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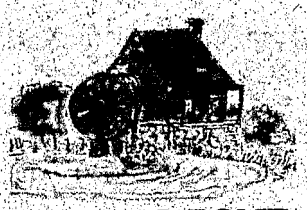

A hedge for spring fever

Want to do something while you're waiting to get out the in-line skates and gardening tools? Try your hand on stage or back stage by getting involved in Clarkston Village Players' May production of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes." Auditions are 2 p.m. today and 7:30 p.m. Monday in Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. For more information, call CVP at (248) 625-8811.

Inexpensive degrees

Congratulations to several people who earned degrees without spending thousands of dollars and hours of homework. Instead, they donated money to the Clarkston Foundation and received honorary degrees in civic affairs to hang on their walls. Jayne Bannister and Darlene Roche earned associate degrees; Marion MacCarroll and Mary Reed, bachelor degrees. Elizabeth Gifford, Deborah Luczyn, Janice Meager, Morgan's Service Inc., Phyllis Ness, James Smith, Richard Swartout, K. Chris Turner, Edmund York III and Carol Zorka received masters. Sue Koslosky received an honorary dean of arts and sciences for donating funding for a sports scholarship in soccer, basketball and volleyball in memory of her husband, Jim Koslosky.

New look

A long-awaited new dais for Independence Township Board meetings finally arrived. The brown plastic laminate dais made its debut at Tuesday's regular board meeting. Another twist is that the table where the trustees sits changed positions. Instead of looking straight on at it as residents enter the meeting room at Independence Township Library, the dais is to the immediate right.

The heavily-used room also recently received new carpet and a fresh coat of paint.

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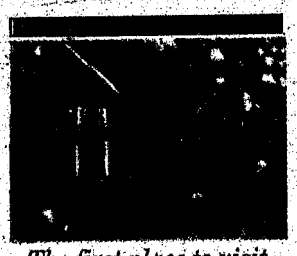

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New school start times proposed

■ To shorten bus rides and foster optimal learning, Clarkston school officials propose having middle school students start school 90 minutes later and elementary pupils 35 minutes earlier. But they want your input.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A Clarkston Community Schools task force is proposing a change in school start times that will drastically affect middle school students next school year.

It drafted a proposal suggesting middle schools start at 9:15 a.m. This year's start times are 7:40 a.m. for Clarkston Middle and 7:50 a.m. for Sashabaw Middle schools.

The proposal also calls for the elementary schools to begin at 8:15 a.m. instead of 8:50 a.m. and for Clarkston High School's start time to remain about the same. School ending times depend on the length of school days in teachers' contracts. Ending times would be determined after start times are established.

District Superintendent Al Roberts emphasized that these are only proposed start times right now.

"This is just a draft," he said. "We will be surveying our staff, students and parents to get feedback on all this. We won't make a recommendation to the school board until we get that feedback.

"Our biggest concern is the schedule adjustment this would require for our staff and the community," Roberts added.

Transportation has been a major topic of conversation and concern in the Clarkston Community Schools District since September. A task force made up of Roberts, transportation supervisor Kevin Bickerstaff, bus drivers and administrators has been addressing such issues as lengthy bus rides for students, separating middle and high school bus runs and maintaining the same bus driver for the morning and afternoon trips for students.

"While looking at the objectives of the task force, another item came up that of optimizing student learning," Roberts said.

He said that many studies, including those by the Search Institute and by Western Michigan University, show

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Swing time: *Matthew and Mary Catherine Haney enjoy the summer-like weather at Depot Park on Wednesday.*



Muscle man: *Beth Rogers spots her son Andrew Rogers.*

Spring fling

Winter-weary residents hit park

It's back to reality.

While temperatures flirted with 80 degrees on Wednesday, winter returned Thursday as the numbers on the thermometer took a nose dive.

On Wednesday, the shorts and T-shirts came out from the bottoms of the drawers, and parents took advantage of the situation. Depot Park was deluged with children eager to swing, slide and climb on the monkey bars.

Spring officially begins March 21, but don't get too excited. The forecast from the National Weather Service in White Lake predicts cloudy skies today with high temperatures between 35 and 40 degrees.



All smiles: *Jon Giolitti slides.*

Latino group honors resident

BY CHRISTINE BURK
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston resident Rose Quintana knows first-hand the struggles many Latino Americans face.

As the child of Mexican immigrants who settled in Michigan when she was 3, Quintana recalls as one of her earliest memories volunteering to clean house to avoid working in the fields with her family.



Rose Quintana

Quintana's understanding of and empathy for Latino Americans led to her receiving one of two 2000 Detroit Latino Awards given this year.

Quintana accepted the award with humility and gratitude.

"Everytime someone said congratulations," said Quintana with a smile, "I turned around to see who they were talking to. I just couldn't believe that it was me receiving such a prestigious honor."

Quintana was given the award last month by the Latino Cultural Pastoral Center, an organization created by the Detroit Archdiocese to promote Latino cultures and encourage Christian faith. She was chosen in recognition of her union leadership in civil rights, education and international relations, as well as her commitment to the advancement of Christian spirit for Hispanics/Latinos.

The other award was given to His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit.

"In addition to the archbishop, we were searching for a Latino woman in Southeastern Michigan who contributed to the Hispanic community by serving as a role model for others," said George B. Van Antwerp, president of the LCPC board of directors. "After reviewing Rose's nomination, which was submitted to us by the UAW, we turned to people in the Latin community for their opinions. Everyone we spoke to who knew Rose gave her a

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Trees targeted for removal to prepare for road upgrade

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Oak trees have shaded and protected Indianwood Road in the northeast quadrant of Independence Township for decades.

Nine of them sport orange dots, making them targets for a chainsaw. A chronically rutted road between Baldwin and Eston Road is to blame for the trees' fate. The Road Commission for Oakland County plans to fix the road, but in the process the trees must come down.

Residents have mixed reactions to the plans. Everyone agrees the one-half mile stretch of road needs help. The road commission and township announced plans in the fall to fix the road through the Gravel Road Improvement Program. The township has allocated $14,000 for materials for the project, and the road commission will provide the labor and equipment to re-gravel the road and install ditches.

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Doomed tree: *Indianwood Estates resident Ivanka Jordan and her 3-year-old son, Lucas, show one of the marked trees.*

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there are optimal learning times for different grades. Elementary school age children get to school ready to learn as soon as they enter the school building.

The studies show middle and high school students learn better if classes start later than the traditional 7:30 a.m. start time.

"Ideally we'd like to start the high school students at 9 a.m., based on what the studies show. But that's not feasible. Also, high school kids can take care of themselves better than those in elementary and in middle school so we're going to continue to ask them to get up early to catch the bus," Roberts added.

The drafted proposal means all buses will be used to drive students to high school. Then the drivers will move on to pick up and deliver the elementary school children. Lastly, they'll transport the middle school children.

"Because we'll have our entire fleet dedicated to bus runs for a specific age group, that should reduce the amount of time a student has to be on a bus," Roberts said.

The idea to have the two middle schools start so much later is backed by other studies that say juvenile violence peaks in the after-school hours on school days. This was printed in the Juvenile Justice Bulletin, November 1999.

"The later schedule means these students will get out of school right before their extracurricular activities begin. They won't have to go home first where they might be alone for some time before mom and dad get home or before sports start," Roberts said. "And if they aren't involved in clubs or sports, at least they won't be home alone as long in the afternoons."

Roberts said the board of education will be informed about these suggested starting-time changes at Monday night's board meeting. It begins at 7 p.m. in the administration office, 6389 Clarkston Road.

The Parent Advisory Team will do a random survey of 400 parents March 21. The school district will host a public hearing on the issue the first week in April. The task force will present a final recommendation at the April 10 board of education meeting.

"We hope to implement any changes in the fall of 2000," Roberts added.

"This isn't a done deal. We want feedback."

Community members are welcome to e-mail Roberts with their ideas and opinions. His e-mail address is Robertag@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

? WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

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OBITUARY

ROBERT LEE POOLE

Robert Lee Poole of Clarkston died March 8, 2000, at age 86.

Mr. Poole retired from the City of Pontiac as a heavy equipment operator. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Poole was preceded in death by his son, Mark, and mother, Charity.

He is survived by his wife, Inez; daughters, Stephanie Wright of Clarkston, Julia Harris of Clarkston and Paulette of Jackson; sons, Christopher L. of Clarkston, Larry (Goya) Carter of Georgia, Samuel Miller of Clarkston, Alec Dorsey of Adrian and Larry (Terry) Thelmas of Florida. Mr. Poole is also survived by more than 40 foster children and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment was at Oakhill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Clarkston school events

March 13: SP Book Fair. CMS, SMS volleyball and wrestling.

March 14: CMS vocal concert. CE PTO open board. CE Skate Night. SP PTA Board.

March 15: CHS PTSA. CE Lego contest. SP Market Day. IND Skate Night. CMS, SMS volleyball and wrestling.

March 16: CHS vocal concert. SP Student Pride Night. SP Arts Informance.

March 17: PK Talent Show.

AE = Andersonville Elementary, BL = Bailey Lake Elementary, CE = Clarkston Elementary, CHS = Clarkston High School, CMS = Clarkston Middle School, IND = Independence Elementary, NS = North Sashabaw Elementary, OTC = Oakland Technical Center Northwest, PK = Pine Knob Elementary, SMS = Sashabaw Middle School, SP = Springfield Plains Elementary.

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

March 13: Jumbo corn dog, pizza square, tossed salad with dressing, orange wedges.

March 14: Turkey pita pocket, pizza square, tator tots, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie.

March 15: Nachos with meat and cheese with roll, pizza square, veggie sticks with dip, mixed fruit cup.

March 16: Cook's choice, pizza square, vegetable choice, fruit choice and Lucky Tray Day.

March 17: Fish fillet on a bun, pizza square, golden corn, cinnamon applesauce, shamrock cookie.

Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 13: Pizza square, chicken patty, seasoned fries, orange wedges.

March 14: Toasted cheese with chicken noodle soup, jumbo corn dog, turkey pita, hot pockets, tator tots, pineapple.

March 15: Chicken strips, road beef on a bun, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit.

March 16: Little Caesar's pizza, hot ham and cheese on a bun, tossed salad, jello.

March 17: Nacho with breadstick, fish fillet on a bun, carrot sticks, fruit cup.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 13: Little Caesar's, tuna in a roll-up, ravioli with breadstick.

March 14: Chicken fryz, turkey club, burrito.

March 15: Little Charlie's pizza, jumbo corn dog, submarine.

March 16: Nacho with roll, ham and cheese on bagel, cheesy breadsticks.

