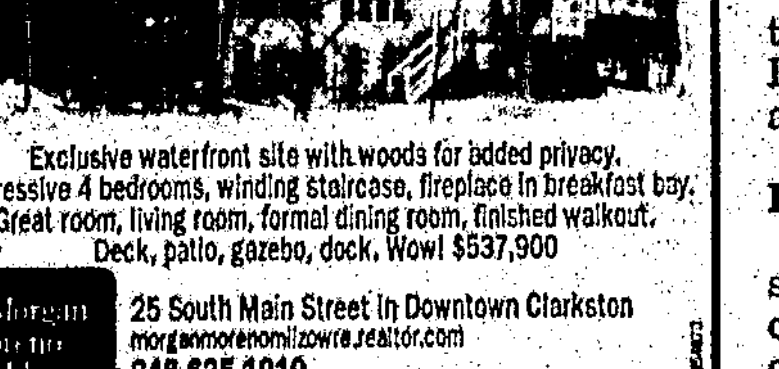
The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County sponsors a class, "Tenant Screening: Their Rights vs. Yours," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, Southgate.

Cost is $15 for non-members. Beginning landlords may receive a free newsletter by calling (313) 386-7228.

SELL HOME

Birmingham Community Education presents a class, "Selling Your Home Yourself," 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Seaholm High School, Lincoln and Cranbrook.

Cost is $10. To register, call (248) 203-3817.



Exclusive waterfront site with woods for added privacy. Impressive 4 bedrooms, winding staircase, fireplace in breakfast bay. Great room, living room, formal dining room, finished walkout. Deck, patio, gazebo, dock. Wow! $537,900

Morgan Moreno Milzow
25 South Main Street in Downtown Clarkston
morganmorenomilzowre.realtor.com
248.625.1010
MARKETING PREMIERE PROPERTIES

SELL HOME II

Matt Kenkel, associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty, and West Bloomfield Community Education sponsor a home seller's class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Orchard Lake Middle School.

Topics include setting price, target marketing, effective promotion and purchase documents.

Cost is $30. To register, call (248) 539-2290.

INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner seminar on landlord-tenant law Thursday, March 9, at the Knight of Columbus, 870 Main, Clawson.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. is $14 for everyone. The seminar at 7:30 p.m. is an additional $10 for non-members, free for members.

Speaker: Denis Monahan, attorney and real estate broker.

To register, call (800) 747-6742.

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.

Cost is $49 in advance, $79 at the door. Call Ralph Roberts Real Estate, (810) 582-5314, or any Ticketmaster outlet.

BUY/SELL CLASS

Real Estate One Farmington sponsors a free, no-obligation class for home buyers and sellers on current market trends 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275, Livonia.

Topics include financing, inspections and paperwork.

To register, call (248) 477-1111.

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.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan presents a lunch program on successful business strategies and insights into the future of on-line banking noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Andiamo West, 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

Presenter: Dan Gilbert, CEO, Quicken Loans.

Cost is $30 for members, $35 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 945-3875.

BUILDERS SHOW

The 82nd annual GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show runs Thursday-Sunday, March 23-26, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit.

Hundreds of exhibitors, including flower gardens/ arrangements, are expected. Seminars and radio broadcasts also will originate there.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Cost is $6.50 for adults, $4.50 for seniors and $4 for children 6-12. For information, call (248) 862-1019, or visit www. builders. org

Hometown Classifieds works for YOU!

"....our Help Wanted ad got over 150 calls - No exaggeration!"

J.D.C.
Livonia

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIEDS

Observer & Eccentric *It's all about you!*

Sell It In 3
or we'll run your ad 3 more times
FREE!
(Private Party Only • merchandise only, no Real Estate or Rentals)

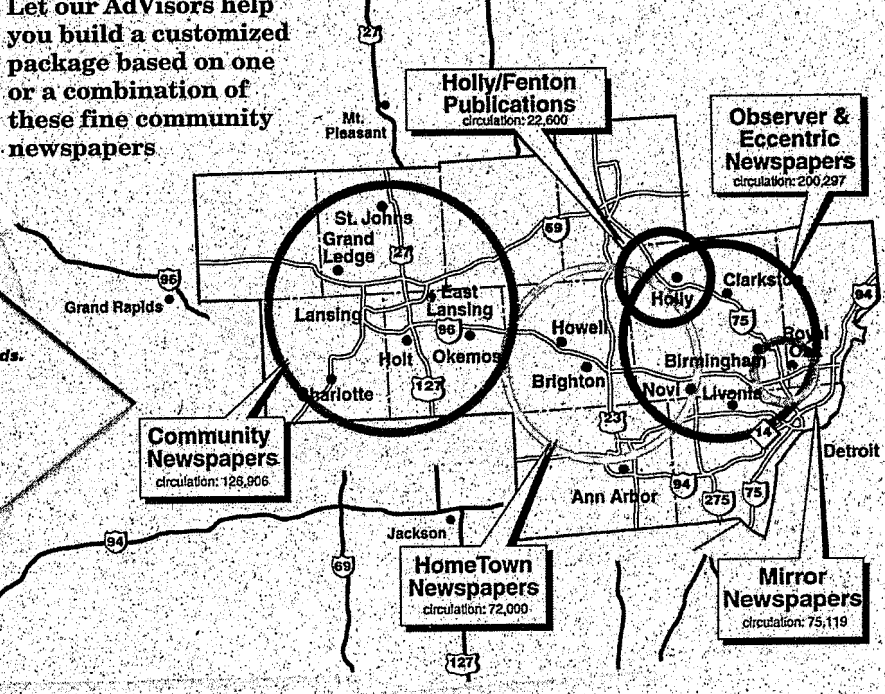
ANNOUNCEMENTS 600 AUTOMOTIVE/REC. VEHICLES 800 EMPLOYMENT/SERVICES 500 MERCHANDISE 700 REAL ESTATE 300 SERVICE GUIDE 001-245

Reach your neighbors across the street or across the state...

ONE CALL
can put you in touch with
41 NEWSPAPERS
that together reach over
496,922 HOMES!

HomeTown Classifieds Network

Let our AdVisors help you build a customized package based on one or a combination of these fine community newspapers



IT'S EASY TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD:

OAKLAND COUNTY	248-644-1070
ROCHESTER/ROCHESTER HILLS	248-852-3222
CLARKSTON, LAKE ORION	248-475-4596
WAYNE COUNTY	734-591-0900
FAX YOUR AD	734-953-2232
24 HOUR VOICE MAIL	734-591-0900

DEADLINES:
For Placing, Canceling or Correcting of Liner Ads.

Publication Day	Deadline
SUNDAY REAL ESTATE	5:00 P.M. THURSDAY
SUNDAY ISSUE:	5:00 P.M. FRIDAY
THURSDAY:	6:00 P.M. TUESDAY

Walk-In Office Hours: *Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5 pm*
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan 48150 • 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Your HomeTown Classified ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...
www.oeonline.com

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS *It's all about you!*

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Real Estate

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...
www.oeonline.com



Important Deadlines for Classifications #300's and #400's

SUNDAY ISSUE:
• Real Estate & Apartment Display ads 3:00pm Thursday
◆
• Real Estate & Apartment Liners 5:00pm Thursday

THURSDAY ISSUE:
• Real Estate Display 3:00pm Monday
◆
• Apartment Display 3:00pm Monday
◆
• Real Estate & Apartment Liners 5:00pm Tuesday

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS



Real Estate for Sale
#300-389

300 Homes

EQUAL HOUSING

HOME FORECLOSURES NO MONEY DOWN! NO CREDIT NEEDED! TAKEOVER VERY LOW PAYMENTS! 1-800-730-7772 ext. 8593 (SCA Network)

303 Open Houses

BIRMINGHAM - 2 bedroom, 1½ bath bungalow. Too many updates to list. Walking distance to Downtown. $172,000. Open Sun., 1-5pm. 1258 Ruffner. 248-644-1627

OPEN 3 / 5, 12 - 4pm. 761 S. Third, Brighton, double lot, 1986 1750sq.ft. bi-level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central air. $173,000 (810)229-6236

303 Open Houses

Canton
OPEN SAT. 1-4
6869 Brookshire
N. of Ford, E. of Lilley
2200 sq. ft. colonial in Pickwick Village. Features formal living room & dining room, family room with fireplace, 2½ baths, newer oak kitchen, 2 car attached garage. Backs to commons. Priced to sell. Immediate occupancy. For more information, call Liz Schmieder at: (313) 813-6860
COLDWELL BANKER - BAKE

CLARKSTON - Open Sun., Mar. 5, 1-4. Quad, beautiful tree line sub, 1800 sqft, finished basement, 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath, new roof/windows, above ground pool with deck, lake access, park association. No realtors. Must see! $182,000. (248) 394-1857

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday 1-4
One Brady Lane, Beverly Hills
S. of 14 Mile, E. of Lahser
Unique Opportunity!
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath single family Cape Cod style home with 2,100 sq. ft. on one acre with full basement and updated kitchen and master bath is situated in "Westwood Commons" $299,000.
Mary Ann McBroom
RE/MAX In the Village
(248) 647-6600

ROCHESTER HILLS - Beautiful, 4 bedroom, 4 bath, colonial, neutral decor, finished basement. Impeccable. $299,900. Open Sun., Noon-4pm. 248-370-8110

TROY
6714 FULTON CT.
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
NEW LISTING - Private cul-de-sac is setting for this impeccable 4 bedroom colonial. Family room w/fireplace, den, full basement, large deck with gazebo off kitchen, deep lot for children's play area. N. of Square Lake, E. of Crooks. $307,500.
JIM LEAHY
RE/MAX In the Hills
(248) 646-8606

304 Ann Arbor

CONDO - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 11x12 den, garage, private patio, wooded view, 1,382 sqft, new construction. 248-641-7342

305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM - Charming built in 1927, 1400 sq.ft., remodeling in 1994 with hardwood floors throughout, family room addition with breakfast nook attached dining room & living, kitchen has new maple cabinets and appliances, 2 bedroom, master with walk in closet, central air, humidifier, new water heater, new deck in 1999 with jacuzzi. $287,900. 248-647-0710

BIRMINGHAM LOT! 446 Park "Little San Francisco" 40' x 184' suitable for 4,000 sq. ft. home. N. of Maple, W. of Hunter $309,900. (248) 669-3838

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

305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

BINGHAM FARMS
$388,900
Sprawling 5 bedroom, 4½ bath brick ranch on beautiful wooded ravine lot. Living room w/fireplace & formal dining room. Finished walk-out lower level has family room w/2-way fireplace, exercise room & wine cellar. Central air. Many updates. Patio & deck. 2 car garage. (BR296)

BIRMINGHAM
$314,900
Prime location for recently redecorated 3 bedroom brick ranch. Living room w/fireplace, dining room & finished basement w/rec room. Florida room overlooks secluded backyard. Hardwood floors in most rooms. Deck. 2 car garage. (PL105)

BLOOMFIELD
$429,900
On nearly an acre, outstanding 2,675 sq.ft. brick ranch offers the finest amenities thru-out. Marble foyer, living room w/Italian marble fireplace, formal dining room w/built-in cabinetry & family room w/stone fireplace. Three bedrooms, including master ste w/doorwall to covered porch. Kitchen has Mutschler cabinets & nook w/doorwall to patio. Full basement. Other features include central air, central vac, wet plaster construction, crown moldings, inground sprinklers. 2 car garage. (LI723)

$269,900
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
Sharp 2,463 sq.ft. multi-level contemporary has living & dining room, family room w/fireplace, updated kitchen w/all appliances & 2½ baths. Four bedrooms, all w/hardwood floors. Patio & deck w/hot tub. 2 car garage. Many updates. Bloomfield Hills Schools. (WO697)

Century 21
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(248) 647-7321
www.century21today.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3450 sqft 4 bedroom, 2+2 baths, new wood floors in living & dining rooms, Large family room 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

BUILT IN '97 this spacious 2,750+ sq.ft. has open design w/3 or possible 4th bedroom/office, 3 full baths, features hardwood floors on main level, full granite countertops, gourmet island kitchen, marble master bath & large master suite. Professionally landscaped w/irrigation system & 2½ car garage, new deck, brick walkways. $599,000. 248-895-3090

GET RESULTS USE CLASSIFIED 734-591-0900

305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

IT'S APPEAL IS REAL
On the inside too! Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch in Franklin Village with Birmingham Schools. Newer roof and updates. Beautiful ½ acre lot with mature trees and backing to creek $254,900. (#20004469)
MARY McLEOD
RE/MAX Classic Realty
(734)432-1010, ext. 219
PAGER: (313)990-7649
www.marymcleod.com

NOT A DRIVE BY, DO COME IN!!! Updated w/hardwood floors, built-ins & neutral decor. Large rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5.5 baths, partially finished basement. Great home for entertaining. $725,000.
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
411 LINDEN
S. of Maple, W. of Southfield
Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating (248) 644-7000

306 Brighton

FABULOUS MINI ESTATE
Great buy. Built in 1995 as the builders personal residence, on a wonderful 1.5 acre lot backing to trees, this lovely Colonial features 3464 sq.ft., plus an incredible finished walkout. Martha Stewart would envy the fantastic kitchen & master bedroom suite. Warm inviting sunroom w/fireplace. Impressive great room w/fireplace. Formal dining room, library. Lots of extras- 9' ceilings on 1st floor, oak trim, hardwood floors. It's truly a "one-of-a-kind" custom built luxury home. $474,900.
ASK FOR
PHYLLIS LEMON
RE/MAX 100, Inc.
(248) 348-3000
Ext. 260

THREE BEDROOM, 2½ bath colonial, wrap-around porch, pond, woods, cul-de-sac, sprinklers, central vacuum, $219,000. (810) 229-5912

308 Canton

A GREAT
Floor plan w/ this 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Sunflower 2500+ Quad. Spacious kitchen w/ studio ceiling. Sizable family room w/gas log. Master bath. First floor laundry. Many upgrades. Private yard. $238,900.
CALL MIKE BAKER at
RE/MAX Crossroads
(734) 453-8700

BACKS TO WOODS
BETTER THAN NEW
CALL DAN MULLAN
Absolute stunning newer custom built home in newer sub. Two story foyer and soaring cathedral ceilings. First floor den and laundry, 3½ baths. Ceramic tile and loads of upgrades. 2324 sq.ft. plus full finished basement. Bay window overlooking beautiful patio and protected woodlands. Unparalleled value @$259,900. MAYFAIR REALTY (734)522-8000

COLONIAL - 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, inground pool, hot tub. New roof, furnace. Many extras. $215,000. (313) 530-5979

308 Canton

HOT HOT HOT
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/dream island kitchen w/pantry, dining room, family room w/fireplace, beautiful master suite, finished basement, garage & so much more! $294,900

Century 21
CASTELLI & LUCAS
(734) 453-4300
45500 FORD RD. - CANTON

STUNNING 4 bedroom Quad with 3 full baths, updates galore, pool, deck, $250,000. For more information call Cari Hamblin, Re/Max Preferred 313-684-3392

SUNFLOWER COLONIAL
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2700+ sq. ft. w/finished rec room, screened porch, large deck & much more! $248,000. For appointment call evenings: (734) 455-6234

309 Clarkston

AVINGTON PARK
A wonderful, private enclave of 37 home sites spred over 70 wooded acres just east off of Pine Knob Road (between Clarkston and Stickney Roads). Bring your own builder, drive by and discover this little jewel for yourself... then call us at (248) 540-4590 for further information.