March 17: Pizza square, fish on a bun, toasted cheese sandwich.

Independence Township Library

March: Drop off books for the spring sale.

March 14: Evening Book Discussion Group—7:30-9 p.m. Discussion is on the book *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver.

March 15: Storytime—10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Geneology on the Internet: The Family Search Web Site—7-9 p.m. Registration required for this free program.

March 18: Second class for "Navigating the Worldwide Web" — 9:15 a.m.

Independence Township Recreation

Early-bird registration is going on now for youth baseball and softball. Registration for adult softball began March 6 for returning teams and begins March 13 for new resident teams. Open registration starts March 20.

Summer youth baseball/softball camp registration is going on now. There are three camps for ages 4-14.

Tickets are on sale now for the Marshmallow Drop at 11 a.m. April 15 in Clintonwood Park. Children ages 12 and younger may participate. Tickets are $4 per child for residents and $6 for non-residents.

A Holiday Extravaganza is planned for 10:30 a.m. until noon April 18. The party is for 2- to 5-year-olds and is a celebration of the season. Tickets are $4 for residents and $6 for non-residents.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Veal parmesan

Tuesday: Smothered chicken

Wednesday: Corned beef and cabbage

Thursday: Chinese chicken casserole

Friday: Beef stew with vegetables

To reserve a meal, call Joan at 625-8231 by 10 a.m. the day before the lunch you want.

A St. Patrick's Day party is set for 11:30 a.m. March 15. Cost is $4. Entertainment will be by Jim Lauri. A corned beef and cabbage lunch is included in the price. Sign up by March 13.

Volunteer tax preparers will be available to assist with tax forms 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For an appointment and a list of what to bring, call the senior center at 625-8231.

Springfield Township Recreation

Springfield Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Recreation, will offer an in-line hockey instructional class Monday, March 13, in Springfield Oaks Activity Center. Children ages 5-8 will play 5-6 p.m., and children ages 9 and up will play 6-7 p.m. Cost is $10 per person.

An in-line hockey league will begin March 20 and run through May 1. Cost is $55 and 13- to 17-year-olds will be split from the younger kids and play from 8-9 p.m. Adult pick-up games will be scheduled from 8-9 p.m. Cost is $5 per visit.

For more information or to register for the instruction or the league, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 634-0412.



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SPOTLIGHT ON:

By Dr. Allen J. Seiter

TREATING ARTHRITIS



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A recent survey of arthritis sufferers shows that, among so-called "complementary and alternative medicine" (CAM) offerings, chiropractic ranks highest of the alternative forms of care ever used. Nearly 31% of the arthritis sufferers surveyed indicated that they had tried chiropractic at least once. Beyond that, chiropractic ranked second (81%) as the CAM that was "regularly used" by those who tried it. Most importantly, however, was the fact that 73% of the patients who tried chiropractic found it to be "helpful." The things that drove arthritis patients to seek CAM are pain control, safety, and the ineffectiveness of prescribed medication. The factor that kept them coming back was the fact that chiropractic worked for them.

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P.S. Other forms of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) included in the above mentioned study were special diets, electrical stimulators, herbal therapies, and acupuncture.

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Another life saver: *Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Polidan with the Marine Division gets the Hovercraft ready for a practice run in Deer Lake.*

Rescue rangers

Hovercraft added to marine search squadron

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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The Marine Division of Oakland County Sheriff's Department is ready to go out on thin ice.

Its new Hovercraft vehicle can go on rescues where boats don't dare travel.

"It's particularly useful in the spring, fall and winter," said Sgt. Paul Thomas with the Marine Division. "It enables us to make rescues when a body of water isn't completely frozen."

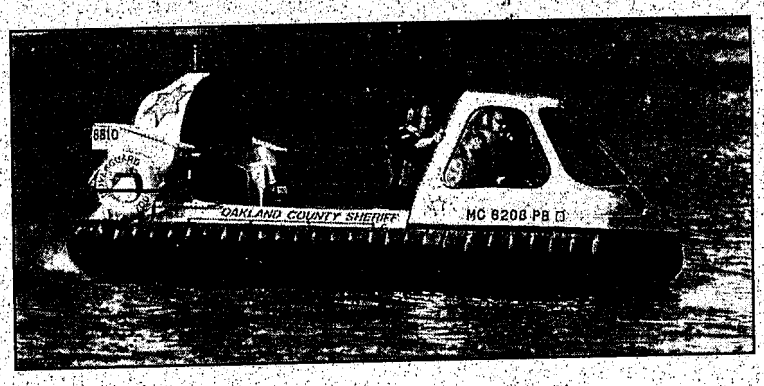
Up until now, rescues in water with thin ice or ice too thick for a boat have been difficult for the Sheriff's Rescue and Recovery Team.

The Hovercraft allows the team to reach potential victims on the county's lakes, rivers and ponds under precarious situations during a thaw or freezing period. It also can take rescuers through very narrow and shallow sections of water where boats can't go.

Members of the Rescue and Recovery Team took the Hovercraft out on one of its bi-weekly practice runs last week on Deer Lake in Independence Township. Deputies Jim Polidan and Mike Suarez drove it over the beach and over the deep and shallow portions of the lake several times. Also, officers practiced diving off the Hovercraft for the first time.

The Marine Division took possession of the Hovercraft in early January. The team is taking it out to different bodies of water in the county for practice and to let residents get familiar with it.

The sheriff's department purchased the 100-horsepower Hovercraft, its trailer and equipment from Hovertechnic for about $25,000. The craft is 14.5-feet long and 6.5-feet wide, making it easy to maneuver in very icy conditions.



It's hovering: *Oakland County Sheriff's Department Deputy Mike Suarez and Deputy Jim Polidan, both with the Marine Division, try out the new Hovercraft.*

Police: Crime in Clarkston area down from '98

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Residents of Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston will be glad to hear that crime — overall — is down from last year.

This fact was reflected in reports from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and from the Clarkston Police Department.

OCSD recently released its 1999 Crime Statistics for the county and all its substations, which include Independence and Springfield townships. Crimes are listed in categories defined as Part I, II and III. Part I is the most serious; Part III the least.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Police Department also released its 1999 statistics. Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston reported the city received a total of 520 calls for service in 1999. The 1998 figure was 732.

Ormiston said he thinks the Clarkston statistics are a good indication of what's going on in the city. "The statistics people want to look at are those for murder, sexual assaults, armed robberies, burglaries, larcenies and vandalism. These are the ones people commit against other people. Other types of crimes, like liquor and drug law violations, often are statistics from what our officers found while on patrol," he explained. "If I were to move into a community, I would ask to look at statistics."

There were 28 calls for incidences against people in Clarkston in 1999, compared to 35 in 1998, the Clarkston report shows. The 1999 figures included one reported sexual assault, four burglaries from businesses and eight larcenies from vehicles. There were no murders or armed robberies.

Total calls for service for Springfield Township went down from 5,874 in 1998 to 5,552 in 1999. Total calls for service went up in Independence Township from 14,213 to 14,958.

Sgt. Kenneth Quisenberry from the Independence Township substation said that doesn't mean the township is unsafe to live in. It means service calls went up, explained Lt. Dale LaBair from the Independence Township substation.

What statistics mean

The difficulty in reviewing these statistics, Quisenberry added, is that a statistic doesn't tell the whole picture.

"There are other things that have to be considered when one reads these numbers," Quisenberry said. "For instance, if someone looks under assaults, people have a mental picture that an assault is an all-out bloody fight. That isn't the case in most of our assaults," he said.

He explained how the statistics are gathered. When officers with the sheriff's department write a report, it's sent to a sheriff's department employee in Pontiac who gives it a four-digit code that classifies the crime. The report is entered into Oakland County's computer bank. Those codes are sent to a nationwide bank of statistics, which is reviewed by the FBI to reflect what crime trends are nationally.

If someone wants a better indication of the crime picture in Independence Township, he recommended people visit the sub-

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Lead poisoning killed swans

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Lead from a hunter's gun fired years ago is the likely killer of nine swans in Woodhull Lake.

The bodies of three mute swans were recovered from the water Tuesday after a resident called to report the carcasses to Independence Township. The birds were sent to the state Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Disease Lab in East Lansing where an animal autopsy or necropsy was performed by wildlife biologist Tom Cooley.

The cause of death for the majestic white birds was acute lead poisoning, Cooley said. One bird had 891 lead pellets in its intestinal tract, and another had 357 pellets lodged there.

"Both of them had enlarged gall bladders that would indicate a stoppage of food going through," he said.

A scavenger had gotten to the third bird and it had no intestines or gizzard to study, Cooley said.

■ 'We can't understand how they're getting that concentration (of lead).'

Craig Richardson
Independence Twp. Water Supt.

Swans are bottom feeders. They tip up with their bottoms in the air to feed like mallard ducks do. They use their long necks to forage deeper into the sediments. That probably explains why the swans are dead and other waterfowl are not, Cooley said.

Lead shot was used in guns until 1989, but Cooley said it isn't unusual to find lead stuck in lake bottoms where a lot of hunting has occurred.

"Lead is a very slow breakdown material, and it takes a long time to disintegrate," he said.

Because of the slow pace of the breakdown, the water is safe for other animals and humans.

Independence Township Water Superintendent Craig Richardson recovered the three swans. He said as far as he knows the others are still in the water. Richardson said because he has a background in wildlife rescue he is often called to help out when animals are involved.

"We can't understand how they're getting that concentration (of lead)," he said.

He added that mute swans appear to be on the rise in this area. On Tuesday they saw about 15 live birds on the water.

Cooley said mute swans are not rare. The mutes are exotic birds native to Europe. Trumpeter swans are native to Michigan and are on the endangered species list. The DNR has been attempting to reintroduce trumpeters in northern Michigan lakes, Cooley said.

A third type of swan found in Michigan is the tundra swan. All of the swans are white and look similar from a distance.

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 March 8, someone broke windows on three vehicles parked in the Park and Ride on Sashabaw Road at I-75. Police believed the person rifled through the vehicles' interiors looking for valuables. It wasn't known if anything was removed.

Operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor

On March 6, a 21-year-old Clarkston man struck a car driven by a 35-year-old Clarkston woman at Bank One, 5601 Sashabaw Road, causing a property damage accident. He left the scene of the accident. A witness to the accident followed him and called police. They found him at his place of employment. Police noticed his speech was slurred and administered a preliminary breathalyzer test. The man's score was .25, more than twice the legal driving limit of .10. The man was arrested for OUIL and for leaving the scene of an accident.

Springfield Township

Malicious destruction of property

On March 8, someone damaged 17 temporary mailboxes at the **Bridge Lake Bluffs** subdivision entrance.

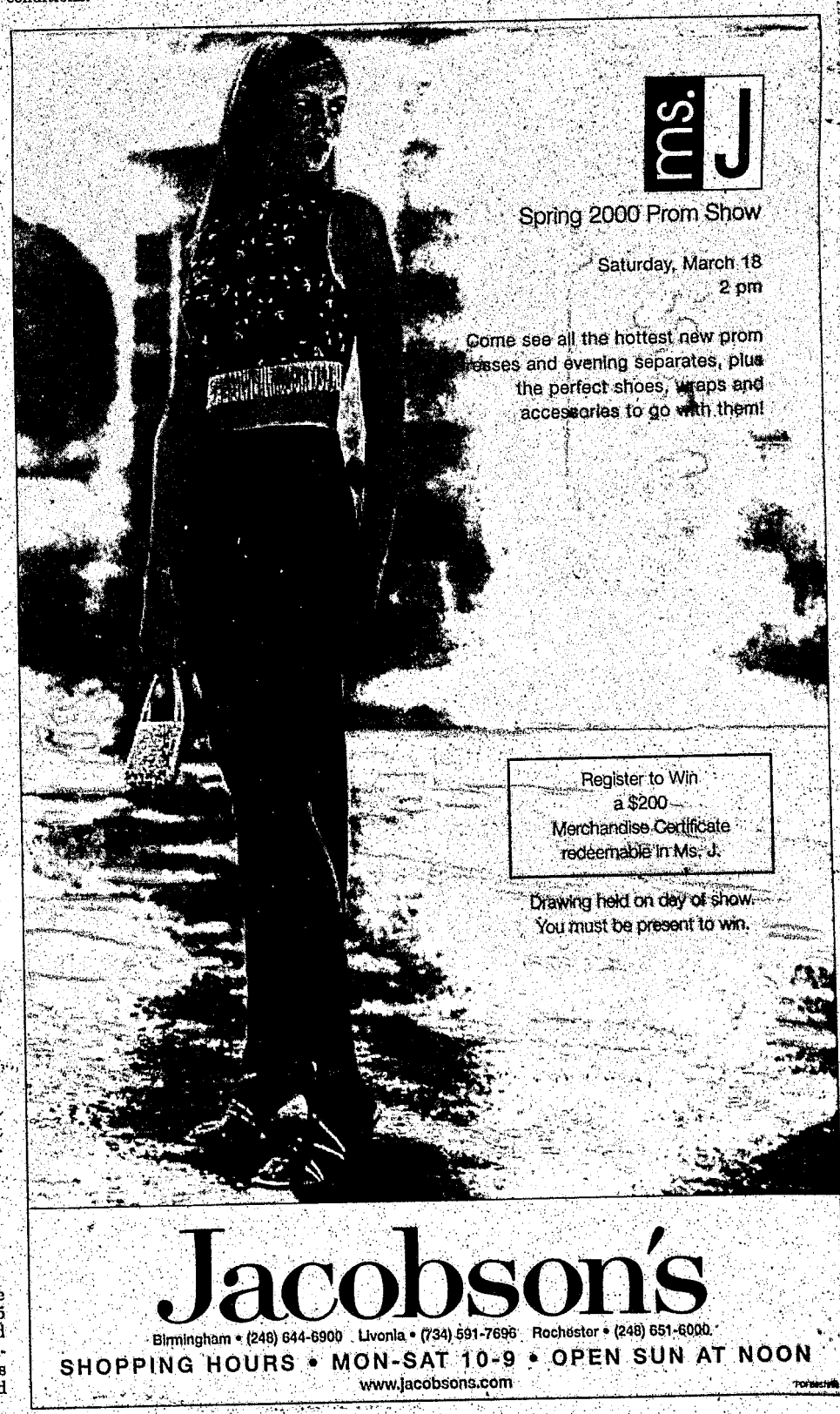
Clarkston Police

No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 15 calls March 6-8. These included eight medical calls, three personal-injury accidents, two grass fires, one investigation call and one call for the category other.



OCC seminar series to aid women

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents *Coming Into Yourself,* a seminar series on self-exploration beginning on Tuesday, March 21.

The nine-week series costs $40 and is open to the public. It meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the campus' J Building, Room 308.

Writer, therapist to appear

Writer Maureen Dunphy and art therapist Karen Schurgin will lead the interactive series. Written and artistic journaling are the forms of expression that will assist participants in exploring, finding and defining themselves.

This seminar series is sponsored by the Womencenter, a college facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women.

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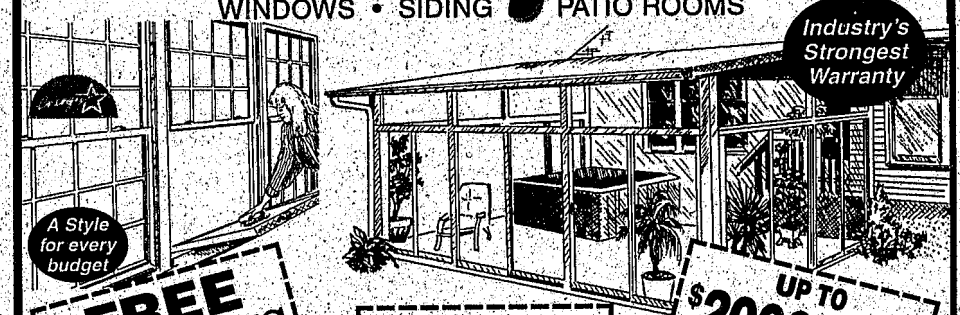

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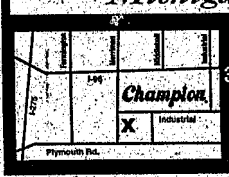

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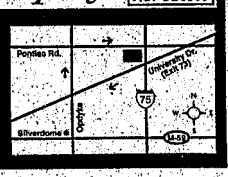

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Backers submit petitions to put school vouchers on ballot

EDUCATION

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A proposal to set up a voucher system for students in an estimated 30 "failing" public school districts is apparently headed for the November ballot.

Kids First! Yes!, the organization sponsoring the drive for the constitutional amendment, submitted petitions to the state Feb. 24. Jeff Timmer, senior advisor to Kids First, said the group gathered well over the necessary number to make the ballot. Although signatures have not yet been certified by the state Elections Commission, Timmer said he has "no doubt" they will have enough to get on the ballot.

"We had to gather 302,000 signatures in six months. We got 302,000 signatures in just three months," he said. "We turned in 463,000" with more than a month to spare.

Opportunity Scholarships

The most controversial aspect of the proposal is that it would create "Opportunity Scholarships," vouchers, in failing school districts that could be cashed in for tuition at private, even religious, schools.

A troubled school district, qualifying for the vouchers, is defined in the proposed constitutional amendment as one that has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," as reported by the state Department of Education. That means that the schools are graduating less than 66 percent of those students who enter the eighth grade. The amendment keys on graduation rates in 1998-99 and districts that improve in later years would not be able to drop out of the voucher program, Timmer said.

Thirty school districts across the state have rates under 66 percent. In southeast Michigan, those districts include Detroit, Inkster, Wayne Westland and Pontiac schools, Timmer said.

■ For those districts that have the voucher program, it will be worth half of the state's per pupil expenditure per student in that district, which could then be carried to a private school to cover tuition costs.

There are no districts in Livingston County that graduate less than two-thirds.

In Ingham County, Lansing public schools is presently on the list.

"Lansing public schools, as of June 1998, had the worst graduation of any district in the state. The number dropped so much that it is being checked for an error in the data," Timmer said.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other district in the state, based on a vote of local residents, to set up a voucher system within their district.

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The proposal also requires teacher competency testing, which would apply to all public school districts as well as those private schools that accept the vouchers.

The proposal would also guarantee funding to schools, on a per pupil basis, at a level that would never drop from the 2000-01 state allocation.

The proposal has drawn the fire of the Michigan Education Association, as well as many local school boards, which argue the proposed amendment could harm districts by drawing money away from public schools to private schools. In the failing districts, according to the MEA, the problem would be worse. Already distressed, drawing money away by students leaving for private schools would make it all the more difficult for the district provide a good education to the students who are left behind.

$60 million cost

Timmer argues the cost to public schools has been over-estimated. He says the proposal will cost less than a third of a percent of the state's overall expenditure on schools. The cost would likely be $60 million the first year, and Timmer says the state education fund has a surplus well over that amount.

Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc., has also said polling indicates initial support is too low for the amendment to pass. A proposal has to start with more than 60 percent initial support, because typically such proposals lose support as election day nears.

Timmer argues polls put initial support at 58 percent. "And any pollster who says there is a difference in polling between 58 and 60 percent isn't being honest," he said.

Next will come the launch of a campaign, aimed at convincing voters to support the measure. Timmer said plans include television ads, direct mailing, phone banks, forums and debates. But voters won't likely see any hard campaigning until much closer to the election. Ads have not yet been prepared, Timmer said.

Members of Kids First however will be available participate in forums and debates immediately. To contact the group for information or to arrange for a debate participant, contact the group at (888) 330-KIDS.

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First coeds among latest graduates of Sheriff's Boot Camp

BY PAT MURPHY
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Since it opened in 1990, the Oakland County Sheriff's Boot Camp has graduated 1,314 trainees, or nonviolent offenders who chose eight weeks of military-style regimen rather than regular jail time.

Until Friday, when the total climbed to 1,330, all the boot camp graduates were male.

Two of the 16 most recent graduates — Kimberly Wingate, 32 of Detroit, and Erin Larrow, 20, of Monroe — became the first women trainees to successfully finish boot camp.

Four other women inmates failed to complete the program, as did 18 of their male counterparts.

The boot camp — named Camp Nichols — was initiated by the late Sheriff John F. Nichols, who envisioned that it would eventually become a co-ed facility.

"Originally, the idea was to save money," said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, who succeeded Nichols. "And we save more than $1 million," he said.

Those savings occurred, according to the sheriff, because inmates routinely cut time off their original sentence by going through boot camp rather than regular jail, where costs are estimated at $75 per day.

"Equally important," the sheriff said, "we've changed lives."

Bouchard said studies show that trainees who complete boot camp are less likely to have additional run-ins with the law compared to other jail inmates.

"We're very proud of all our trainees," said Lt. Robert D. Sahajdack, commander of the boot camp. They were all subjected to the same discipline, he said, and the same physical training. "Everybody (male or female) was subject to the same regimen," he said — reveille at 4:45 a.m., followed by a full day of physical training, work details and classes.