BY OWNER - Lakefront, 3 bedroom colonial w/ 2.5 car garage, 2.5 baths, finished walk-out, central air, hardwood multi-level decks. $235,000. 248-625-2663

OPEN SAT. SUN. 12-5. 2400 sq. ft. ranch. $225,000. Waterford Hills Sub. 248-623-9902

312 Detroit

IF YOUR SELLING OR BUYING A HOUSE... TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL. TALK TO A REALTOR.®

314 Farmington/ Farmington Hills

ALL THE AMENITIES . . . are in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch nicely situated on a large lot overlooking pond in a convenient executive neighborhood. Spacious floor plan w/2 fireplaces, finished basement and 2 car attached garage. $324,900 (#20009694)
MARY McLEOD
RE/MAX Classic Realty
(734)432-1010, ext. 219
PAGER: (313)990-7649
www.marymcleod.com

A 2900 square foot Farmington hills jewel nestled on a treed site, Hallmarked by a sweeping staircase, stunning fireplace, wood floors, high volume ceiling, balcony fabulous finished basement. Four bedrooms plus library.
RANDAL GOODSON
Prudential Chamberlain - Stieht Realtors 248-324-3777

314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

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.

GREAT STARTER HOME!
Immediate occupancy! 3 Bedroom bungalow with hardwood floors, 1 car garage and a large backyard. All appliances stay. $94,900 (20005584).
Call Bill Law
CENTURY 21 HARTFORD
(248) 478-6000

HISTORIC GEM
Near perfect condition with all the neat touches. 4-5 bedrooms, large formal dining, stone fireplace in great room, new kitchen, superb hardwood, rec room, walk to everything. $389,000
AL VAN ACKER
RE/MAX In the Hills
(248)646-5000

HOT! HOT! HOT!
HOMES IN THE HILLS
$255,000
On beautiful 1 acre wooded parcel w/flowering trees & stream, sharp 2 story contemporary home has 2 story foyer, living room w/fireplace, dining room, family room & oak kitchen. Four bedrooms including master ste. w/walk-in-closet & glamour bath w/jetted tub & glass shower. Deck, patio, fenced yard & pool for summer fun! 2 car garage. (SP249)

$209,900
MUST SELL- MAKE OFFER
Well built 4 bedroom, 2 full bath all brick ranch on gorgeous ¾ acre lot. Spacious living room, kitchen w/breakfast room, basement, deck. 2 car garage & shed. Home is in excellent condition. Seller will paint & carpet entire home for buyer. (CL326)

$150,000
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
Super 3 bedroom, 1½ bath ranch w/partially finished basement & 2 car garage. Oak kitchen. Elementary school & swim club in sub. (MA217)

Century 21
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(248) 855-2000
www.century21today.com

ROLLING OAKS SUBDIVISION
Beautifully landscaped, 3000 sq ft colonial, located on spacious commons park, 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, finished basement, 1st floor laundry. Library built-ins. Ceramic tile foyer. Hardwood kitchen floor. Neutral tones. Bank appraised. $344,900. (248) 661-8051

317 Garden City

CLEAN, 3 bedroom ranch, semi-finished basement, central air, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, fenced yard. 734-459-8268

318 Grosse Pointe

GROSSE POINTE PARK
569 Lakepointe, Windmill Pointe Sub, elegant English Tudor, 3100 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace, finished basement. Home: (313) 331-5749 or Office: (313) 659-8203. Website: www.bool.com ID #2239.

320 Hartland

CAR BUFF DREAM
890 sq. ft. with workshop is attached to a tempting 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with island kitchen. Fenced motor home/trailer parking plus lake access. $147,900.
(248) 887-6900
FIRST AMERICAN

325 Livonia

ALL TIME FAVORITE - Brick ranch, spacious kitchen, open family room w/fireplace, basement tiled, garage, central air, 2 full baths. Immediate occupancy. N. of Six Mile between Merriman & Middlebelt. $164,900 Call OneWay Realty 248-473-5500

BONNYDALE SUB - Beautiful, 3 bedroom brick ranch, large treed lot, newer windows, 2 car attached garage, $170,000. Appointment only. 734-513-5183

KIMBERLY OAKS - beautifully maintained & neutral brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, family room with fireplace, central air, full basement, sunroom, 2 car attached garage. $174,900. (734) 513-7226

Considering a move?
Quiet country or village living only 10 minutes north of Clarkston. Homes, farms, & vacant land available. Consider the Holly area. Call Century 21 Hills & Lakes in Holly. 248-634-4475.

Holly - $179,000
Great location close to I-75!! This home has 5 bedrooms, master has deck & his/her's closet. Formal dining room has hardwood floors & fireplace. 24x24 pole barn, plus shed. Call Jennell at 248-634-4475 or 248-400-0866. Ad# 126.

Holly-Fenton Area $54,900
A LOT to Love! The perfect site for your future. This great walkout site has landscaping that is courtesy of mother nature with giant pine trees. Utilities are in and ready for you. Ad# V-154.

Holly - $224,900
Groveland Twp. Lakefront! Immaculate home on quiet Simpson Lake. Many updates including floor coverings, light fixtures, furnace, & more. Call Susan at 810-241-7459. Ad# 105.

Century 21
Hills & Lakes



300's Real Estate

303....Open Houses
304....Ann Arbor
305....Birmingham/Bloomfield
306....Brighton
308....Canton
309....Clarkston
311....Dearborn/Dearborn Hgts
312....Detroit
314....Farmington/ Farmington Hills
317....Garden City
318....Grosse Pointe
320....Hartland
321....Highland
322....Holly
323....Howell
325....Livonia
326....Milford
327....New Hudson
328....Northville
329....Novi
331....Orion Township/ Lake Orion/Oxford
333....Pinckney
334....Plymouth
335....Redford
336....Rochester/Auburn Hills
337....Royal Oak/Oak Park/ Huntington Woods
338....Salem/Salem Township
339....Southfield/Lathrup
340....South Lyon
341....Troy
342....Union Lake/White Lake
343....Waterford
344....West Bloomfield/ Orchard Lake/ Keego Harbor
345....Westland/Wayne
348....Wixom/ Walled Lake/ Commerce
349....Ypsilanti/Belleville
352....Livingston County
353....Macomb County
354....Oakland County
356....Washtenaw County
357....Wayne County
359....Lakefront/Waterfront Homes
359....Other Suburban Homes
360....Out of State Homes/Property
361....Country Homes
363....Farms/Horse Farms
364....Real Estate Services
370....New Home Builders
371....Apartments For Sale
372....Condos
373....Duplexes & Townhouses
374....Manufactured Homes
375....Mobil Homes
376....Homes Under Construction
377....Lakefront Property
378....Lake/River Resort/Property
379....Northern Property
381....Southern Property
382....Lots & Acreage/Vacant
383....Time Share
384....Lease/Option To Buy
385....Mortgage/Land Contracts
386....Money To Loan
386....Money To Borrow
387....Real Estate Wanted
388....Cemetery Lots

390-398 Commercial/ Industrial



390....Business Opportunities
391....Business & Professional Buildings For Sale
392....Commercial/Retail-Sale Or Lease
393....Income Property
394....Industrial-Sale Or Lease
395....Office Business Space-Sale Or Lease
396....Commercial /Industrial-Vacant Property
397....Investment Property
398....Land

Policy

All advertising published in The Observer & Eccentric is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the Advertising Department, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-2300. The Observer & Eccentric reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric Ad-Takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Please Check Your Ad

The Observer & Eccentric will issue credit for typographical or other errors only on the first insertion of an advertisement. If an error occurs, the advertiser must notify the Customer Service Department in time to correct the error before the second insertion.

CENTURY 21
Ameri
CENTUR



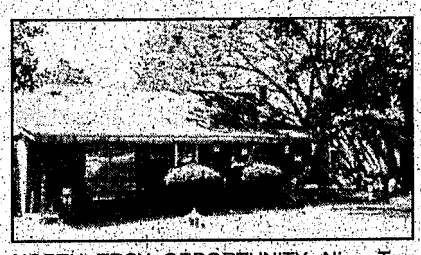
ROCHESTER HILLS. Stunning house on private treed lot in Vintage Estates. Exciting blend of sunlight, tall windows and high ceilings. Open floor plan, 2 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 4½ baths, gourmet kitchen. $459,900 (11HAV) 248-652-8000



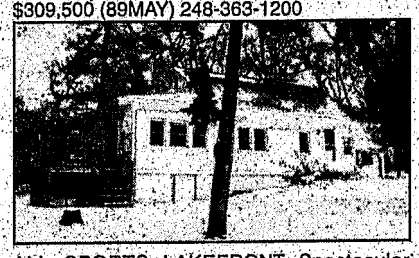
NEW CONSTRUCTION RANCH! Beautiful open contemporary sits on private approx. 2.23 acres with private pond views from every room, hardwood flooring, great neighborhood close to all schools and M-59 access. Great master suite, master bath with walk-in closet. $309,500 (89MAY) 248-363-1200



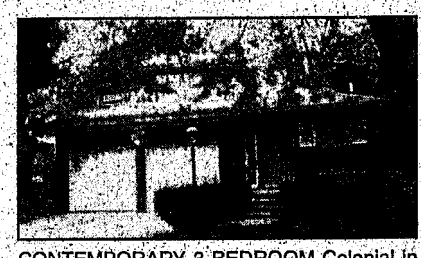
FOUR BEDROOM RANCH. New vinyl siding, updated kitchen with parquet floor, living room with natural fireplace. In-law quarters also. Must see!! $162,000 (30BRE) 248-626-8800



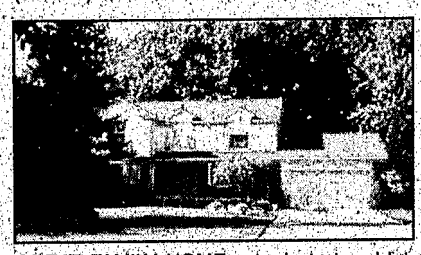
NORTH TROY OPPORTUNITY. Nice Troy 3 bedroom ranch on lots 5 and 6. Additional lot next door included (lot 4). Prime 236 ft. of Rochester Road frontage. New master plan zoned as possible medium density. $294,500 (63ROC) 248-652-8000



ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT. Spectacular sunsets. All sports lakefront. Features spacious double lot, 3 bedrooms, basement and garage plus Walled Lake schools. $293,000 (69DAN) 248-363-1200



CONTEMPORARY 3 BEDROOM Colonial in great condition. Two fireplaces, newer carpet, 2 car garage with newer door, enclosed sun porch, all on a very nice lot. Excellent house. Must see! $179,000 (18BUN) 248-626-8800



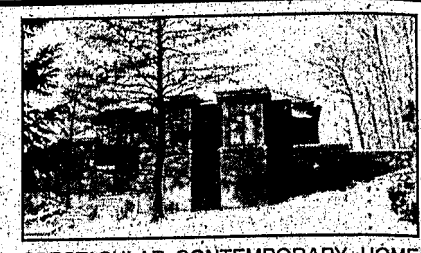
GREAT FAMILY HOME on private treed lot. Four bedrooms, 2½ baths, library, cathedral ceiling and gas fireplace, central air, spacious deck, newer roof and furnace. Rochester schools. $279,900 (37TIM) 248-652-8000



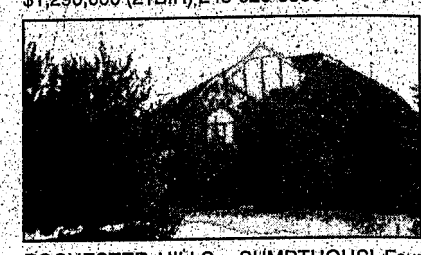
COME HOME TO THE GOOD LIFE! Brand new home in upscale development. Contemporary design with open great room, 2 master suites. $259,605 (56HER) 248-363-1200



1996 BUILT 3 bedroom, 1½ bath Colonial. Immediate occupancy! 2 car attached garage, full basement, deck off kitchen, professionally landscaped and includes appliances. Terrific value! $167,000 (16MEA) 248-626-8800



SPECTACULAR CONTEMPORARY HOME with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 lavatories. Spacious kitchen with Sub-Zero and Jenn-Air. Finished walkout with home theater system, wet bar, fireplace and much, much more. $1,290,000 (21BIR) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS - SUMPTUOUS! Four bed-rooms, 3½ baths, island kitchen, 2 story Florida room with balcony off master suite with walk-in, whirlpool. Secluded study, finished lower level, marble, premium moldings. $489,900 (97MER) 248-652-8000

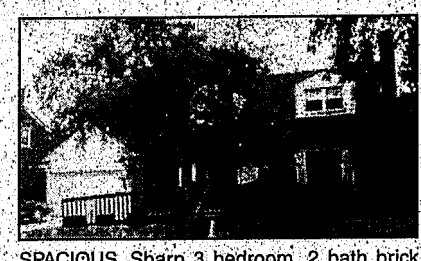
Town &



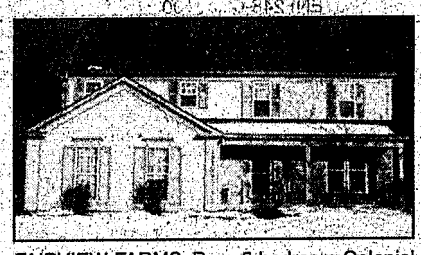
FORGET YOUR WORRIES. Relax by the warmth of the family room fireplace. Attractive 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Tudor with updates throughout. Recently landscaped, screened sun porch and deck on a large treed lot. $249,900 (56GLE) 248-652-8000



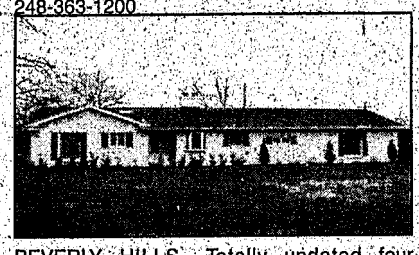
JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS for some fun since you don't have lawn maintenance on your mind! Brand new home awaits the person(s) looking for a paradise location to come home to. Contemporary and open design to decorate your way. $253,900 (14HAR) 248-363-1200



SPACIOUS. Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick bungalow with family room, dining room, den, 3 fireplaces, finished basement, garage and much more. Must see! $218,000 (18BUN) 248-626-8800



FAIRVIEW FARMS. Rare 5 bedroom Colonial on wooded lot. Spacious kitchen, family room with fireplace, newer flooring and roof. Central air, sprinklers and recently painted outside. $229,900 (54FAI) 248-652-8000



BEVERLY HILLS. Totally updated four bedroom, 3½ bath brick ranch on gorgeous lot. Huge family room, living room and kitchen. Birmingham schools. $359,900 (01MAR) 248-642-8100



THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath Colonial. Family room with fireplace, living room & screened-in porch. Partly finished basement. Hardwood floors under carpet. Two car attached garage. $174,900 (30PAR) 248-626-8800



PREMIUM SITE. Minutes to CTC and I-75. Three bedroom updated ranch with professionally finished basement with oak trim, workshop and shower, premium kitchen with built-in oven and cook top. New windows & furnace. $173,977 (73ELM) 248-652-8000



1910 VINTAGE COLONIAL IN TOWN. Many updates, upgrades and restorations. Three large bedrooms with good size closets, full bathroom in basement, 2 car garage with work shop. Appliances stay. $189,900 (30OAK) 248-652-8000



BEVERLY HILLS. Three bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod home on large lot with wonderful master suite with walk-in closet. Hardwood floors in most rooms, walk-in closets in all bedrooms, fireplace in living room, partially finished basement. Home Warranty. $299,900 (11SHE) 248-642-8100



FABULOUS CUSTOM BUILT three bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial. Large rooms. Magnificent family room with fireplace. Newer kitchen, library with built-ins. This home offers a luxurious master bedroom and much more! $272,000 (28TAV) 248-626-8800



AUBURN HILLS RANCH. Close to Palace and CTC. Nice 3 bedroom, 1½ bath with partially finished basement, large spacious rooms, new doorwall to deck overlooking large fenced yard. 2 car attached garage. Great neighborhood. $154,900 (91HEM) 248-652-8000



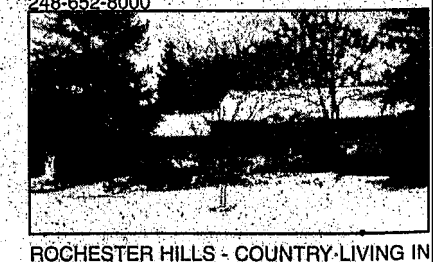
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Prepare to fall in love with this exciting custom contemporary lakefront with gorgeous sunset views of 465 acre Union Lake. Over 2,400 square feet and a walk-out basement, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths and Walled Lake schools. $539,900 (60BAR) 248-363-1200



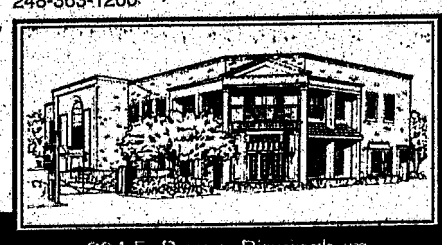
BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Four bedroom, 2½ bath brick home on large lot. Hardwood floors in bedrooms, marble floor in entrance way and Birmingham schools. Home Warranty. $274,900 (64KIN) 248-642-8100



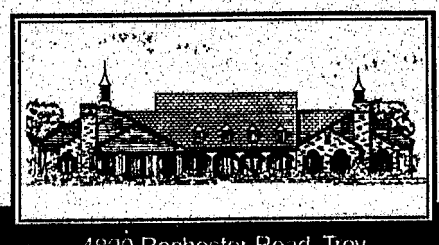
FORMER MODEL with 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. 2 story foyer, hardwood floor, big family room with extra high cathedral ceilings opens up to breakfast room and kitchen. Near golf course. $319,900 (52CHE) 248-626-8800



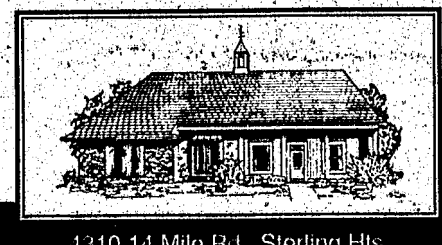
ROCHESTER HILLS - COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with many updates including vinyl siding, roof and windows. Large kitchen area, family room with fireplace on almost an acre. Many extras. $147,900 (86RUB) 248-652-8000



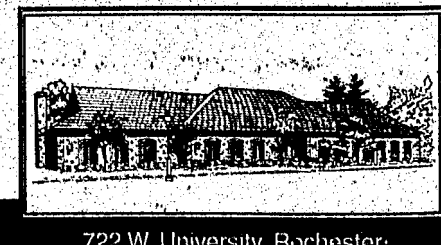
294 E. Brown, Birmingham
(248) 642-8100



4820 Rochester Road, Troy
(248) 524-1600



4310 14 Mile Rd., Sterling Hts.
(810) 939-2800



722 W. University, Rochester
(248) 652-8000

E-MAIL: c21tcrelo@aol.com Webs

• Complete Home Marketing Plan • Home Warranty Program • Local and Regional Multiple Listing Services • Full-Servi

wn & Country
ca's #1
f 21 Firm!



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Fabulous Contemporary with 2 story entry, neutral 6 bedroom, 3½ bath, finished lower level with family room, hot tub, overlooks private wooded yard. $564,523 (13SIL) 248-642-8100



TROY – Lake privileges included with this four bedroom, 2½ bath great room colonial in Emerald Lakes. Formal dining room, first floor laundry. Large deck overlooking private rear yard. Must see! $269,900 (82CHA) 248-524-1600

un 21
Country



ROCHESTER HILLS – Sharp, custom great room ranch with three bedrooms, two baths. Vaulted ceilings throughout. Solarium. Finished basement, attached garage. Hardwood floor in foyer and kitchen. $247,600 (74TEN) 248-524-1600



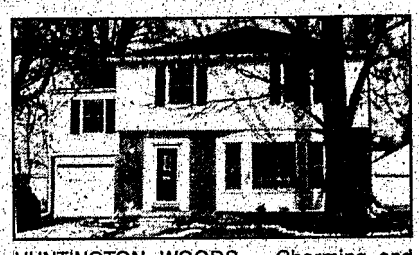
BLOOMFIELD – Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch. Family room with fireplace and vaulted ceilings, master bedroom with bath and newer windows throughout. Many updates. Birmingham schools. $229,900 (73LAH) 248-642-8100



TROY – Maintenance-free 3-4 bedroom colonial with 2½ baths, finished basement, attached garage. Living room, dining room, family room. Backs to nice open area. Walk to Troy schools. $199,900 (63DEW) 248-524-1600



TROY – Three bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial with natural fireplace in family room. Newer roof shingles, some windows, furnace, central air, garage doors and openers, dishwasher and some carpeting. Neutral. $183,900 (76REN) 248-524-1600



HUNTINGTON WOODS – Charming and updated 4 bedroom, 1½ bath Colonial with fireplace, oak kitchen with appliances, finished basement and attached garage. $229,900 (64VIC) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM – Four bedroom, 1½ bath Bungalow with hardwood floors, basement and all appliances included. $189,900 (70COL) 248-642-8100



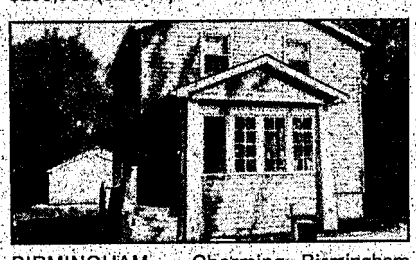
TROY – Great open floor plan in this four bedroom, 2½ bath colonial with finished basement and attached garage. Hardwood floors. Family room with cathedral ceiling and skylights. Nice deck. Troy schools. Warranty. $299,900 (32ORC) 248-524-1600



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MINT CONDITION CONTEMPORARY HOME? Look no further. Three bedrooms, 2½ baths, professional landscaped lot, central air, 2 brick paver patios, 1 year home warranty included. $234,900 (64GRA) 248-363-1200



BIRMINGHAM – Cute and fresh 2 bedroom Bungalow with updated kitchen and bath. All appliances included, newer furnace, windows, hot water heater and siding. $121,900 (71HOL) 248-642-8100



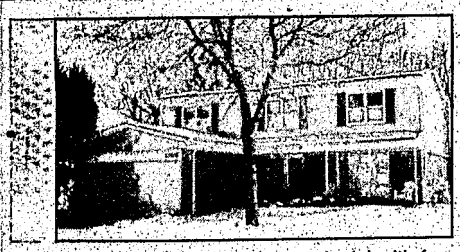
BIRMINGHAM – Charming Birmingham bungalow with hardwood floors & neutral woodwork. Newer vinyl siding. Formal dining room, basement, garage. Three bedrooms & 1½ baths. $174,900 (39HUM) 248-524-1600



CAPE COD – Cape Cod waiting for you, all appliances included, 2 car attached garage. Business opportunity. Call for more information. $225,000 (59SCH) 248-363-1200



CUSTOM BUILT – Estate on 3+ acres. 7,000 square foot colonial with walkout lower level. Cathedral ceilings in great room. Five bedrooms, 3½ baths. Zoned for horses with dense treed setting. Sauna & hot tub. In-ground pool. Gated for privacy. $824,900 (48TEN) 248-626-8800



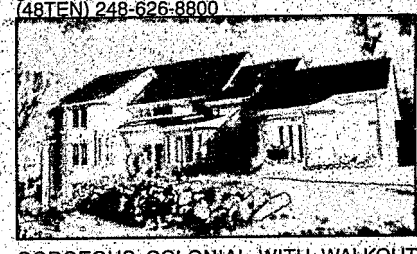
TROY – Spacious Raintree colonial with four bedrooms, 1½ baths. White kitchen, roof, furnace 1 year. Updates. Appliances included. Fenced yard backing to woods. Great home in move-in condition. $211,900 (86GLE) 248-524-1600



ROYAL OAK – This four bedroom beauty needs decor updates but has so much to offer. Four bedrooms, two full baths, full basement. Fireplace in family room and living room. Handy person's bonanza! $170,000 (06DUR) 248-524-1600



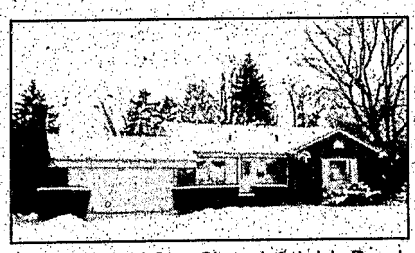
LAKEFRONT HOME ON PONTIAC LAKE – One of the best spots on the lake. Home has been completely remodeled. Two bedrooms, 1 full bath. Perfect seasonal home! $199,900 (75TAC) 248-363-1200



GORGEOUS COLONIAL WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT. Absolutely stunning home with 5 bedrooms and 4½ baths. Two master suites, marble bath and Jacuzzi. Includes a finished walkout with a second kitchen. $829,900 (55WAR) 248-626-8800