■ 'I've learned my lesson and I'm turning my life around.'
Joshua Brown
Lake Orion

Of the 16 trainees to graduate, Wingate, an eighth-grade dropout with three children, was voted "Most Improved Trainee" by the drill instructors and supporting staff.

"I got into the boot camp to cut my jail time," Wingate said during an interview following graduation exercises. "But after I was here, I realized I needed the discipline."

Larrow, who said she was arrested and jailed for bad checks, said boot camp was one of the hardest things she's accomplished in her life. "Having somebody (drill instructors) in your face all the time telling you what to do," was the most difficult aspect, she said.

Her dad, Mark, said the eight weeks of boot camp was time well invested. "Erin needed jail time to straighten her life around," he said.

The trainee designated Distinguished Honor Graduate was Joshua Brown, 24, a 1994 graduate of Lake Orion High School.

Brown said he was originally sentenced for fleeing and eluding police who eventually arrested him for driving under the influence of liquor. "I've learned my lesson," he said, "and I'm turning my life around."

Simplified bills, please

Protesters, PSC to meet on utility problems

BY PAT MURPHY
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Utility bill protesters from Oakland County are scheduled to meet with the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) in Lansing this week as they pursue efforts on behalf of more understandable monthly statements.

"We're meeting privately with the PSC staff on Wednesday," said Robert Kachadourian, a retired history teacher from the Waterford School District who hopes to convince state regulators and utility officials that monthly statements need simplifying.

While meeting with the PSC staff is important, Kachadourian and other utility bill protesters are equally enthusiastic about a public hearing scheduled for March 20 at the Commissioner's Auditorium at the Oakland County Complex at 1200 N. Telegraph Road.

The hearing — called by Oakland County state representatives — is important in terms of raising public awareness of the problem, said Kachadourian, "and convincing customers they can do something about this problem."

The problem, according to Kachadourian, a Bloomfield Township resident, is monthly utility statements that are difficult to comprehend. He became personally involved in seeking a remedy, Kachadourian said, after trying more than an hour to decipher his mother's telephone bill.

"It shouldn't be that hard to understand you bill," said Kachadourian, who has a doctorate in history.

Kachadourian is convinced utility companies will cooperate in making utility bills more understandable once they realize the number of customers who find them difficult to comprehend.

"We're focusing on problems in Oakland County," he said, "but we've heard from dozens of people in Wane County and elsewhere who have similar concerns.

"This isn't a county problem," Kachadourian insisted, "this is a statewide problem."

A spokesman for Consumers Energy, formerly Consumers Power said utility companies are indeed concerned about complaints from customers. "We are always looking for ways to simply bill presentation," according to Dan Bishop, the utility's director of public information.

In a telephone interview last month, Bishop said bill presentation will become more of a problem as more and more utilities are deregulated.

Kachadourian said the meeting with the PSC staff is scheduled for 1 p.m. More details are available at (248) 335-0901.

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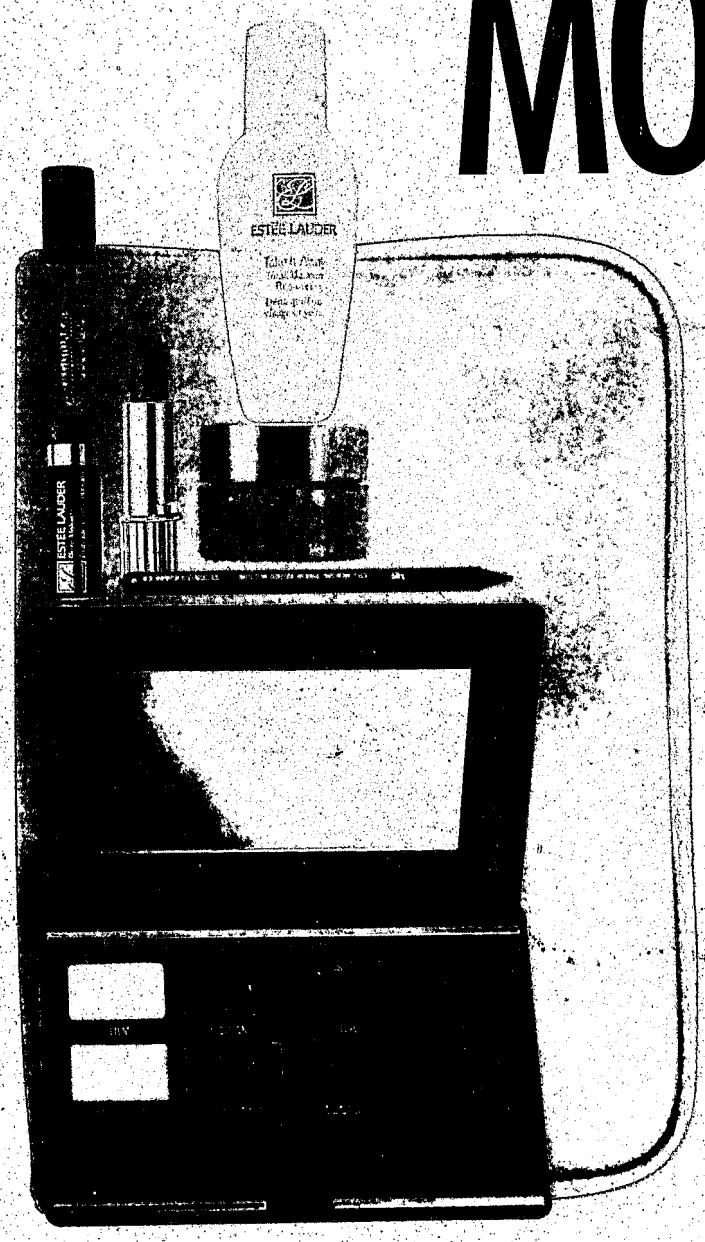

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How do you define shopping?

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I've been waiting for a reason to write about my participation in a Gallup Poll survey on Internet shopping.

Since this section is called "Malls & Mainstreets," it's difficult to justify writing about shopping in cyberspace. (By the way, I'd like to hear from readers who have feelings one way or the other about seeing Internet shopping information here. Send me an e-mail, drop me a note or give me a phone call.)

Anyway, there was a deluge of shoppers in downtown Birmingham earlier this week, apparently brought on by the unseasonably warm weather. Such an occurrence seemed to me to drive home the point shopping isn't just about buying or looking around for merchandise. Often, shopping is simply entertainment.

Anyway, a few days before Christmas, I received a telephone call from a guy at the Gallup Poll.

He asked about 10 questions. When was the last time I used the Internet? When was the last time I looked for merchandise on the Internet? Did I have Internet access at home?

He then asked whether I'd be willing to participate in a larger survey on web shopping. I said yes and listened to his instructions. He told me I would fill out the survey on the Internet. Written instructions and a pin number to access the survey would arrive in a few days, he said.

Since I regularly rely on the Internet for information about retailers and new merchandise for my job, I decided I was an excellent candidate for the survey. I probably knew things about retail cyberspace most people didn't.

Shortly after beginning the survey, I realized my knowledge about what retail offer on the Internet was unimportant to the Gallup Poll.

The survey was divided into retail categories, such as books, airline tickets, clothing, house wares and so forth. Each section began with the question: "Which of the following descriptions best fits your behavior when you *shop* on-line for ...?"

- "I'm usually just browsing, not really in the market to buy at that time."
- "I'm usually getting information so that I can make my purchase elsewhere."
- "I'm shopping and may or may not make my purchase on-line."
- "I'm usually intending to make my purchase on-line."

Following was a list of web sites and a series of boxes that were to be checked based on whether I had *shopped* or *purchased* there within the last two weeks or last two months.

In other words, the survey taps into how different people define shopping.

Is it merely browsing or a process of gathering information, comparing products and price tags? Or is it a more complex decision-making process? Is it pulling out the credit card and buying something? Perhaps it is a combination of these actions?

Of course everybody defines shopping differently, and I'm fairly certain most of us don't really think about these distinctions. I mean who has time for a semantics debate concerning something as trivial as shopping?

But obviously, there are people – probably the executives who head up apparel companies and publishing houses and so forth – who care tremendously about these distinctions.

Interestingly enough, after completing the survey, I concluded I didn't actually shop on the Internet. Even when I was in the market to buy, I was merely gathering information, I decided. Thus, shopping on the Internet isn't shopping from my point of view.

On the other hand, heading to downtown Birmingham to walk the streets, enjoy the unseasonable weather, browse store windows and perhaps buy something, is shopping in my opinion.

It's often said that shopping malls and real stores with salespeople won't lose business to the Internet and catalogs because consumers like to touch and feel merchandise before they buy. Shoppers also like atmosphere, a warm, inviting storefront, interesting store displays and the like.

Nonetheless, I have a feeling I won't be the only one who is shopping *and purchasing* merchandise on the Internet in the near future.

Sweet times

Teens and retailers prepare for prom season



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Good fit: *Rochester Adams High School juniors Keely Gramling and Katie Potter try on prom dresses at Hudson's at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. Both young ladies are participating in Prom Gala 2000, a program sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland. Through the program area teens pledge to stay substance-free through prom season and appear in a prom fashion show and dance performance at an area mall.*

That all-important night in a young girl's life – prom – is approaching quickly.

And both retailers and teenage girls are in the throws of preparing for the event.

Several prom fashion shows are slated at area stores and malls, including Prom Gala 2000, a runway presentation of prom attire and a dance performance featuring both guys and girls from local high schools who have committed to stay substance-free through prom season.

The program is being sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and culminates in a fashion and dance presentation at 1 p.m. today (Sunday, March 12) on the stage at Oakland Mall in Troy.

For those who can't make the show, Jacobson's will highlight trends in prom attire at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Ms. J department at their stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The season's prom attire promises a substantial dose of color, especially different shades of pink. Bare shoulders, midriffs and backs that are discreet enough to keep parents happy also are in abundance, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. Separates, such as full skirts with cotton camisoles, and use of tulle are other promising trends, she said. "They're dressing up, you know," said Rice. "They're not slouching around. ... It's a big occasion for most young people, and they want to dress up."



Sweet styles: *Bare midriffs, shoulders and backs, feminine details and separates sweep prom looks, $132-156 all at Jacobson's.*

Pop singer Brandy visits Hudson's at Northland



Brandy style: *Pop singer and television star Brandy is slated to visit the Northland Center Hudson's store in Southfield on March 18 to promote DKNY's new junior jeans line.*

Jeans, teenagers and a role model. Gather them together at the mall, and you have a winning event.