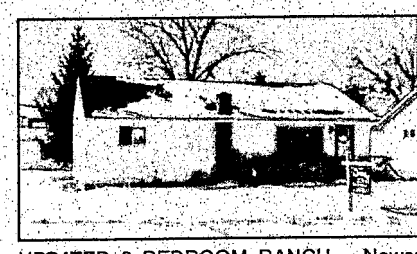
TROY – Nice three bedroom colonial in popular Beaver Trail sub. Many updates. Jacuzzi tub. Two car garage, basement. Family room with natural fireplace. Updated kitchen with ceramic floor. Patio, deck, Troy schools. $183,500 (48WIN) 248-524-1600



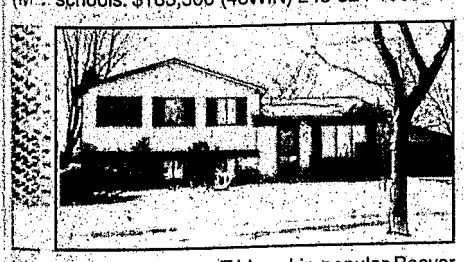
BEVERLY HILLS – Charming brick Ranch with newer kitchen and appliances. Central air, hardwood floors, coved ceilings, recessed lights and fireplace. Finished basement, Florida room and 2 car attached garage. $252,900 (55VER) 248-642-8100



LAKEFRONT RANCH CONDO – Lakefront ranch unit with warmth & charm. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, fireplace in living room, private entry, garage. Many recent updates. $154,900 (84ASH) 248-363-1200



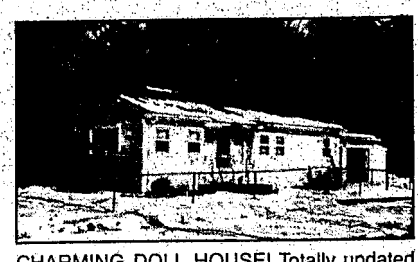
UPDATED 3 BEDROOM RANCH – Newer roof, windows, furnace, central air, hot water heater & plumbing. Remodeled kitchen with new wood flooring. Updated bath, beautiful white brick mantle in great room. Spacious deck, partially fenced yard. Immediate possession. $145,000 (9DOR) 248-363-1200



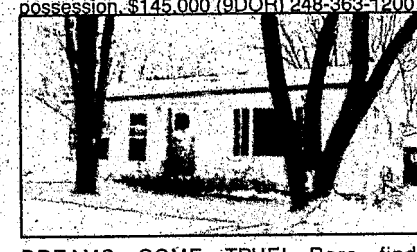
TROY – Spacious Tri-Level in popular Beaver Trail with four bedrooms, 1½ baths. Large kitchen with appliances. Updated baths. Large landscaped lot. 2½ car garage. Fireplace. Updates. Troy schools. $186,900 (90AVA) 248-524-1600



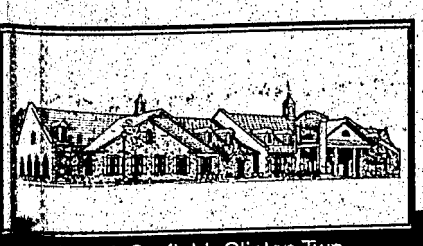
BIRMINGHAM – Fabulous Manhattan style condo near downtown Birmingham. Two bedroom, open floor plan, high ceilings, hardwood floors with a lot of detail. $244,000 (27SOU) 248-642-8100



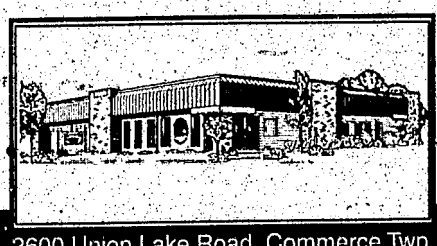
CHARMING DOLL HOUSE! Totally updated 3 bedroom ranch, attached garage & fenced yard. Year round sun room & field stone fireplace. Lake privileges & backs to wooded State land. $147,900 (54PIC) 248-363-1200



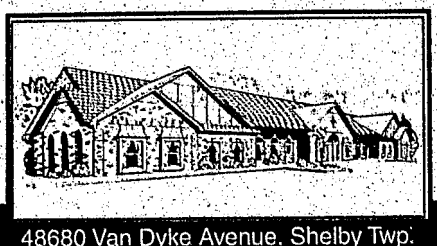
DREAMS COME TRUE! Rare find! Remodeled ranch with large fenced yard, backs to park! Good sized bedrooms with 3 doorwalls for great views. Walk to Cass Lake and walk to elementary schools. But don't walk to see this one, run!! $139,977 (73POR) 248-363-1200



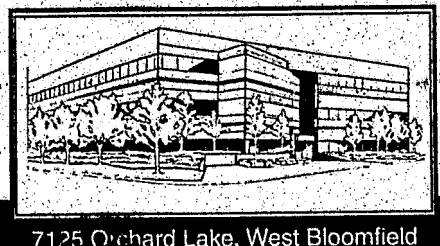
39750 Garfield, Clinton Twp.
(810) 286-6000



2600 Union Lake Road, Commerce Twp.
(248) 363-1200



48680 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Twp.
(810) 731-8180



7125 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield
(248) 626-8800

CENTURY 21 INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING OFFICES

http:// www.century 21town-country.com
elocation Services (810) 939-0944 Or 1(800) 448-5817 • Financing Services (810) 264-5400 • Commercial Group (248) 626-8800

BUILDING A NATION OF NEIGHBORS

Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS THE It's all about You!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Real Estate

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at... **www.oeonline.com**

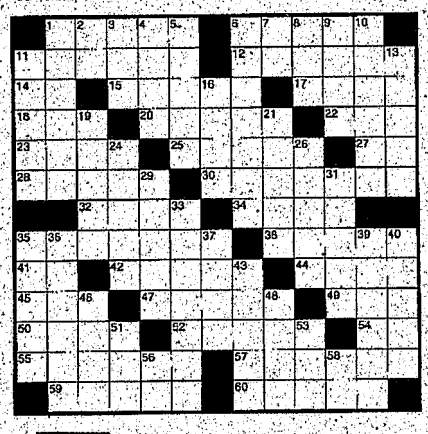
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Yellow pigment
6 Musical group
11 For each person
12 Stopped
14 Above
15 River in Germany
17 Emperor
18 Tennis stroke
20 Body of water
22 Compass pt.
23 Two words of understanding
25 Capital of Vietnam
27 For example (abbr.)
28 Coins
30 Gripping device
32 — En Lai
34 Whale
35 Within premises (2 wds.)
38 Ankara natives, for short
41 Symbol for calcium
42 Nonplus
44 Father
45 — — standstill
47 Greets
49 Vast age
50 — school
52 South American animal
54 Not at all
55 Par
57 Little Big Horn general
59 Ill-natured
60 Outer space

DOWN

1 Withstand
2 Roman 101
3 That woman
4 — chamber
5 Rise and Fall of the Third —
6 Of the sea
7 Symbol for cerium
8 Make lace
9 Actual being
10 Puzzling situation
11 Pertaining to a court
13 Lees
16 Tide type
19 Place to sit
21 Musical group of nine
24 Character of a people
26 Metrical stress
29 — America
31 Weird
33 Generally
35 Financier Carl —
36 Country
37 Man's name
39 Scandinavian money
40 Spanish title
43 Locality
46 Site of Taj Mahal
48 Soot
51 British Navy abbr.
53 Timber tree
56 During the period of
58 Symbol for tellurium



Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	I	C		C	O	A	L		S	A	G	A
I	R	A		O	D	I	E		O	P	I	E
N	O	V		N	E	R	V	E	L	E	S	S
S	N	I	P	S		G	E	L	D			
		A	E		F	U	R		I	G	O	R
M	A	R		P	I	N		J	E	A	N	S
U	S		B	A	G		D	O	R		T	V
M	A	D	A	M		B	A	T		S	O	P
S	P	I	N		H	O	N		U	H		
			D	D	A	Y		I	N	U	R	E
N	U	R	S	E	R	I	E	S		C	B	S
O	S	H	A		E	S	S	E		K	I	T
S	N	O	W		S	H	O	E		S	S	E

3-2 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate

REALTOR® Compliments of the BBRSOAR

Birmingham • Bloomfield • Rochester • South Oakland • Association of REALTORS

STUMPED? Call for Answers • Touch-tone or Rotary phones
95¢ per minute • 1-900-454-3535 ext. code 708

325 Livonia

ASK FOR THE GOLD TEAM
734-525-9600

LOCATION - LOCATION
Livonia Commercial- Entrepreneur don't miss this opportunity to be your own boss. Building only, 972 sq. ft. - City to replace grass come Spring. $99,900

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP
Spotless, neutral throughout. Numerous updates, 2.5 baths, 3 bedrooms, partially finished basement w/loads of storage. Deck off 3 seasons. Home Warranty. $162,000

EXCELLENT INVESTMENT
Property has 2 houses on it. Tenant occupied. Home in rear could be law quarters on ½ acre. Backs to ravine. $139,900.
CENTURY 21
HARTFORD NORTH

BRICK FAMILY HOME - cort setting across from park. Over 1600 square feet of living space; attached garage, newer central air, updated furnace. Immediate occupancy. Asking $152,900. Very low down payment if qualified. Call OneWay to see home; agent Rich, 248-473-5500

BY OWNER. NW Livonia. 18755 Blue Skies, S off 7 Mile, W of Newburgh. Custom brick ranch with almost 1900 sq.ft. Sunroom w/inground hot tub, cathedral ceilings & sky light, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 fireplaces, recent central air, new neutral carpeting & fresh paint throughout. Fenced wooded ½ acre lot w/small pond. Close to expressways. Asking $197,900. For appt: (248) 366-1759

GREAT LIVONIA HOMES
Totally updated home w/4 bedrooms, dining room, family room w/fireplace, Florida room, 1st floor laundry, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, extra large lot. $257,900. (80FIV)
Location, location! Sprawling 3 bedroom ranch. Over 2000 sq.ft., 2 fireplaces, great room, family room, living room, updated kitchen & 2 garages. All this on 2.5 acres. $329,900. (21LAU)

Century 21 ROW (734) 464-7111

325 Livonia

LIVING IN LIVONIA
$149,900
Absolute perfection best describes this almost 1400 sq.ft., 3 bedroom brick ranch. Features gorgeous remodeled custom kitchen that's huge plus great family room, 1st floor laundry and attached garage. Nice area. (GR364)

$219,900
Charm and grace of time since past. Wonderful 1938 built center entrance colonial that offers inviting living room and formal dining room. Plus large family room, stunning remodeled kitchen, 2 full baths, gorgeous treed double lot, basement and 2 car garage. (WE318)

$284,900
Great area compliments this beautiful Laurel 2 story brick home which offers great room floor plan plus den, gourmet size kitchen, 1st floor laundry, outstanding landscaping and much more. (BR376)

Century 21
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(734)462-9800

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
18524 Milburn, Livonia
S. off of 7 Mile &
E. of Merriman
Great home in north Livonia! 3 bedroom brick ranch w/new kitchen appliances, exposed hardwood floors throughout, newer windows, new central air, basement, 1 car garage, fenced yard, close to elementary school, park & shopping. $139,900
Michelle Michael
RE/MAX Executive Properties
(248) 737-6800

www.oeonline.com

Classifieds Work!

325 Livonia

"SPRAWLING RANCH"
3 Bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage. $143,000.

"SUPER CLEAN"
2 Bedroom, 1 bath, ranch. Lots of updates throughout. 2 Car attached garage. $119,900.

Century 21
Hartford North (734) 525-9600

326 Milford

MILFORD - BY OWNER
Sears Lake view. Small, quaint 2 story, no garage, central air. $129,000. 810-327-6736

328 Northville

AMAZING SITE! 3-4 bedroom, 2½ bath, 3000 sq.ft., backs to 1 acre pond & 10 acre park setting. $479,900. 734-591-3039

CHARMING 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial within walking distance to downtown. Large private lot. Appointment only. (248) 344-1357

NORTHVILLE - Secluded Luxury. 1.5 wooded acres. 8500 sq.ft., intimate, warm, executive home. $1,475,000. 248-349-1380

RANCH HOME on slab, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, family room with fireplace; deck, 2½ car garage, .46 acres. $170,000 or best offer. (248)348-6381

UNIQUE 1800 sq.ft., furnished 3 bedroom ranch in downtown Northville, 2 full baths, all new updates inside & out, skylights in bedroom and family room with fireplace and built-in wet bar, partially finished basement with woodburning stove. MUST SEE... deceiving from road. Reduce $302,000. 248-349-4042

328 Northville

WALK TO TOWN
A lovely home nestled in a beautiful 1 acre setting of hardwood & pine trees. Quiet area. Beautiful 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished walkout & peaceful screened in summer porch. Truly a rare find. $475,000. (VA187)
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(734)462-9800

334 Plymouth

PLYMOUTH - by owner, 3 bedroom brick ranch, large back yard, 2 baths, completely renovated, $177,000. 734-459-5446

PLYMOUTH VICTORIAN
Beautiful 91 built 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Victorian with wrap around porch. Large deck w/hot tub. Includes all appliances. Just listed at $142,900 (GA146)
TALK ABOUT HOT!
This one is smoking! Brick ranch with family room, fireplace, basement and 2 car garage. Totally updated with vinyl windows, oak kitchen, central air, plus furnace, 1½ modern baths, and all new carpet (you pick the color). $183,500 (FI405)
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(734)462-9800

335 Redford

A CLASSY WAY TO START!
FIRST OFFERING!
Comfortable & cozy is this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home that's the convenience of the city, but like the country. Updated 1st floor laundry, large kitchen, garage on beautiful landscaped lot. Terrific value at $115,000.
Call Don & Doris, Mayfair
(734)522-8000
Don: (248)615-4017
Doris: (313)533-5531

HANDY MAN SPECIAL
PRIME SOUTH REDFORD AREA
3 bedroom ranch, garage, sharp finished basement, large lot. Only $114,900. Call:
JOHN MARKER
Re/Max Classic
(800)644-7798/ (248)348-1500
email: john@magic-marker.com

WALK TO SHOP
2 bedroom ranch. Updates include newer furnace, hot water heater, siding, covered porch & garage. $58,900. (ST256)
HOT! HOT! HOT!
Attractive 2 bedroom, 2 bath, aluminum ranch on nice corner lot. Newer windows & steel entry doors. Updates in kitchen & bath. Doorwall off kitchen leads to patio. Maintenance free exterior. 1 car garage. $82,900 (NE192)

Century 21
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(313)538-2000

336 Rochester/Auburn Hills

JUST N. of Rochester by Twin Lakes Golf. Great room ranch w/ finished walkout. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, neutral decor, deck. Premium lot. Excellent condition. $218,000. 810-752-6373

ROCHESTER HILLS, New Christian Hills. Customized 2600 sq.ft. brick ranch w/ walkout basement; 3 car garage, under $400,000. Call Jayne, Realty Exec. East, 810-778-8200

338 Salem/Salem Township

SALEM BRICK FARMHOUSE, 2500 sq.ft. on 5 scenic acres. Fully updated. 3 car garage, 2 large outbuildings, 2 fireplaces. $275,000

REMERICA
HOMETOWN ONE
(734) 420-3400

339 Southfield-Lathrup

LATHRUP VILLAGE
CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, updated kitchen; professionally finished basement/wet bar/full bath/office or bedroom, 1st floor laundry, fireplace/brick hearth. All appliances stay. Home warranty. $249,900.
(248) 851-6700
CENTURY 21 MJL CORP. TRANS. SERVICE.