That's why DKNY, which is launching a collection of junior jeans, is following in the footsteps of other apparel companies who have targeted the youth market, and bringing pop singer and television star Brandy Norwood to the area.

Brandy, a Grammy Award-winning, pop R&B star with Atlantic Records, has been chosen to appear in the company's advertisements for the clothing collection and participate in their marketing campaigns, which means retail appearances across the country.

She'll visit metropolitan Detroit shoppers and teens at noon Saturday, March 18 at the DKNY Junior Jeans shop at Hudson's Northland Center store in Southfield.

Brandy is slated to spend about an hour signing autographs, shaking hands, conversing with fans and talking about DKNY's junior collection.

The denim line is a new junior girls division for DKNY that targets teenagers, age 14 to 18, and seeks to appeal to the groups' urban and independent sensibilities.

The jeans, original styles designed specifically for a teenager's body and lifestyle, are available in different colors with a variety of embellishments. The label, which is accented with neon pink, says "DKNY//Jeans."

Coordinates for the collection are a mix of sexy and sweet: tie-dye halters, hook 'n eye ribbed tanks, plaid tops, nylon surfer shorts, lace-edged white Capri pants and other trendy pieces.

For additional information about Brandy's appearance, call Hudson's at Northland Center, (248) 443-6000.

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

AMERICAN BEAUTY WEEK
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents American Beauty Week, a week of special events and gift-with-purchase promotions at their cosmetic counters through March 18, Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 261.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

GIANFRANCO FERRE SHOW
View the special order collection of Gianfranco Ferre for spring at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy. Trunk show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and informal modeling, 1-4 p.m., Salon Z Collections, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 643-9000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

RENFREW TRUNK SHOW
Fibres, 270 West Maple Road in downtown Birmingham, presents a trunk show of spring suiting and separates by Renfrew through March 19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 723-2880.

MEN'S TRUNK SHOWS
Jacobson's in Rochester Hills hosts two trunk shows for men, the Hart Marx Collection, Men's Department, and the Johnston & Murphy Collection, Men's Shoes, 4-8 p.m. For details, call (248) 651-6000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

CAROL PERETZ TRUNK SHOW
Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of spring and summer evening gowns by Carol Peretz with an appearance by the designer through March 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call (248) 855-8855.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

TADASHI TRUNK SHOW
View the spring collection of evening gowns by Tadashi at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 643-3300.

DERBY EVENT
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Livonia Family YMCA's Indian Guides Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Food Court. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

CRAIG TAYLOR APPEARANCE
Shirt designer Craig Taylor visits Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Women's Sportswear. For additional information, call (248) 644-6900.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of the most recent jewelry collection by Robin Rotenier, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW
Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile Road, hosts a children's magic show that teaches social skills and strategies, 1 p.m. Value City Court. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

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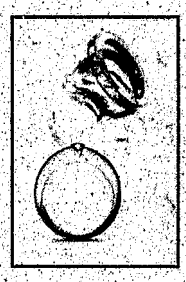
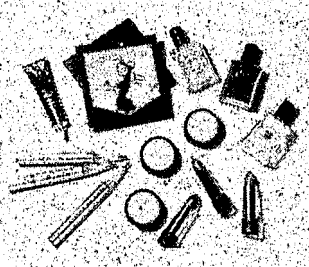




Simply luxurious: *Neiman Marcus has launched an updated private label collection of goodies for the bath, including body lotion, shower gel and bath, guest and hand soaps. Look for new fragrances like tuberose, verbena, lavender and frangipani, $15-32 at Neiman Marcus.*



Tropical punch: *The beautiful, vibrant colors of fruit are informing cosmetics collection this spring, as well as fashion. Stila's lineup includes extremely sheer eye color in shades of guava, kiwi and mango. Look for hues of melon, nectarine and raspberry in Stila's Lip Color lipsticks, Nail Shimmer nail polish and other products, $12-17 at department stores.*

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

– **Corn Huskers hand lotion** can be bought at most **Rite Aid, CVS, F&M, and Meijer stores.**

– The **Beauty Boutique catalog** carries some **Adrienne Arpel cosmetics**, (800) 497-7463.

– The **game Michigan Rummy**, also known as Tripoli, can be bought at **Toys R Us stores** and at **some Target and Kmart stores.**

– The **perfume KL by Lagerfeld** can be purchased at the **Fragrant outlet** at Birch Run, (517) 624-0134.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

– We did not find a company that will repair a **Seeberg jukebox**, so we are still looking for one.

– We are no longer need looking for an **iron mangle**; we had several readers with one available.

– We have had many requests for **Hudson's millennium Santa bears**, but those readers with the bears no longer have any available.

– **Jungle Gardenia perfume** by Tuvache is no longer manufactured.

– **Sutherland's restaurant** served halibut not cod.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– **A company or person to appraise a small ceramic Chinese dog** for Margaret of Canton.

– **A store that will repair a glass dish holding a prism for a lamp** for Julia, who lives in Westland.

– **A 1998 "Muffy Bear" Sugar Plum Fairy** for Diane.

– **A used 32-volt Delco system generator** for Walter.

– **A Farberware or Revere stove-top percolator** that is not electric.

– **A store that sells Carter's all-cotton Spanky pants** with a band leg.

– The **1930-40 Time/Life book series** for Evelyn of Livonia.

– **A store where single serving salad dressing packets can be bought** for Elaine, a resident of Garden City.

– **A store where Angel Soft & Gentle floral/colored toilet tissue is available** for Kathy of Redford.

– **A Samsonite metal card table chair in yellow and gray for children** for Mary.

– **A video tape copy of a television program** aired on WDIV-Channel 4 on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2000 **about events and influential people of the century.**

– **Barney software by Microsoft called "Barney Under the Sea," "Barney Goes to the Circus," and "Fun on the Farm,"** for Colleen.

– **A store that has a whistling tea kettle that shuts off when it reaches boiling point** for Barbara of Troy.

– **A Detroit Brady Elementary School book containing poems and photos** (1944-45) for Florence, who lives in Southfield.

– The **game Scotland Yard** for Debbie.

– **British Sterling men's stick deodorant** for Shirley of Livonia.

– **A store that sells FINESSE hair brushes** for Judy.

– **New or used "Moon Glow" curtains, sheets, drapes and scarves made by Drapery Boutique** for Debbie, a resident of Canton.

– **A gasket for a 4-quart Mirromatic pressure cooker** for Agatha of Livonia.

– **Two Millennium Barbie dolls** for Nancy, a Livonia resident.

– **Waterford's 1999 "Twelve Days of Christmas" ornament series** for Helen of Livonia.

– **Coty's 24-hour cream lipstick in "Redstone"** for Lois, who lives in Livonia.

– **A June, 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook.**

– **AGZALELAND lavender-water after-shave for men** for Mike of Plymouth.

– **The front page or a section from the June 18, 1998 edition of The Detroit News & Free Press** for Carol, a resident of Troy.

– **An antique library-style dictionary stand** for Joanne, a Bloomfield Township resident.

– The **book "Alphie, the Christmas Tree," by John Denver** for Cyndie.

– **A store where a heating coil for use in a cigarette lighter that warms coffee can be bought** for Regina, a Commerce Township resident.

– **A 1939 Commerce High School yearbook** for Grace, a resident of Livonia.

– A store where "Wibbles that Wobble" are sold for Marge of Canton.

– **A 6 or 8-ounce Vernor's ginger ale glass used for ice cream floats** for John.

– **A store where bed sheets for a 3/4 antique bed can be bought** for Janet, who resides in Clarkston.

– **A Foley pastry cloth.**

– **Solo soprano music for "Dancing Doll" by E. Poldini** for Gail of Dearborn.

– **A 1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook** for Catherine, a resident of Novi.

– **A video tape of the movie "Bus Top"** for Heidi of Bloomfield Hills.

– **A store that carries products from the Super Guard II Ideal Security Hardware Corporation**, based in St. Paul, Minn. for Christine of Ortonville.

– **A store where homemade, tightly- wrapped pizza rolls with a generous amount of cheese and pepperoni are sold** for Kim of Livonia.

– **A store where standard mattress sheets without elastic around the entire sheet are sold** for Marie, who lives in Canton.

– **A store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought** for Sandra, who lives in Sterling Heights.

– *Compiled by Sandi Jarackas*

Oakland Mall offers certificates on-line

Sure, merchandise can be purchased on the Internet.

But what about a gift certificate for a friend or family member who'd rather shop than unwrap a package?

Actually, several local shopping venues offer on-line gift certificate programs, including Oakland Mall – the latest to extend the service to customers.

The Birmingham Principal Shopping District, the Somerset Collection in Troy and The Village shopping district in Grosse Pointe also sell gift certificates on-line.

Oakland Mall's certificates are redeemable at any of the center's stores and can be purchased with a credit card for between $5 and $50 (in increments of $5) by visiting the center's web site at www.oaklandmall.com.

The shopping mall is located at I-75 and 14 Mile Road in Troy.

The certificates, which have a one-year expiration date, also bear a personalized message from the purchaser. Mailing and handling costs are paid for by the purchaser.

The service is being provided through an agreement between Oakland Mall and Isiah.com.

Gift certificates for use in downtown Birmingham (Birmingham Principal Shopping District) and the Somerset Collection in Troy can be purchased on the Internet at Isiah.com.

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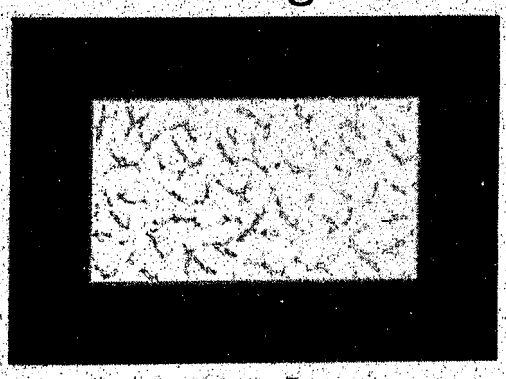

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Crime stats
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station and talk to LaBair, himself or another officer.

"The fact remains," Quisenberry said, "that crime is phenomenally low in Independence Township." Assaults were reduced from 349 in 1998 to 310 in 1999, for example. The 626 larcenies in 1999 are lower than the reported 672 in 1998 and operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor reports dropped from 91 to 69.

Decreasing numbers

The picture looks much the same in Springfield Township. Assault reports were reduced to 127 in 1999 from 185 in 1998 ; larcenies decreased to 213 in 1999 from 252 in 1998 and OUILs dropped from 39 to 33.

There were no homicides in either township. There were increases in the number of reports of certain types of criminal sexual conduct in both townships, but LaBair said this is due to the push for the public to report these types of crimes.

"It doesn't mean there are more CSC crimes," he said. "Schools and individuals are encouraged to report these suspected crimes, and they're doing that."

"Overall, reported crime is down in our township," said Sgt. Pat Miles from the Springfield Township substation. "The statistics aren't really indicative of the crime here because we have a lot of service calls that go into the figures. These include calls for vehicle lock outs and house alarm calls. These keep our deputies busy."

He contributes the overall drop in reported crime in Springfield to the fine job his officers do and also to economics. "The economy is good; unemployment is down. These are factors that need to be taken into consideration," he added.

Quisenberry pointed out that population growth affects statistics in the report. In Independence Township, for example, the population has grown to 32,869 in 1999 from 31,218 in 1998, according to records by Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Springfield Township's population increased to 14,173 from 13,762 in one year. Clarkston's population grew by one to 1,029, according to the SEMCOG figures.

"These statistics also don't take into consideration what the reported crime figures mean in relation to population growth and increased traffic," Quisenberry added. "They have to be looked at in relation to growth. If the statistics stay the same while the population is increasing, then the statistical numbers are actually going down. In Independence Township we aren't seeing the increase in crime following the increase in population."

The statistics also are affected by whether residents tend to report suspected crimes. "A lot depends on the community," Quisenberry continued. "This community (Independence Township) tends to report crimes. Maybe residents in other communities don't. That means if one community reports crimes, it raises the statistics, but it doesn't mean that it's not a safe community to live in," he continued.

"We're really proud of the work we do here," Quisenberry added.

Trees
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The ditches will give water a place to go and keep the road from becoming too rough.

Some residents of Indianwood Estates, right off Indianwood Road, said back in the fall they were told six trees might have to go, but they would be notified of what the project entailed.

"It's so sad," resident Ivanka Jordan said. "I know the road is awful and eventually they (the trees) are going to come down. I don't like the way it was handled. I'm afraid it's a done deal."

Road commission spokesman Craig Bryson said residents along Indianwood Road only were mailed a letter dated Jan. 26 explaining the project. Subdivision residents were not notified.

Another subdivision resident, Bev Rulf, said she doesn't understand why engineers couldn't find a way to get around the trees with the space available.

"I'm devastated that these trees have to come down," she said. "You can't grow trees like this."

Some residents along Indianwood Road itself, however, said while it would be nice to keep the trees, they understand why they may be in the way.

Wayne Hyder said one of his nearby neighbors was extremely angry when he found out some of the trees might have to be cut down. The neighbor loves the trees in his yard and fortunately, Hyder said, none of that neighbor's was marked.

Hyder himself said he doesn't have strong feelings on the subject.

"It's just one of those things that has to happen," he said.

■ 'I'm devastated that these trees have to come down. You can't grow trees like this.'

Bev Rulf

Indianwood Estates resident

Like Rulf, he said he doesn't understand how the trees to be cut were chosen because in looking straight down the street, all of the trees are close together. One of the trees to be cut is in front of his house.

"I really hate to lose it, but it looks like there were two oaks that had split and it might become a hazard," he said.

Bryson said the plan will widen the road to 24 feet in a few places where it is only 18 feet wide now. The main reason for the tree cutting is to allow for straight ditches.

Hyder said he hopes the road is crowned, too, so the water will drain off better. Anything less than paving it, he said, is a temporary fix. He added that if they paved the road, they probably wouldn't have to cut down any trees.

Gary White also lives on Indianwood and would like to see the road paved, too. He said one of the trees on the cutting list is rotting anyway.

"If they have to go, they have to go. We need a road more than we need a tree. I'm tired of this dust and fighting the mud and holes," he said.

Bryson said work on the road will begin in the spring and possibly as late as June.

Quintana
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glowing recommendation. She seemed to meet all of the criteria we were looking for."

Quintana is an international representative for the UAW Education Department. Her involvement with the UAW began more than 20 years ago. Throughout the years she has held a variety of positions including recording secretary, treasurer and union auditor.

"I am delighted that the Latino Cultural Pastoral Center has recognized Rose Quintana for her union activism and her many contributions to our community," said UAW President Stephen P. Yokich. "She's a dedicated trade unionist and an outstanding labor educator."

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Quintana has volunteered to teach for the Michigan State University Women's Leadership Training Project, Oakland University's Labor Program and University of Michigan's Labor Solidarity Network.

She also serves as an executive board member for the Coalition of Labor Union Women and recording secretary for the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement in Oakland County.

"Because of my history and work experiences, I understand the dilemma of workers trying to make ends meet when wages are low," said Quintana. "And through my involvement in community work and the political arena, I've discovered that each of us can make a small difference in the lives of others."

The 2000 Detroit Latino Award was presented to Quintana during the LCPC's Fifth Annual Recognizing Dinner-Dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Quintana was escorted to the event by her parents, Primo and Carmen Quintana, and four children: Victor Herrera, Theresa Farkas, Christine Herrera and Brenda Hibbler.

"I was very impressed, but not surprised," said Farkas about her mother's award. "My mom does so much. She has real compassion for labor workers and is truly committed to helping so many people."

During her acceptance speech, Quintana dedicated the award to all of the people who have supported her throughout the years and to her family, whom she publicly thanked for their gifts of love.

"I have been blessed with good people who sustained me with spiritual, physical, mental and emotional needs," Quintana told the dinner guests. "I try to do the same for others."

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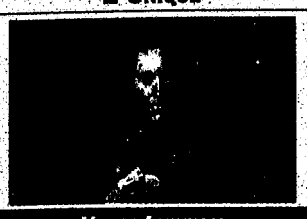

KELLI LEWTON

Use Internet as essential cooking tool

The Internet is fast becoming a chef's best friend. With the click of a mouse I can find recipes, nutritional information, compare vendor food prices, look at equipment, and place food orders.

The Internet has also proven to be an essential teaching tool.

Students with Internet access can jump on their favorite search engine to do research instead of driving to a library. Anyone with an appetite for information about food can satisfy their hunger for knowledge on the Internet. How about an afternoon chat regarding dinner menus with someone in California, Florida or even Europe? The latest and greatest fads, recipes and other food related items are a keystroke away.

Be proactive

With quick access to information we can be more proactive about protecting our food sources. You can be an avid activist without ever leaving your PC.

Parents can easily access nutritional information and be assured their family is eating balanced meals. You can also learn the latest and greatest news about all those good-for-you and bad-for-you foods.

The Internet has also spawned many home food endeavors from canning to bottling micro beer. My neighbors started roasting their own coffee beans after learning how from sources they found online.

How about morel mushrooms or unique, hard-to-find spices delivered to your home in a day? You can order lots of food items online. The Internet has expanded the options for people who have a passion for cooking, and are searching for hard-to-find ingredients.

Appetizing stops

■ **Starchefs.com** – Is an interesting and informative site for food novices and professionals. Starchefs.com offers information on a variety of topics including healthy cooking, tea, quick meals, Sunday dinners, and holiday baking.

I spoke with Ann Brody at Starchefs and she is confident they will be expanding to offer restaurant reservations, culinary tours and more. Guest chefs share secrets and tricks of the trade; Ann encourages all to stop by anytime, no reservations required.

■ **Breadrecipe.com** – Features a new recipe everyday. You can build your own bakery cookbook a day at a time.

■ **Foodtv.com** – If you are looking for recipes from your favorite cooking show, you can always hop online to find them.

■ **Epicuria.fr/anglais/index.htm** – Here's where you'll find enchanting French recipes and some interesting ideas for wild game.

■ **Nutribase.com** – This site will help you find, calculate and convert various recipes to meet the nutritional needs of you and your family.

■ **Gourmetspantry.com** – Visit this site for help locating those hard to find food items.

■ **Wholefoods.com** – Whole Foods is a national chain with numerous stores right here in our area. They always have great, helpful, healthful hints on food and exciting recipes.

■ **Foodstuff.com** – You'll find everything from mountain teas to cheese importers here, and you can even send someone a veggie greeting card.

■ **Foodweb.com** – Just about anything you can imagine relating to food can be found here.

■ **Allrecipes.com** – This is an awesome Web site for anyone looking for a recipe. You can search for

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Breaking the fast

Healthy eating starts with the first meal of the day



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BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

March is National Nutrition Month! Eating healthy foods and staying physically active contribute tremendously to your quality of life.

There are no secrets as to what it means to eat healthy. The best advice can still be summed up in three words: balance, variety and moderation.

Healthy eating starts with your first meal of the day when you "break the fast." It gives your body the fuel it needs to function throughout the day. It's no surprise to me that National School Breakfast Week (March 6-10) also fell during March, the month we dedicate to nutrition awareness.

Children and adults who skip breakfast tend to overcompensate and eat more over the course of the day. It is especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast because they are role models for their children.

Children who eat breakfast are less likely to miss school, be overweight or get sick. Breakfast eaters score higher on tests and have better concentration and muscle coordination.

Eating breakfast as a family provides a good opportunity to spend quality time together. If you're not used to eating breakfast, you can acquire the breakfast habit in progressive stages. Start with a glass of milk, juice or a piece of fruit. Have a little something more – maybe a piece of toast or a hard-boiled egg – a few hours later so that you complete your breakfast by mid-morning.

Then as the days go by, add other breakfast foods to the early morning menu. You will soon have a healthy routine to start your day. Since no single food contains all of the 40 or so nutrients your body needs every day, it's important to eat a variety of foods.

Breakfast pleasers

The few minutes it takes to fix breakfast can result in several hours of greater efficiency and a better frame of mind in the morning. Chances are those extra few minutes of sleep will not benefit you as much as a good breakfast. Here are some quick and easy breakfast ideas to keep you going all morning:

- Ready-to-eat cereal with fruit and milk
- Toasted bagel with cheese
- Fruit-filled breakfast bar and yogurt
- Toasted waffle topped with fruit and yogurt
- Fruit smoothie (fruit and milk whirled in a blender)
- Peanut butter on toast
- Scrambled egg and Canadian bacon on an English muffin
- Ricotta or cottage cheese mixed with cinnamon and served with canned peaches
- French toast with ham and canned pineapple

Breakfast and sugar

Watch any children's TV program and you'll see commercials for sweetened breakfast cereals, breakfast bars, toaster pastries and other sweet breakfast treats. We're a grab-and-go society that loves our sweets! From a young age, our children learn to prefer sweet tastes over others.

For most people, sugar in moderation is fine. Just remember that sweets are at the top of the Food Guide Pyramid and are really intended to be eaten in small quantities.