SOUTHFIELD - Investors dream! Appraised at $240,000, asking $215,000. Ask for Mike 248-557-1297

339 Southfield-Lathrup

SOUTHFIELD - Large 4 bedroom stately home, quiet tree lined street, circle drive, "0" down, financing available. (888) 824-9487, ext: 7215

340 South Lyon

NEW HUDSON - ranch with finished walk-out, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 4 car attached garage, all brick. Immediate occupancy. $265,900. 248-437-1977

341 Troy

BY OWNER - 4 bedroom, den, sunroom, 2½ bath. Near Somerset. 3842 Boulder. Open Sun. 12-8. $325,000. 248-649-2335

342 Union Lake/White Lake

AUBURN HILLS - Waterford Area. Brand new home. Move in condition. 3 Generous bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, 2½ baths, walk-out basement, 2 car attached garage. Asking $219,900 "AS IS". OneWay Realty 248-473-5500

WATERFORD - by Dodge Park! 1500 Sq. Ft. quad-level. 2xLot. http://204.254.125.169 $154,900. 248-515-8044

WATERFORD - Enjoy lake privileges on Sylvan Lake, 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Vaulted ceilings. Freshly painted, new carpet, new roof, owner transferred. Must sacrifice. Kristin Halmaghi.
Town & Country
(248) 626-8800 or
(248) 806-0470 (pager).

344 W. Bloomfield-Orchard Lk-Keego

BELIEVING IS SEEING - Fully updated ranch. Aluminum 3 bedroom, new kitchen, bath, furnace & carpet. Only $109,900. View lake from front porch. OneWay Realty 248-473-5500

W. BLOOMFIELD: Beautiful Cape cod just under 1 acre. 5 bedrooms, 3900sq.ft. w/lower level. $299,900. 248-682-5427

W. BLOOMFIELD - Just Reduced. Beautiful 1800 sq. ft. Across from Middle Straits Lake. Private beach access. New paint/carpet/appliances, wood-burning stove, & more! $190,000. 248-366-8812

WEST BLOOMFIELD
$535,000
Offering the finest amenities thru-out. Impressive 1998 built, 3,500 sq.ft. home has 2 story foyer w/dual staircase, formal living & dining rooms, library & a 2 story great room w/oversized fireplace & 2 story casement windows. Four bedrooms, including fabulous master ste. w/glamour bath. Huge kitchen w/walk-in & butler's pantries, first floor laundry. Some hardwood & central air. Walk-out basement. Deck. Inground sprinklers. 3 car garage. (LO336)

$259,900
Lovely 2,500 sq.ft., 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home backs to commons. Living & dining rooms, great room w/fireplace, kitchen w/breakfast room, 1st floor laundry, basement, patio, 2 car garage. Newer roof, furnace, baths. (OD619)

Century 21
CENTURY 21 TODAY
(248) 855-2000
www.century21today.com

345 Westland/Wayne

CHARMING RANCH-LIVONIA SCHOOLS
3 bedroom ranch w/1100 sq.ft. & many updates including roof, furnace & central air, windows, kitchen & bath, steel doors, copper plumbing. Master bedroom w/gas fireplace & much more for only $114,900. Call Keith Becker, Century 21 Row (734) 464-7111.

GOING, GOING, GONE!
Great starter home w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, finished basement. Large covered porch, newer vinyl windows, central air. Nice neighborhood. Only $109,900
CHRIS PETERSON
734-513-4563
or 734-728-9000
CENTURY 21 DYNAMIC

GREAT HOME in Quiet Westland Cul-de-sac. 3 bedroom, finished basement. $145,000. (734) 458-3960

WESTLAND - For sale by owner, Pre-qualified only, Appts only. (734) 721-2038

WESTLAND, LIVONIA schools, 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2.5 car garage, basement, central air, finished hardwood floors. $142,000. (734) 261-5346

345 Westland/Wayne

LIVONIA SCHOOLS!
3 bedroom 2 bath ranch, updated oak kitchen w/appliances to stay, newer roof, furnace & water heater, freshly painted thru-out, basement, garage & more. Hurry - won't last! - $126,900

SHARP CONDO - roomy 3 bedroom, 1 bath 2 fav colonial, unique patio off master bedroom, dining room, basement, garage & so much more! - $129,900

Century 21
CASTELLI & LUCAS
(734) 453-4300
45500 FORD RD. - CANTON

NEWLY LISTED
Livonia schools, 3 bedroom brick ranch, kitchen has walk-in pantry, 1½ baths, central air, full basement, 2 car garage, won't last at - $141,900

UP-DATES GALORE - In this lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch with a family room, fireplace, remodeled kitchen & bath, central air, partially finished basement, garage - $133,900

Century 21
CASTELLI 734-525-7900

WESTLAND - Tonquish Sub, 34131 Blackfoot, corner ranch, excellent condition. By Owner. Open Sun., 1 to 5. 734-464-2653

348 Wixom/Walled Lake/Commerce

COMMERCE - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2200 sq.ft., in ground pool, many extras, backs to woods $249,900. 248-396-8714

352 Livingston County

CEDAR CREEK ESTATES
New Homes - Howell
1 Acre Home Sites
4 Bedroom, 2½ Baths
From LOW $200's
(517)552-1064
Mitch Harris Building Co., Inc.
(810)229-7838

353 Macomb County

WARREN-BEVERLY WOODS
Only one lucky person will be the new owner of this sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch, exposed hardwoods, new kitchen with built-in appliances, huge basement, 2 car garage. Great value at $259,900! (M315)
ASK FOR MIKE WARREN,
RE/MAX PARTNERS
(248) 435-1100
Take an INSIDE TOUR at:
www.remax-metrodetroit.com/michaelwarren
E Mail address:
warrenmt@aol.com

354 Oakland County

FIRST OFFERING!
DON'T RENT - BUY!
Take a look at this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in popular neighborhood. Updates include roof, windows, re-clad kitchen cabinets, counters and more. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Priced to sell quickly. $129,900. (#20011640)
MARY McLEOD
RE/MAX Classic Realty
(734)432-1010, ext. 219
PAGER: (313)990-7649
www.marymcleod.com

358 Lakefront/Waterfront Homes

CASS CANAL front, contemporary, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 6.125% assumable 1st mortgage. $324,900. A-Team. Kary Earehart, 248-681-1079

COMMERCE TWP. Lakefront ranch, 4 bedroom, 3 baths, freshly painted and updated. Gorgeous walk/out with full kitchen, perfect for entertaining. $397,000. Open Sunday 2-5.
THOMPSON BROWN
(248) 539-8700

PINCKNEY - HILAND LAKE - peaceful raised cedar ranch, custom 1999, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, air, vaulted ceilings, designer windows, tiered landscaping to the water. $227,900 (734)878-6332

WHITE LAKE-FRONT 2700 sq.ft. contemporary; 3/2.5/2 - $325,000. 810-665-1255 - 248-613-6515

363 Farms/Horse Farms

SOUTHERN COLORADO RANCH SALE 40ACRES+WELL - $36,900. Don't miss this opportunity! Rolling fields, mtn. views, tremendous wildlife & recreation. Yr. access, tele & elec. Use of corrals. Excellent financing. Only 1 available. Call now 719-676-6367.

364 Real Estate Services

FORECLOSED HOMES
LOW or $0 DOWN!
Government & Bank Repos! Financing. Local listings. 800-501-1777 x 4330

STOP RENTING!! OWN FOR LESS!! $0 DOWN! No credit Needed! Guaranteed Approval! 1-800-360-4620 ext. 8203 (SOA Network)

372 Condos

ANN ARBOR - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 11x12 den, garage, private patio, wooded view, 1,362 sqft, new construction. 248-641-7342

BIRMINGHAM - City of Birmingham at your feet! Unique condo overlooking Shain Park between the Community House & Townsend Hotel. Elegant two bedroom with private baths. Living room w/gas fireplace & doorwall to enclosed patio. Finished lower level. $795,000.
JIM LEAHY
RE/MAX In the Hills
(248) 646-8606

BIRMINGHAM - luxurious condo, a couple of minutes' walk from downtown Birmingham. Built in 1986, extensive remodeling in 1994. 1,800 sq.ft. plus fully finished lower level. Huge master suite, very large walk-in closets, 2 car garage, many amenities and fine features. $379,000. 248-865-8377.

BIRMINGHAM
Unique condo location overlooking Shain Park between the Community House & Townsend Hotel. Elegant two bedroom with private baths. Living room w/gas fireplace & doorwall to enclosed patio. Finished lower level. $795,000.
JIM LEAHY
RE/MAX In the Hills
(248)646-5000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Dramatic 3 bedroom, 2 story condo in Wabeek Fairways w/atrium entrance, 2 fireplaces, format dining & library. Large master suite overlooks private setting. Finished walk-out lower level. Completely updated. $374,900.
JIM LEAHY
RE/MAX In the Hills
(248)646-5000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: A Rare find - Cranbrook Manor! Woods view, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, totally updated, California closets & much more! Move-in condition - Priced to sell $219,900. For sale by owners. (248) 723-1649 / (734) 439-4200.

FARMINGTON HILLS - 1 bedroom, partially furnished, washer/dryer included. $60,000. (734) 384-2958

FARMINGTON HILLS - 1 bedroom condo, new carpet, fresh paint, all appliances stay, washer & dryer, central air. $75,000. (810)-598-5810

LAKE ORION: 3 Years New! Quiet 2 bedroom, master on 1st floor, large open area upstairs, 2.5 bath, fireplace, basement, 2 car attached garage & deck. $165,000 248-693-9942

NORTHVILLE, LAKEFRONT. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, Many updates. $149,900. 248-347-3026

372 Condos

FARMINGTON HILLS - Free standing contemporary ranch, 1½ miles from I-696, private wrap-around deck, 1200 sq.ft. 2½ bath, updated kitchen and bath, finished basement, garage, freshly painted, semi handicapped accessible. 31461 Orchard Brook Ct, W off Orchard Lake, S of 11 Mile. $205,000. Open Sun. 1:30-5pm: 248-437-3144 or 248-474-7612

Livonia
IN A CLASS BY ITSELF
Unique 3 bedrooms, 3 bath condo with over 2,200 sq.ft. Finished walkout lower level. Wonderful potential for in-law quarters. Close to shopping and expressway. $229,900 (#20009702)
MARY McLEOD
RE/MAX Classic Realty
(734)432-1010, ext. 219
PAGER: (313)990-7649
www.marymcleod.com

LYON TWP. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, full basement, new kitchen all appliances included, county setting, lake privileges. $105,000. (248) 363-5441

Novi
POPULAR STONEHENGE. Charming carriage unit w/attached garage. Doorwall off dining room to private deck. Convenient to shopping. Cute and charming with quick occupancy for only $96,900.
TOM BOGOS
Re/Max 100 (248)348-3000

PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom, upper level, very clean. $106,900. Open Sun. 1-4. 384 Pinewood Dr. (Mill/Ann Arbor Tr.) 734-455-4682

ROCHESTER HILLS
Conveniently located, 2 bedroom, 2½ bath, ranch condo with loft, 2 car garage, finished walkout basement, oak floors, many extras. $192,000. 248-852-7825 or 810-735-4080

SOUTHFIELD
CONDO...BUILT IN 1998
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Custom blinds, huge master with mirrors. All appliances stay, 2 car garage...much more! $153,900.
(248) 851-6700
CENTURY 21 MJL CORP. TRANS. SERVICE

SOUTH LYON - 1 bedroom totally remodeled! New appliances, cabinets, carpet, windows, blinds, fixtures. $73,900. (248) 486-6440

WALLED LAKE. Beautiful, 2 bedroom, 1 bath w/finished basement, great location near lake. Completely updated. Move in condition. $115,900. Open Sun., Mar. 5, 1-4 or by appointment, call (248) 421-3976

W. BLOOMFIELD - Beautiful updated Simsbury condo; Gated community. By owner: $294,500. Call M. Bedikian, (248) 352-5500 (Business) or (248) 932-5806 (Home).