If your young child is over the 95th percentile for his/her age for weight on the growth chart and is having sweetened cereal for breakfast, then that cereal might be the only sweet that should be consumed that day.

Encourage kids to eat a variety of foods at breakfast. If you have time, make the "Egg Eyeballs" recipe inside today's Taste section. Arrange egg halves on a plate to make eyes. Complete the face with a half of a banana for a nose and an orange slice to make a smiling mouth. Toast quarters make good ears.

For those of us on the run, a healthy breakfast can be quick and easy with a little planning.

Try the breakfast sandwich recipe also inside today's Taste. We call it "The Count" because it is adapted from a recipe for Monte Christo sandwiches.

You can make a bunch of these in advance and freeze them. Pop one in the microwave to heat through and you've got a healthy sandwich to eat on the run.

Another quick breakfast idea is to make pancakes in advance and freeze in individual portions. Then just microwave and top with fruit.

The important thing is to eat a good breakfast to get your motor running, keep you healthy and maximize your potential all day long!

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See recipes inside.

Breakfast around the world

Eating breakfast refuels your body with energy, vitamins, minerals and fiber. After eight hours of sleep and a "fast" (since last night's dinner was eaten some 12 hours before), adults need energy to help them function properly throughout the morning hours. Children need breakfast for the same reasons and to help them grow.

All over the globe, youngsters eat breakfast. Here are some examples of breakfasts around the world, which may be very different from what you eat – or maybe not:

China: Rice, dried pork, pickles and soybean juice – eaten with chopsticks.
England: Grilled kidneys, tomatoes, sausages and eggs.
Italy: Fresh rolls with chocolate butter spread, hot milk with a little coffee in it, blood oranges and yogurt.
Japan: Roasted seaweed dipped in soy sauce, boiled rice, pickled radishes and salted plums.
United States: Cereal, milk, juice, toast (is this close to what you ate today?).

Here's some trivia to munch on

Since it is National Nutrition Month, here is a little nutrition trivia to munch on while you're eating your breakfast:

■ A food that is labeled 98 percent fat-free doesn't necessarily contain only 2 percent fat, the 98 percent fat-free claim refers to the weight of the food, not its calories.

If a food is labeled fat-free, it contains three grams of fat or less per serving. Read the Nutrition Facts label for grams of fat per serving.

■ It is not true that fresh fruits and vegetables contain more nutrients than canned or frozen. Whether canned, fresh or frozen, they contain about the same amount of nutrients. Canned and frozen produce is generally processed at their peak and may contain more nutrients than fresh produce.

However, canned or frozen produce may have added sugar or salt, which something to consider when purchasing these items.

■ People are not born with a preference for salty foods. It is learned. If you slowly cut down sodium intake, your desire for salt will decrease.

■ Your stomach does not shrink when you eat less. It expands to handle large amounts of food. As the food moves through your digestive system, your stomach returns to its normal size and stays there until your next meal.

■ Brown bread does not necessarily have more fiber than white bread. If the bread ingredient list states it contains whole wheat or other whole grains, then it probably has fiber. The brown color is likely from caramel coloring found in the ingredient list. Check the Nutrition Facts label for the number of grams of fiber per serving.

■ If you're looking for calcium-rich foods, cottage cheese is not a good source. A half cup of cottage cheese supplies only 65 mg calcium. On the other hand, eight ounces of milk or yogurt contains 300 mg calcium and one ounce of cheddar cheese contains 200 mg calcium.

■ The myth, "Feed a cold, starve a fever ... or is it starve a cold, feed a fever?" has no health benefit. To fight infection, your body needs a supply of nutrients, plenty of fluids and extra rest. A day's eating plan with variety and balance are as important as ever.

EATING HEALTHY

Wrap cube steak around a delicious veggie

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Everyone knows vegetables are good for you, but getting your family to eat them can be a chore.

Here's a welcome remedy – a dish that disguises the vegetables with meat and a well-seasoned sauce. The dish is simple and quick and made with cubed steak. It cooks so quickly you need to watch that it's not overcooked. A 3-ounce portion looks larger because it's wrapped around a veggie filling.

The veggies I chose for the filling are mild flavored – tomatoes, carrots and spinach, all excellent sources of vitamin C and iron. These vegetables also contain cancer-fighting antioxidants like lutein, lycopene and beta carotene.

Serve Stuffed Cube Steaks with my Super Fried Potatoes.

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EATING YOUNGER SUPER FRIED POTATOES

1 (1 pound, 4 ounce) Simply Potatoes (refrigerated potato wedges found in the dairy case at your supermarket)

1 tablespoon olive oil or canola oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Pat potatoes dry with paper towel. Spray a shallow baking pan (jelly roll pan) with nonstick spray. Spread potatoes in a single layer on the pan. Brush potatoes with oil using a pastry brush.

Bake at 450 degrees F until the potatoes are brown and crisp, stirring occasionally to prevent burning and insure even browning (about 15-20 minutes). Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 115, fat 3g, Sat. Fat 0.4g, Sodium 15mg, Cholesterol 0mg.

Food Exchanges: 1 1/2 starches, 1/2 fat

STUFFED CUBE STEAKS

4 beef cube steaks (1/4 pound each)
1/4 cup fat-free Italian dressing
1 (8 1/4 ounce) can sliced carrots
1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
1 large tomato (seeded and chopped)
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 (15 ounce can) tomato sauce (garlic and herb flavor)

Brush steaks on both sides with Italian dressing. Mix carrots, spinach, onion, tomato and 1/2 cup of tomato sauce.

Place one quarter of the vegetable mixture on each steak. Roll up, jelly roll style; secure with wooden toothpicks. Spray a nonstick skillet. Place meat rolls in skillet. Pour remaining sauce over meat. Simmer, covered, until tender, about 15-20 minutes. Serve topped with remaining sauce. Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 228, Fat 6.1g, Sat. Fat 2.4g, Sodium 530mg, Cholesterol 82mg.

Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 vegetables

Break your nightly 'fast' with these easy recipes

Here's a kid-pleasing recipe, followed by a breakfast sandwich. *See related story on Taste front.*

EGG EYEBALLS

For each serving, use:
1 egg, hard boiled, shell removed
1 turkey sausage patty (we used the Turkey Store patties)

Preheat oven to 375° F. Wrap sausage patty around egg so that it completely covers the egg. Place eggs in baking dish and bake for approximately 30 minutes, until sausage is browned and cooked through.

Remove from oven. Place on paper towel to drain. Slice in half and position on plate with yoke side up as two eyeballs.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 162; protein, 11.5 grams, fat, 12 g, sodium, 271 mg, carbohydrates, 1 g. Percentage of calories from fat: 68.

THE "COUNT" (AN ADAPTATION OF THE MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH)

4 slices whole wheat bread (we used Healthy Choice Soft Honey Wheat)
1 egg
4 slices Canadian Bacon (or sliced ham or turkey)
2 slices Kraft Free American Singles Cheese
Olive oil spray

Peel crust off of bread slices. Beat egg in a shallow bowl. Heat a non-stick griddle to medium and spray with olive oil. Lay two of the slices of bread on a plate and place a piece of cheese and two slices of Canadian bacon on each. Cover each sandwich with the other slices of bread. Using a fork, crimp edges together so that the slices are sealed with the cheese and bacon inside.

Dip the sandwiches in the egg to coat both sides. Then place on griddle until browned. Flip and brown the other side. Serve immediately. Makes two sandwiches.

Note: You can freeze sandwiches and microwave one minute on high for an individual meal on the run. We suggest turning the sandwich pocket every 15 seconds during cooking and making certain the egg is thoroughly cooked.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 193; protein, 18 grams; fat, 6 g; sodium, 811 mg, carbohydrates, 19 g, percentage of calories from fat, 26.

Recipes courtesy of HDS Services.

Try these potato recipes on St. Patrick's Day

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

TRUFFLED YUKON GOLD MASHED POTATOES

4 Yukon Gold potatoes (cut into quarters)
2 Idaho potatoes (cut into quarters)
1/2 cup milk
1 pound butter
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper (freshly ground)
1 tablespoon truffle oil (available in specialty stores)

Rinse potatoes well before cutting. Place potatoes in pot and cover with water. (Water should be 4 inches above potatoes).

Cook potatoes until a knife inserted easily slides out.

Drain potatoes, place on a cookie sheet and roast in the oven for 5 minutes. (This keeps the potatoes from being runny!)

Place potatoes in mixer with a paddle attachment. Mix until smooth, slowly adding heated milk and butter.

Season with salt, pepper and truffle oil. (Amount of truffle oil added will be dependent on your personal taste.)

ST. PADDY'S POTATO SALMON CROQUETTES

2 large peeled Idaho potatoes
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons heavy cream
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon minced fresh chives
Salt and pepper to taste
1 4-ounce fillet cooked salmon
1/2 cup flour
2 whole eggs (beaten)
1/2 cup fresh or dry bread crumbs

Boil potatoes till tender. Place hot potatoes in mixer. Add egg yolk, chives, butter, cream and salt and pepper. Mix ingredients. Roll truffle-sized balls of mashed potato mixture.

Divide cold salmon into 15-20 small cube size squares. Tuck a piece of salmon into center of rolled mashed potato balls, and roll again so salmon is not exposed.

Place potato balls in freezer (to temper) for one hour. Using standard breading procedure, roll frozen potato balls in flour, dip in egg, then roll in fresh bread crumbs.

Place breaded potato balls back in freezer and chill for 30 minutes.

Fry in oil of choice until balls are golden in appearance and float to top of pan.

Feel free to make potato balls in advance and hold in freezer and fry when ready to serve.

CORNED BEEF HASH

4 large Idaho potatoes, baked (skin on)
1/2 Spanish onion, diced
1/4 corned beef brisket (cooked), diced medium-sized
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut cooled Idaho potatoes in 1/2-inch discs. Melt butter in sauté pan.

Sauté diced onions until golden. Add potatoes, corned beef and second measure of butter.

Cook until crisp on side down; flip with spatula and cook other side the same. *Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton.*

Benefit scheduled for injured Red Wings

Join the entire Red Wings team at the Hockeytown Café, tonight from 6-9 p.m. for an elegant evening of wine-tasting to benefit the family funds of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov.

The Toast of Hockeytown will feature a sampling of fine wines, cigars and a strolling buffet.

Red Wings forward Igor Larionov serves as the honorary chairman of the event and Wings' television broadcaster Ken Daniels will be the master of ceremonies.

Guests will also have an opportunity to bid on an array of unique sports memorabilia. In addition to sports collectibles, fans may bid on priceless, one-of-a-kind Red Wings opportunities such as:

■ Ultimate Road Trip (March 26 and 27 vs. New York Rangers): Includes two tickets for Red Wings home game against New York Rangers (March 26), flying on team plane to New York, staying at team hotel for one night, attending Red Wings road game vs. Rangers at Madison Square Garden (March 27), and returning on team plane.

■ Ultimate Home Game Package (April 7 vs. Washington Capitals): Package includes four tickets, watching the pre-game warm ups from the Red Wings penalty box, riding the Zamboni (for two people) during the first intermission, playing Score-O (for two people) during the second intermission.

Tickets are priced at $175 per person and are available by calling (313) 396-7575. Guests must be at least 21 years of age.

Unique *from page B1*

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Apple sweetens this pancake

The Apfelfannkuchen is a German apple-filled pancake that puffs up like a pillow. This huge pancake is cooked on top of the stove in a deep, cast iron skillet.

Turning it can be hard without practice. To eliminate this challenge, this version is made starting on top of the stove, then finished in the oven, so turning it is not necessary. Eating it is like enjoying a buttery baked apple, an airy souffle and an egg custard, all at once.

"APFELFANNKUCHEN"— PUFFED APPLE PANCAKE

2 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
6 tablespoons sugar, divided
1 tablespoon apple juice or water
2 eggs
1/2 cup reduced fat (2 percent) milk
1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 425° F. In a bowl, toss the apple slices with the lemon juice.

Spray a medium cast iron skillet or other heavy, oven-proof pan generously with cooking spray. Place 2 tablespoons of the sugar, the apple juice and apples in the pan and set it over medium-high heat. Cook the apples, stirring occasionally, until they are slightly softened and caramelized in places, about 7 minutes. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, remaining 4 tablespoons sugar, flour and the vanilla. The batter will be slightly lumpy. Mix in the warm apple slices.

Add the butter to the skillet. Heat until the butter melts. Swirl the pan to evenly coat the bottom with butter. Pour in the apple batter and let cook for 1 minute over medium-high heat without disturbing it.

Place the skillet in the oven. Bake until the pancake is slightly puffed. When done, it will be dark brown around the edges and pale but dry in the center. Sprinkle the pancake with the confectioners' sugar. Cut into wedges and serve.

Each of the six servings contains 128 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Internet Web address is http://www.aicr.org

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

■ **Pressure Cooking** — Toula Patsalis, author of The Pressure Cooking Cookbook, will provide information on how to handle, operate and cook with a pressure cooker, including how to prepare vegetable soup with sausage bits, chicken with arborio rice and peppers and South Pacific bread pudding with pineapple sauce. Sessions are scheduled for the Kitchen Glamor stores at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), Thursday, March 16, at the Orchard Mall on the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield, and Friday, March 17, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Pizza and stuff** — Larry Galbraith will instruct baking sessions at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, pizza and calzones, March 18; sticky buns and coffee cakes, March 25; and bread and bagels, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois in Rochester. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Culinary Recipes** – Chef Dave Schneider, instructor from the Macomb Community College culinary arts program, joins the Kitchen Glamor stores to share tips and techniques about the Culinary Arts Olympics to be held in Europe. Schneider will teach how to prepare roasted garlic potato leek soup, roast pork loin with gorgonzola and walnut crust, duchess potatoes with shiitake mushrooms. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96); Thursday, March 23, at the Orchard Mall northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Friday, March 24, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

■ **Kids in the Kitchen** – Home economist Dana Reynolds will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream and chicken fingers, southwest style, wrapped in tortilla and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

■ **Tea Party** – Instructor Linda Kay Drysdale will take participants to the wonderful world of tea. She will offer suggestions for tea sandwiches, petit fours and mini fruit tarts at Kitchen Glamor stores. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Thursday, March 30, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois.

■ **Easter Eggs** — Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

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CONVERSATIONS



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Campaign aims to 'de-snob' culture, build cooperation

After years of political squabbling about the futility of regional cooperation and the cantankerous "Detroit versus suburbs" hogwash, the southeastern Michigan cultural scene is about to undergo a long-overdo makeover.

Stand up and take notice.

Here's the first glimpse at the changing metro-area cultural scene of the 21st century.

If the campaign succeeds, talk of culture will have to be expanded beyond the tired political rhetoric, and typical jabbering about auto industry trends and box scores.

Success also means the push for regional funding for the arts will be given a huge boost. Currently, the discussion to assess a half-mill tax on property owners in Wayne and Oakland counties has been at a logjam.

"Enrich Your Life"

On Tuesday, 14 of the area's most recognized and attended cultural institutions will unveil a new, provocative advertising campaign aimed at transforming public perception about the array of cultural offerings of the region.

The bold initiative, optimistically entitled "Enrich Your Life," is a comprehensive multimedia campaign that will begin airing within the next week or two on TV and radio and run in newspaper and magazine ads.

The campaign is expected to run at least a year.

Developed pro-bono by Doner Co. of Southfield, "Enrich Your Life" has a contemporary, edgy tone.

Heavy on humor and filled with irreverence, the campaign goes a long way to deflate high-falutin' notions of what is "art."

And, more importantly, the campaign makes an appeal that the arts (and cultural experiences) are for everyone, not just for the wealthy or "informed."

Participating institutions in "Enrich Your Life" advertising campaign

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Zoo, Cranbrook Art Museum and Institute of Science, Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Symphony, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Science Center, Music Hall, Detroit Public Television, and Center for Creative Studies.

Making the case

Hopefully, the ad campaign won't drip with the sappiness of the "It's a Good Time In Detroit" mantra intended to reinvigorate the perception of Motown as a happy place.

Rather, the focus of "Enrich Your Life" should be on making a compelling case for the strength of the region's culture, from exhibits at Cranbrook and the Detroit Institute of Arts to Detroit Symphony concerts to plays at Meadow Brook and lavish productions at the Detroit Opera House.

After years of self-doubt and poor self-esteem about the area's cultural offerings, it'd be unfortunate if the campaign message sounded desperate or too flippant.

Too much is at stake.

Follow the cue

For a moment, consider that the campaign will have the typical Doner magic.

What's needed for actual change in public attitudes?

First, the regional media must air and print the ads as public service announcements. That means local media must be committed to supporting the initiative.

Of course, that means they give as much attention to the public service commitment as they give to titillating special reports during ratings month.

Second, business and governmental leaders must follow the cue, and step up to the plate.

Now is the time to raise the level of debate about culture.

It's not enough to enjoy the humor

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UNVEILING THE UNCONVENTIONAL



38th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival debuts avant-garde 16mm productions

Film spectrum: *Over six nights, 114 experimental films will be shown at the Michigan Theater. Films range in length from one minute to two hours, and push the boundaries of genre and medium.*

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Nearly everything about the Ann Arbor Film Festival is avant-garde — from the defiant sensibilities of the films to the actual location of the screening room, where an annual media preview of the entries is held.

Clearly, Ann Arbor isn't Sundance. Festival organizers loathe notions of commercial popularity or mainstream acceptance. The intent is to prod, provoke and challenge.

Experimental isn't just a concept used by filmmakers. It's the operating philosophy followed by festival director Vicky Honeyman, who graduated in film studies from the University of Michigan in the late 1960s, and maintains the fervent idealism of the counter culture.

By day, Honeyman is a hair stylist. Every other waking moment she gives shape and style to the longest running experimental film competition in the country, held this Tuesday through Sunday at the 1,700-seat Michigan Theater in downtown Ann Arbor.

What: 38th Ann Arbor Film Festival
When: Tuesday-Sunday, March 14-19
Where: Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty Street, downtown Ann Arbor
■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 – Opening Reception, programming begins at 8 p.m.
■ 7 & 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15
■ 7, 9:30 & 11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 16-17
■ 2, 7 & 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18
■ 5, 7 & 9 p.m. Sunday, March 19
Tickets: $7 per show; $12 for two shows; $15 for three shows; $50 for series.
For information, call (734) 995-5356.

Against the current

Last year's preview venue was in the back room of Honeyman's hair salon a few blocks east of Main Street, which, by any standard, is a bit cramped.

Certainly, there's been an in-your-face hipness to previewing films in a room where you can also get your roots retouched and a few inches taken off the sides.

This year's preview was held next door to Honeyman's salon in a relatively spacious converted storage room with well-preserved hardwood floors. A screen was hung above a steam radiator that defied any attempts to be regulated.

Several armchairs were placed randomly in the room. Apparently, publicity agents and Hollywood producers weren't notified. Two years ago, Honeyman recalled, no one even showed for the screenings. This year, there wasn't enough press for a euchre game.

A tepid media response hardly deters festival organizers, most of whom are volunteers with a passion for film and an against-the-current sensibility.

Longtime volunteer Michael Woodruff, who takes pride in the title "festival handyman," is a performance artist whose work can be seen in and around the Michigan Theater during the six-day festival.

A Birmingham Seaholm graduate of 1983, Woodruff considers avant-garde film a breeding ground for ideas that eventually make their way into the mainstream.

"A lot of the hip stuff you see on MTV, commercials and (wide-distribution) films originated in the work of experimental filmmakers," he said.

A list of past entries in the festival read as a Who's Who of American Film, including Brian DePalma, Andy Warhol, Gus Van Sant and George Lucas.

Visual paintings

Over six nights and 24 viewing hours, 114 films will be shown, ranging in length from one minute to two hours. The films cover a range of topics and explore the elements of film similar to how abstract painters express the elements of their art.

Generally, the films in the festival push the boundaries of genre and medium.

Some films fit into distinct genres, such as narrative, documentary or animation. Other films defy pigeonholing and can be best described as "visual paintings," said festival director Honeyman, who served on a four-person review committee that watched each of the 380 submitted films.

This year, to broaden audience appeal, a screening room at the Michigan Theatre will feature documentaries, ani-

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Experimentally intriguing

Notable films in this year's Ann Arbor Film Festival include:

■ *Zyklon Portrait* by Elida Schogt — A chilling account of how the Nazis used Zyklon B in gas chambers. The clinical tone presents an eerie resonance of the rationalization of those who committed genocide.

■ *The Light in Our Lizard Bellies* by Sarah Abbott — Follows a highly erotic dancer. Shot in black and white to the rhythm of breathing and chanting.

■ *Sunday Afternoon* by Paul Charney and Marc Vogel — A comical dialogue based on the intention of language.

■ *The Bottomless Cup* by Paul Bonner — A Kafkaesque/*Twilight Zone* story about a man who stops at a roadside diner for a wake-up cup of coffee and never leaves.

■ *Grace* by Lorelei Pepi — Looking at the electric energy