372 Condos

Westland
PERFECTION!
Two bedroom condo w/skylights, vaulted ceiling, ceramic bath, 1st floor laundry; Andersen windows, lovely carpet, walk-in closet, central air & carport. $98,500 (84SHO)

Century 21 ROW (734) 464-7111

374 Manufactured Homes

HOMES STARTING AT $5995.00
CALL NOW
HEARTLAND HOMES, INC.
"It's great to be home"
248-380-9550

375 Mobile Homes

SOUTHFIELD: 12 x 50, 1979. Clean! All new carpet, cabinets, bath & deck. Large shed. $6000/best. (248) 426-8021

TROY - Modular home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1400 sq.ft.; central air, new roof, landscaped, $24,800. Call 248-740-1139.

0% DOWN
on this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide in Westland (must pay sales tax). (#213) Call...
HOME TOWN USA
734-654-2333

379 Northern Property

CABERFAE VILLAGE W. of CADILLAC. 2 lots for sale for $7500. Skiing, snowmobiling, hunting & golf. 313-836-1971

KALKASKA COUNTY - 6+ Wooded Rolling Acres. Ideal all seasons recreation location. Short drive to State Land and snowmobile trails. Includes driveway, cleared building/camping site. Electric. $25,900, $500 down, $320/mo. 11% Land Contract. Northern Land Company 1(800)968-3118 www.northernlandco.com

TAWAS - OSCODA
Lake Huron and inland lake properties, homes and cottages, vacant acreage, business opportunities. Call Best Choice Realty, Inc. - toll free 1-888-786-5700. http://realtor.com/Northeastern Mi/bestchoice

381 Southern Property

TENNESSEE LAKE BARGAIN. 3 acres with boat slip $24,900. Beautifully wooded, spectacular views, located at crystal clear Mt. lake - next to 18 hole golf course! Paved roads, utilities, soils tested. Low, low financing. Call LMS 800-704-3154 ext. 1745.

Fair Housing Your Right, Our Business

As members of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of REALTORS® is proud of our contributions in support of the Fair Housing Act and other Fair Housing Compliance programs.

Our REALTORS® have led the housing industry in promoting fair housing and are committed to opening the door of your choice.

FAIR HOUSING OPENS DOORS
REALTORS® ARE THE KEY
REALTOR®



This reader just found *your* house on *our* web site.

Advertise your house in your hometown Classifieds and your ad will also show up on our website oeonline.com
And, if you're looking for that dream home, we've just given you two great places to begin your search.

oeonline.com

To place your Classified Ad, call **734-591-0900** in Wayne County, **248-644-1070** in Oakland County
248-852-3222 in Rochester-Rochester Hills, or **248-475-4596** in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford and Waterford

THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

It's all about you!

HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Apartments

Your HomeTown Classifed ad is automatically posted on the internet! Visit us at...

www.oeonline.com

400's Real Estate For Rent

400.....Apartments/Unfurnished
401.....Apartments/Furnished
402.....Condos/Townhouses
403.....Duplexes
404.....Flats
405.....Homes
406.....Lakefront/Waterfront Homes Rental
407.....Mobil Homes Rentals
408.....Mobil Home Sites
409.....Southern Rentals
410.....Time Share Rentals
411.....Vacation Resort/Rentals
412.....Living Quarters To Share
414.....Rooms
420.....Halls/Buildings
421.....Residence To Exchange
430.....Garage/Mini Storage
440.....Wanted To Rent
441.....Wanted To Rent-Resort Property
450.....Furniture Rental
456.....Rental Agency
457.....Property Management
458.....Lease/Option To Buy
459.....House Sitting Service
460.....Convalescent/Home Health Care
451.....Foster Care
464.....Misc. To Rent

382 Lots & Acreage/ Vacant

BEAUTIFUL 30 lots on 30 wooded, hilly acres in White Lake Township making for exciting homesites. Only 12 lots left. Easy major road access to M-59, Huron Valley elementary, middle and high schools within walking distance. Small builders and individuals welcome. Land Contract terms.
Owner-Broker-Developer
248-737-2288

BEST SELECTION of wooded, rolling, hilltop and ravine residential Homesites in 4 great locations, Milford, White Lake, Brighton & Hartland area - Cumberland Valley, Forest Ridge, Shannon Glen & Woodlore. Ranging from approximately ¾ of an acre to 3+ acres each. Great schools, underground utilities & paved streets. Starting from $70,000. Call Lakeside Realty Inc., (248) 363-9444

COUNTRY RETREAT, 10 Acres with Woods, E-Z Terms, Prime Area, Close to W. Suburbs. J.A. Bloch & Co./Gach Realty. (248)559-7430

DEXTER, WHITMORE & BRIGHTON SCHOOLS
Near US 23: ½ to 6 acre parcels, 40 acres on 2 lakes with 2 to 7 approved sites, 40 acres with 22 building sites. Many wooded walk-out waterfront & water access sites available. Terms.
Owner/Broker/Builder
Jim Edwards 734-663-4886

HIGHLAND/WHITE LAKE area. 10-20 acre parcels from $90,000. 62 acre Parcel with 24 acre lake, $800,000. 810-665-1255; 248-613-6515

HIGHLAND/WHITE LAKE area. 10-20 acre parcels from $90,000. 62 acre Parcel with 24 acre lake, $800,000. 810-665-1255; 248-613-6515

IMPRESSIVE LOT - 166x40 + 10' easement. Small cottage on lot, up to code. Needs TLC outside. 496 Park, Downtown Birmingham. $320,000.

WESTLAND - 1660 Wildwood. Approx. 66x280, all utilities, house on lot. 25x27 garage, nice condition. $69,900. 734-432-0303

383 Time Share

MARCO ISLAND, FL. Eagles Nest 2 bedroom, 1st wk in April. International exchange through Hilton and RCI. A bargin at $16,000. (248) 922-0153

384 Lease/Option To Buy

*** MORTGAGE LOANS *** Good credit or bank turndowns welcome! Best rates anywhere! Purchase/refinance. Bill consolidation, home improvements, Construction, Land Contract payoffs. Modulars Mobile homes. ALSO CASH FOR INJURY SETTLEMENTS, TRUSTS, INHERITANCES, PROBATES, LOTTERIES, LEASES, MILITARY PENSIONS & DISABILITY, LAND CONTRACT PAYMENTS! Easy home & commercial loans by phone/mail. Call CITIZENS MORTGAGE 1-800-910-5626, 1-800-673-4200, 1-800-324-7872.

385 Mortgage/Land Contracts

BEEN TURNED DOWN? NEED A HOME LOAN? BK's, Foreclosures, late payments - it's OK! Purchase, Refinance, Debt, Consolidation, Home Improvement. CALL NOW! PLATINUM CAPITAL, 1(800)699-5363 www.platinumcapital.com

CASH IMMEDIATE - $$$ up front cash for income streams from Private Notes, Real Estate, Annuities and Insurance payments. Viatical Settlements. Call James Gerard at J.G. Wentworth 1-800-454-9368.

Low Cost National Advertising

Placing your one classified ad with the Suburban Classified Advertising Network allows you to reach 13 million households and more 31 million readers around the country for only $895 per week. More than 800 newspapers are in our network. One phone call, one payment, quick results. Call our fax-on-demand service at 800-356-2061 or 312-644-6610 x4731 to speak with a sales coordinator.

391 Business/Profess. Buildings For Sale

PRECISION TUNE AUTO CARE FRANCHISE. Real Estate and Business. Nationally known auto repair service located in high traffic area of Southfield. Turnkey set-up very profitable. $400,000. Call Robert Kurtz (734) 513-4671

392 Comm./Retail Sale/ Lease

BIRMINGHAM - DOWNTOWN 1200 Sq.ft. storefront, available 3-1-00. N. Old Woodward. Call eves: 810-629-2422

FOR SALE, Popular restaurant in Genessee & Livingston Counties. First Realty Brokers (517)546-9400

PLYMOUTH Downtown - Lease retail/office, 2 floors, 3278 sq.ft. Next to Heldes Flowers. Available April 248-442-0324

394 Ind./Warehouse Sale/ Lease

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
Light Industrial, 1250 sq.ft., overhead door, air, $800 mo. 734-455-8000

OFFICE & WAREHOUSE FOR LEASE
• 3 Mos. FREE RENT •
Immediate Occupancy
Canton & Novi areas.
For more info call:
(734) 454-2460
Evenings (248) 348-1833

★ PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE ★ 6200 sq. ft. with roll up door, $3000 mo. (248) 735-5464
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

395 Office Business Space Sale/Lease

ANNOUNCING:
EXECUTIVE SUITES
IBC has instant offices (from 150 sq. ft.) in Farmington Hills, Novi, Troy, Sterling Heights, Livonia, Ann Arbor and Detroit.
Complete office services.
Call Tamara (248) 344-9510
International Business Centers

EXPRESSWAY EXPOSURE
480 sq.ft. to 1800 sq.ft.
Month-to-Month Available
I-275 Expressway
J. A. BLOCH & CO./ Gach Realty.
(248) 559-7430

LIVONIA SMALL OFFICE SPACE, 400-1100 sq.ft.
For more details call:
(734) 422-1380

MainCentre Office Suites
Individual office suites available for immediate occupancy in downtown Northville. Conveniently located by restaurants & shops. Easy access to major expressways and airport. Rates include air, heat & electric. For more info please call...
248-865-1600
SINGH.
www.SinghWeb.com

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE TO LEASE
Plymouth/Merriman Area in Livonia. Call Harold, (734) 427-8910.

OFFICE SPACE - 388 sq. ft. w/private entrance or can be split to 1@ 258 sq. ft. and 1@130 sq. ft. Farmington location. Convenient to all freeways. Call 248-476-7662. Mon-Thurs, 9:00-4:00.

PREMIUM TROY office space available for sublease on 4-1. Two "partner" offices, two associates offices--all windowed. Two secretarial stations, two office manager/secretarial offices. Rent includes: shared receptionist, copy/fax machine usage, network server and high speed internet access, as well as use of conference room, file room & kitchen.
Call: (248)362-2600 for details.

397 Investment Property

INVEESTMENT PROPERY on M-59 at Williams Lake. 3200 sq.ft., 1.7 acres, tons of possibilities, $595,000. 248-593-8676



CLASSIFIED ADS Work For All Your Needs.

Real Estate for Rent #400-498

400 Apartments/ Unfurnished

Birmingham - 891 Henrietta. 2 bedroom flat, dishwasher, fireplace, carpeted, enclosed porch, garage, $1050. 248-647-7079

GRAND RIVER-MIDDLEBELT GREAT LOCATION
Clarenceville School District
CEDARIDGE
2 Bedroom Units
From $640
Vertical blinds, carpeting, Hotpoint appliances, security system, storage within apartment.
Enter on Tulane, 1 block W. of Middlebelt on the S. side of Grand River.
Near Botsford Hospital, Livonia Mall & downtown Farmington
(248) 471-5020
Model Open daily 1-6
Except Wednesday

Best Apartment Value
FARMINGTON HILLS
(N. on Tuck Rd. off 8 Mile between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Rd., corner of Folsom).
TIMBERIDGE
DELUXE
2 Bedroom Units
From $620.
Includes appliances, vertical blinds, carpeting, pool, close to Farmington Hills location.
Model open Mon-Fri., 9-5
(248) 478-1487

FARMINGTON HILLS
Luxury one and two bedroom Apartments Available.
Call: 248-477-7774

FARMINGTON HILLS - Muirwood Apts. (Grand River & Drake Rds.) 1 Bedroom, 1 bath, with spacious living room & bedroom available now. Brand new carpet, indoor & outdoor pools w/fitness center. Minutes from I-696 & I-275. $699/mo. Please call 248-709-6448 if interested

FARMINGTON HILLS - 2 bedroom apt., upper flat, carpeted, $550/mo. + security. No pets. (248) 477-5578

FARMINGTON ORCHARD CREEK APTS.
248-855-1250
Ask About Our Winter Specials!

400 Apartments/ Unfurnished

Come Celebrate With Us! Looking for a long-term relationship? We can commit to your needs!
• Pets welcome
• Sparkling pool
• Park-like setting
• Fitness center
• Carports Included
WOODRIDGE APARTMENTS
(Middlebelt Road between 6 & 7 Mile)
(248) 477-6448
e-mail: woodridge@bleznak.com
www.rent.net/direct/woodridgelivonia

LIVONIA NE Small efficiency, carpeted, appliances, wooded ravine setting, Cat OK. $340 + utilities. (248) 357-1271

LIVONIA'S FINEST APARTMENTS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES
7 MILE ROAD
Full washer & dryer in each apartment. Now renting immediate occupancy.
1 & 2 Bedroom Units
From $675
CANTERBURY PARK APARTMENTS
19400 Mayfield
Between Farmington & Merriman (behind Joe's Produce).
Including community room, patio or balcony, deluxe appliances, optional carport.
248-473-3983 810-775-8206

Northville Novi Road, North of 8 Mile
TREE TOPS
• Stunning 1 bed w/den
• Heat Included
• Carport Included
• Washer/Dryer Included
• Wooded streamside setting
• From only $775. EHO
MOVE BY MARCH 15 AND SAVE $250
CALL TODAY
(248) 347-1690

• FOUNTAIN PARK - NOVI
• A CARING COMMUNITY.
• 1 & 2 bedroom apartments
• Great location
• Wooded setting
• Individual private entrance
• Washer/Dryer in apt.
• Now offering furnished apts.
• On-site management & maintenance
• Call 248-348-0626
• Hours 10:30-6:30, Mon.-Fri. Noon to 5:00, Sat. & Sun.
• E.H.O.

PLYMOUTH - Sr. Citizens, Affordable, adult community, 1 & 2 bedroom apts. quiet community, walk to shopping, C/A, dishwasher, vertical blinds, carport, available to qualified applicants. Call 9-5pm. 734-453-8811

400 Apartments/ Unfurnished

NOVI OVERSIZED 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment features spacious rooms and closets (including 2 walk-ins), vertical blinds, central air, deluxe kitchen, 2 carports, large balcony overlooking pond. Available March. Great value at $770. EHO
TREE TOP MEADOWS
10 Mile & Meadowbrook
(248) 348-9590

PLYMOUTH MANOR
PLYMOUTH HOUSE APARTMENTS
Newly Renovated
1 & 2 Bedrooms
734-455-3880

ROYAL OAK
1 bedroom loft apartment. $615/mo. with heat. 248-549-4505

ROYAL OAK - North Oaks. A1 location. W. 13 Mile. Newly remodeled, 1 bedroom apt. $545 mo. includes heat, water, window treatments, air & pool. (810) 757-6309

This Classification Continued on Page 6B.

400 Apartments/ Unfurnished

ROYAL OAK
Spacious 1 bedroom Apts
Walk-in Closet • Blinds
Quiet area • Walk to shopping/entertainment
RENT FROM $630
LAFAYETTE COURT APARTMENTS
248-547-2053
www.rent.net/direct/lafayettecourt

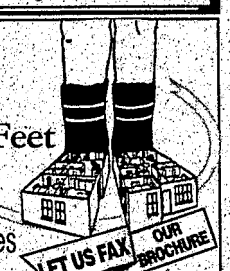
SOUTHFIELD
Extra large, 1 bedroom with den, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen w/eating area and private laundry room in lovely quiet residential area. Covered parking, swimming pool and 24-hour intrusion alarm system. Rent from $745.
12 MILE & LAHSER COLONY PARK
(248) 355-2047
www.rent.net/direct/colonypark

Farmington Hills Finest



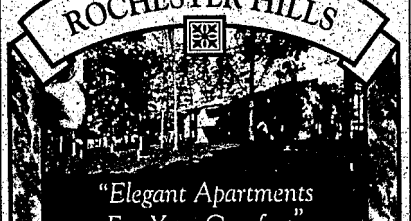
Foxpointe Townhouses
1500 sq. ft., 2 & 3 bedrooms. Eat in kitchen, 4 season closets, washer & dryer, blinds, carport, pool & tennis courts. Open 7 days.
Halstead and 11 Mile
(248) 473-1127
www.rent.net/direct/foxpointetownhouses

We're BIG on Square Feet
Huge Apartments & Town Homes from $750



Amenities:
•Formal Dining Room • Carport • Heat included
•Health Club •Clubhouse/Pool • Close to Birmingham
Country Corner
30300 Southfield Road
Located on Southfield • Between 12 & 13 Mile Roads
248-647-6100 1-800-369-6666
Accredited Residential Manager
Member Southfield Crime-Free Multi Housing Program

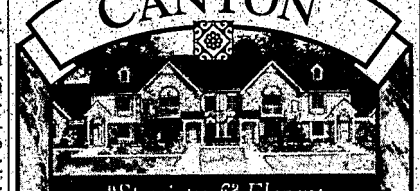
ROCHESTER HILLS



"Elegant Apartments For Your Comfort"
• 1 & 2 bedroom terraced apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes
• Fireplace in select units
• Tennis courts • Swimming pool
• Cathedral ceilings
• Furnished units available
From $675 a month
NORTHRIDGE OF ROCHESTER
On Avon Rd., between Rochester and Livernois
(248) 651-1091
www.singhapartments.com
SINGH a tradition of excellence

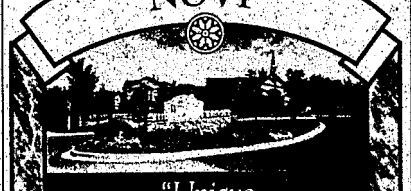
Concord Towers
MADISON HEIGHTS/TROY/ROYAL OAK
Experience the Quiet, Convenience and Affordability of Concord Towers Apartments
We're minutes from Oakland Mall, movie theaters, several restaurants and I-75 and I-696. Our spacious and affordable apartment homes have plenty of room for everyone to be very comfortable. Our distinctive one and two bedroom floorplans offer ceramic tile baths, large living areasand all concrete construction for quiet living.
Come Home to Concord Towers for Location, Quality and Affordability.
6 Month Leases Available
One bedroom from $530
Two bedrooms from $590
Features:
• Storage in each apartment
• Fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher & disposal
• Fully carpeted
• Cable TV available
• Laundry on each floor
• Central air
• 24-hour emergency maintenance
• Lighted carports
• Intercom entry system
• Elevators
DIRECTIONS: We are located at 14 Mile and I-75, next to the Abbey Theater and directly across from Oakland Mall.
Concord Towers Apartments
OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 10-5 • Sat 10-1
(248) 589-3355
32600 Concord Dr. • Madison Heights

CANTON



"Spacious & Elegant Apartment Living"
• 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments
• Attached garages
• Private entrances
• Full size washer & dryer
• Furnished units available
From $1,045 a month
SUMMIT CREEK
Located on Canton Center Rd., N. of Mich. Ave.
(734) 398-5300
www.singhapartments.com
SINGH a tradition of excellence

NOVI



"Unique Townhome Community"
• 2 & 3 bedroom townhomes
• Private entry
• Washer & dryer
• Finished walkout in select units
• Close access to major freeways
• Furnished units available
From $1,275 a month
Wexford TOWNHOMES OF NOVI
At the corner of Novi Rd. and 13 Mile Rd.
(248) 669-1050
www.singhapartments.com
SINGH a tradition of excellence

NOW SHOWING YOUR NEW HOME

CANTON/PLYMOUTH
FRANKLIN PALMER APARTMENTS
On Palmer between Lilley & Sheldon
Spacious 1 & 2 bedrooms
STARTING AT $570
FREE HEAT
734-397-0200
M-F 9-5, SAT 10-2, SUN 12-3

PLYMOUTH
HILLCREST CLUB APARTMENTS
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
From $585
HEAT INCLUDED
734-453-7144
Near Plymouth/Haggerty Road

NOVI
WATERVIEW FARMS
Spacious 1 & 2 bedrooms with "All the Comforts" on Pontiac Trail between West and Beck Roads
248-624-0004
M-F 9-5:30 SAT 10-2 SUN 11-3

NOVI
WESTGATE VI
On Pontiac Trail between West and Beck Roads
HUGE 2 Bedrooms
With Lots of Closets
248-624-8555
M-F 9-5:30, SAT 10-2, SUN 11-3

FARMINGTON
CHATHAM HILLS
On Old Grand River between Drake & Halsted
1&2 Bedrooms SOME WITH DENS
"GARAGES AVAILABLE"
FROM $650
248-476-8080
M-F 9-5, SAT/SUN 11-4

DEARBORN
DEARBORN CLUB APARTMENTS
Apartments & Townhouses
FREE HEAT AND WATER
On Inkster Rd. N. of Ford Rd.
313-561-3593
M-F 10-5:30

WESTLAND
HAWTHORN CLUB
7560 Merriman
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Warren)
Apartments Starting at $560
Dishwashers Available
Free Heat
734-522-3364
M-F 9-5:30, SAT/SUN 11-4

WESTLAND
HUNTINGTON ON THE HILL
On Ann Arbor Trail, W. of Inkster
1 and 2 Bedrooms from $565
Free Heat
734-425-6070
M-F 9-5:30, SAT 10-2, SUN 11-3

MORE LOCATIONS! 248-569-8880

www.dartproperties.com DART Properties, Inc.

Click Walk Thru Apply Online

LAUREL VALLEY	STERLING HEIGHTS from $749	810.268.5580 Dequindre S of 16 Mile
SHOAL CREEK	STERLING HEIGHTS from $724	810.978.3710 Ryan at 14 1/2 Mile Rd
OAK HILL	UTICA from $634	810.731.2111 West Utica W of Mound
PINE RIDGE	ROCHESTER HILLS from $709	248.853.4160 Livernois N of Auburn
HIDDEN LAKES	CLARKSTON from $685	248.620.2960 Sashabaw Rd. W of I-75
WOODLAND MEADOWS	CLINTON TOWNSHIP from $705	810.790.1627 Moravian btwn Utica & Hayes

Special LOW Move-in costs on select apartments, variable lease terms, call for more details.

Features Individual Entrances, Lighted Carports, Washer & Dryer in Each Apartment

Equal Housing Opportunity

L4748559

NOVI



"Sophisticated Apartment Living in the Center of it All!"
• 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom apartments & townhomes
• Private entrances
• Full size washer & dryer
• 1 or 2 car private attached garages
• Furnished units available
From $1,045 a month
MAIN STREET VILLAGE
Located at Novi Rd. and Grand River
(248) 349-8400
www.singhweb.com
SINGH a tradition of excellence

Commercial Industrial Sale or Lease #389-398

391 Business/Profess. Buildings For Sale

CLASSIFIED ADS Work For All Your Needs.

Prudential | Chamberlain-Stiehl REALTORS

Birmingham/Bloomfield • (248) 647-6400
Clarkston • (248) 625-5700
Farmington Hills • (248) 324-3800
Rochester Hills • (248) 651-8850
Royal Oak • (248) 547-2000
Sterling Heights • (810) 739-1300
Troy • (248) 641-1660
Walled Lake • (248) 624-3015
West Bloomfield • (248) 851-4400
Relocation • 1 (800) 521-4264x280
Web Site: www.prudential-michigan.com
Four additional offices in Genesee County

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.prudential-michigan.com

ROCK SOLID RESULTS IN REAL ESTATE



HILLS OF LONE PINE LUXURY HOME
- Overlooking Norminster Pond with lower level walkout
- Hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, large rooms
- Extensive use of glass. Pond & waterfall!
- Immaculate and move-in ready. (KI458)

$1,290,000 • Gwen Williamson • 248 646-6089



BLOOMFIELD HILLS
- Dynamite contemporary ranch, approx. 6,400 sq. ft.
- Nestled on a private treed site
- Three steam showers and jetted tubs
- Thermador appliances, exercise room. (WA457)

$1,049,000 • 248 324-3800



CLARKSTON - ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY
- 6,000+ sq.ft. of elegant living space with grand foyer
- Formal living/dining rooms, 2 custom fireplaces
- 4 large bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 half baths
- Kitchen with custom details, pantry & 3-season room. (VA820)

$679,900 • 248 647-6400



PREMIUM GOLF COURSE LOCATION
- Select home overlooking TCP fairway
- Gorgeous patio home with finest of amenities
- Two fireplaces, library, white marble flooring
- Finished lower level. (TU44)

$574,900 • 248 324-3800



WEST BLOOMFIELD
- Beautiful lakefront & sandy swim area with this spacious five bedroom, 4.5 bath quad-level home
- Multiple decks & walkouts. 2 large family rooms, 2 fireplaces, Florida room, & many updates including windows & shingles! (HA208)

$570,900 • 248 641-1660



BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED - ROCHESTER HILLS
- Polished hardwood floors, volume ceilings, white kitchen, wonderful closets
- First floor master, four season sun room
- Professionally landscaped, wooded lot. (SL374)

$487,900 • Nancy Ritter • 248 656-4420



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)

$479,000 • 248 624-3015



BEVERLY HILLS - 1-ACRE ON CUL-DE-SAC
- A cut above other subdivisions. This home is for the "lover of privacy" seeking a country setting in the city
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors
- Custom built, one owner home. Almost 3,000 sq. ft. (MA310)

$397,000 • 248 647-6400



ROCHESTER HILLS
- Spacious four bedroom Colonial with tall ceilings
- 2.5 baths, hardwood floors in entry, kitchen & dining rooms
- White kitchen, 3 fireplaces, 2 staircases, master with 2 walk-in closets! Partially finished basement. (BL194)

$395,900 • 248 651-8850



TROY - SUPERB SETTING AND AMENITIES
- Lovely Beach Road area; end of cul-de-sac lot
- Site with beautiful yard and cedar deck
- Huge cathedral great room with wall of windows
- Many updates - furnace, central air & windows. (RI538)

$390,900 • 248 641-1660



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



ROCHESTER - TAKE INTERNET VIRTUAL TOUR!!
- Outstanding 4 bedroom Colonial with hardwood flooring in foyer & bath, crown moldings, & 6 panel doors
- Vaulted ceiling in master bedroom & jetted tub in master bath. Paver patio & Jungle Gym. (DI416)

$342,500 • 248 651-8850

WHITE LAKE ~ OPEN SUN. 1:30-4



2936 Havenwood • N. of Commerce, E. of Carey
- Premium location on 17th tee
- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 10' ceilings in great room
- Hardwood floors in dining room & kitchen
- Former Homearama Model! Impeccable landscaping. (HA293)

$334,900 • 248 851-4400



CAPTIVATING BLOOMFIELD TWP. TUDOR
- Premium amenities include 2-way fireplace, built-in bookshelves in family room, ceramic foyer & deck
- Kitchen with breakfast nook plus formal dining, partially finished basement, side entrance garage. (QU482)

$324,900 • 248 851-4400



FABULOUS COLONIAL IN LAKE ORION
- Nice wooded corner lot professionally landscaped
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths! Upgrades throughout, maple cabinets, crown moldings, and finished basement with full bath.
- Master suite w/ his & her closets, Jacuzzi, & shower. (BA410)

$319,000 • 248 651-8850



GROSS POINTE FARMS
- Charming traditional brick Colonial with bay windows
- Great location - walk to school and shopping
- Many updates. Immediate occupancy
- Four bedrooms and two baths. (FI176)

$314,900 • 248 641-1660



COBBLESTONE CAPE COD
- 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2,000 sq.ft. open floor plan
- Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, large but cozy family room
- Updated kitchen with many cabinets & table area for six
- Master with full bath & double closets. Huntington Woods. (WA133)

$285,000 • 248 647-6400



TROY
- Pride shows! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with many improvements & updates
- Located near elementary & middle schools, golf course & lake
- Large lot with mature trees. Sylan Glen subdivision. (FA543)

$265,000 • 248 641-1660



VACATION AT HOME IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!!
- Sparkling inground pool surrounded by beautiful trees
- Entertainment size four bedroom Colonial has 2.5 baths
- Pella windows, private library, 1st floor laundry
- New carpet, fresh paint. Award winning schools!! (WI276)

$265,000 • 248 641-1660



WONDERFUL ROCHESTER HOME
- Spacious rooms with neutral decor throughout
- Four bedrooms, newer carpet & kitchen flooring
- Large walk-in closet in master bedroom, hardwood under 1st floor carpet. Circular drive. (CH435)

$254,900 • Nancy Ritter • 248 656-4420



BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF WALLED LAKE
- Brand new 1,900 sq. ft. Contemporary offers three bedrooms, 3 full baths, library & custom kitchen
- View of lake from every room!
- Short walk to beach, playground & downtown. (WA585)

$249,900 • 248 624-3015



DISTINCTIVE COLONIAL ON QUIET STREET
- 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open floor plan for entertaining
- Hardwood floors, recessed lighting, formal dining room
- Updated kitchen with table space, family room leads to deck
- Close to Huntington Woods schools & recreation center. (TA104)

$249,900 • 248 647-6400



MACOMB - CLASSIC 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL
- Open foyer & stairway, great room with natural fireplace
- Formal dining, large kitchen/eating area, hardwood floors, large master, 3 walk-in closets, 2.5 baths, central air
- Large lot, brick patio, sprinklers. Security alarm. (DE528)

$244,900 • 248 651-8850



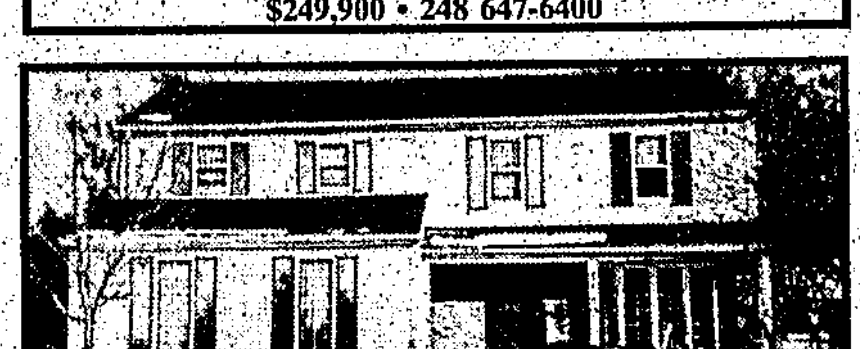
CLASSIC COLONIAL IN ROCHESTER HILLS
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths & lots of walk-in closets
- Leaded doors & windows, crown moldings, master bath with separate shower. Walkout basement
- Beautiful view of rolling, wooded property. (PE876)

$244,100 • Juanita Mallman • 248 656-4405



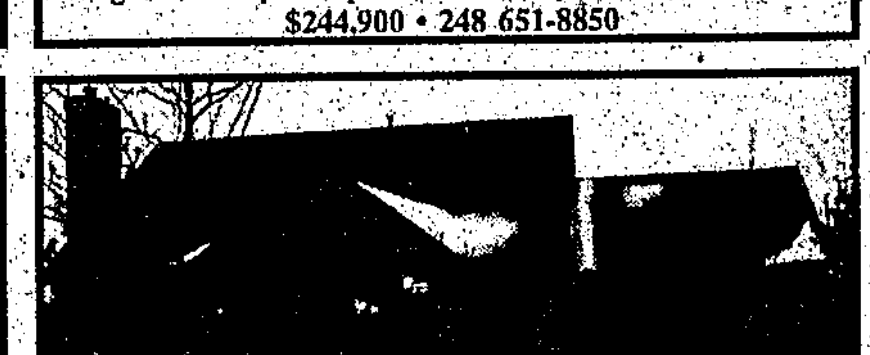
DESIRABLE NORTHVILLE HEIGHTS LOCATION
- Spacious 4 bedroom contemporary with 3 full baths
- Neutral decor & numerous updates! Newer furnace, water heater, garages door & exterior paint
- Walk to schools & downtown! (EL413)

$239,900 • 248 324-3800



ROCHESTER HILLS - POPULAR FAIRVIEW FARMS
- Many updates: Andersen windows, roof, furnace and central air. Custom moldings & built-ins
- Four season sun room overlooks park-like yard
- Great neighborhood. (BA118)

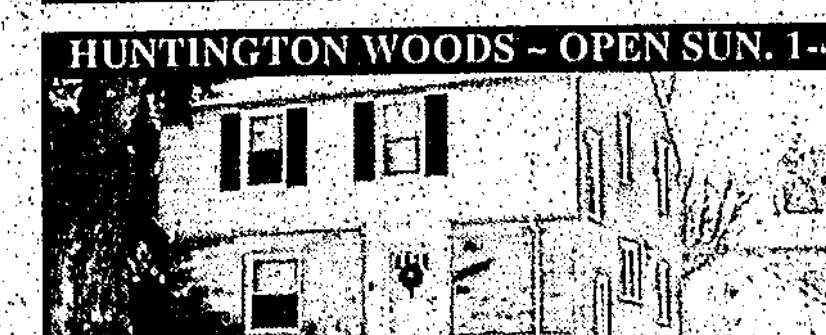
$234,900 • 248 651-8850



CAREFREE CONDO LIFESTYLE - NEW LISTING!!
- Impress your friends with the many custom features
- Easy access to I-75 but offers maximum privacy
- Formal & informal areas perfect for entertaining
- Office, exercise room, sauna, 1st floor master. (LO270)

$234,900 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373

HUNTINGTON WOODS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



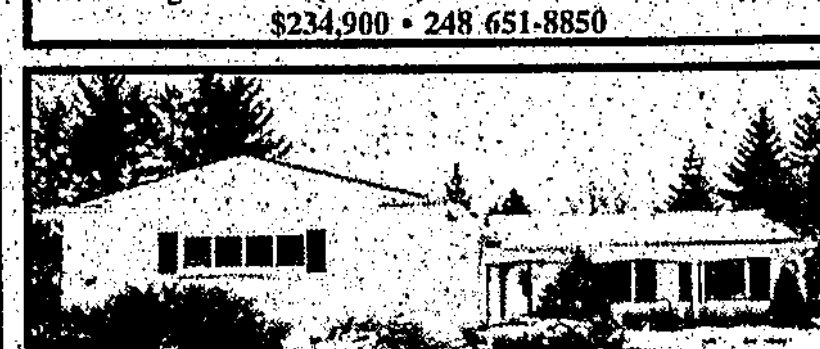
10015 Elgin ~ W. of Woodward, S. of 11 Mile
- 2 story Colonial with open floor plan, great for entertaining
- Remodeled kitchen with lots of counter & cupboard space
- Finished 19x14 rec room & glass enclosed Florida room
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great location on quiet, tree-lined street. (EL100)

$230,000 • 248 647-6400



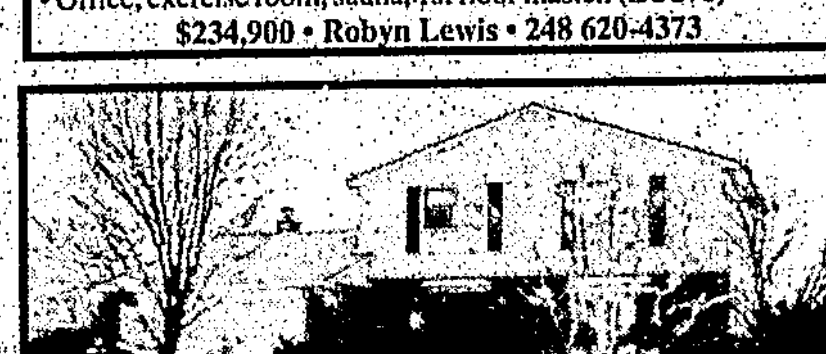
ORION TOWNSHIP - VERY APPEALING!
- Terrific cedar ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- 1st floor master & firelit great room with sliders to deck overlooking backyard pond! 2 car garage
- Walkout with rec room, bar & sound system. (HE115)

$229,000 • Eleanor Feeley • 248 656-4404



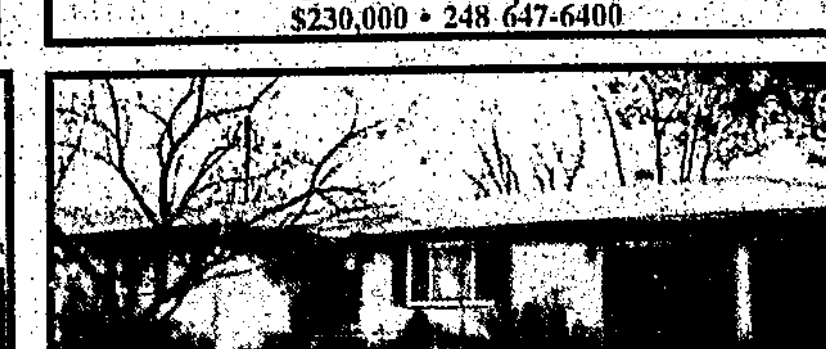
SOUTHFIELD
- Lovely white brick ranch in San Marino
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Partially finished basement, Living room with fireplace
- Newer roof, carpet, & freshly painted! (SA285)

$214,900 • 248 651-8850



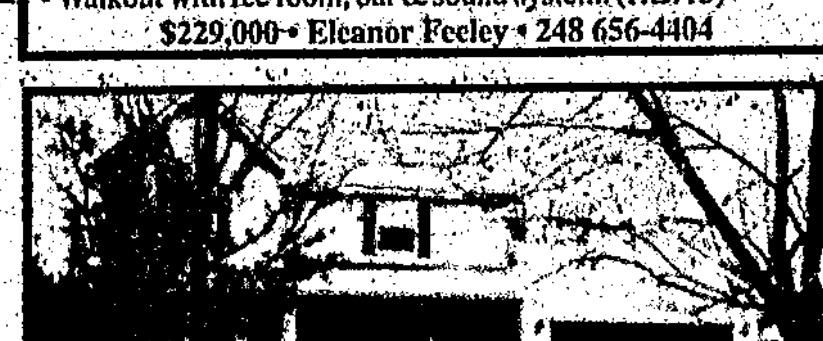
ROCHESTER HILLS - VERY ATTRACTIVE
- Four bedroom Colonial in desirable area
- Finished basement with new rec room plus possible 5th bedroom, brick hearth fireplace in family room
- Master bedroom offers full bath & walk-in closet. (DR757)

$197,500 • 248 651-8850



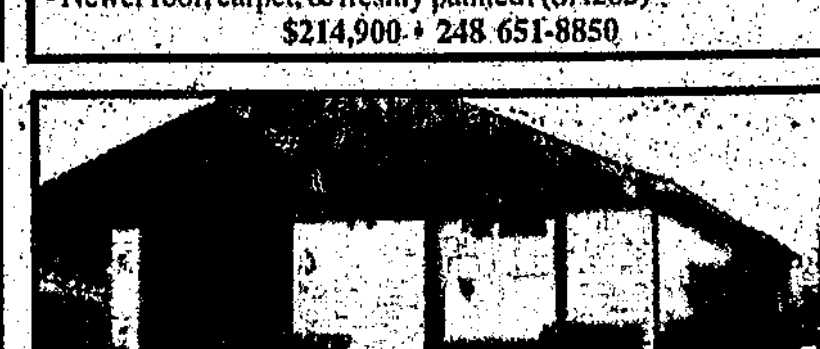
SOUTH LYON
- Nice ranch home with three bedrooms, 1.5 baths
- Formal dining room with fireplace, hardwood floors in kitchen, dining, & foyer. Basement, patio, & garage
- Newer windows, hot water heater, & light fixtures. (KA227)

$179,900 • 248 324-3800



WATERFORD
- Great 3 bedroom Colonial on large lot - built in 1985
- 1.5 baths, formal dining room, oak kitchen with appliances
- Upstairs with newer carpet, master with walk-in closet
- Full basement, attached 2 car garage, large deck. (AL348)

$159,900 • 248 851-4400



ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO
- Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, brick ranch with 1st floor laundry
- Formal dining plus breakfast nook, great room with box bay window, full basement, all appliances
- Large deck, attached garage, security system. (BU189)

$156,900 • 248 651-8850



OXFORD
- Handsomely restored turn-of-the-century Colonial
- 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Living room with window seat and fireplace, library/study, formal dining, & bonus room
- Fenced yard with fruit trees & grape arbor. Garage. (FI38)

$155,000 • 248 625-5700

ROCHESTER HILLS ~ OPEN SUN. 1-4



335 Red Oak ~ E. of Rochester Rd., S. of Tienken
- Minutes from downtown & walking distance to schools
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, country kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Updated roof, furnace, central air, hot water heater, bath
- Lovely large lot, newer gutters, electrical & deck. (RE335)

$152,000 • 248 647-6400

An Independently Owned and Operated Member of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates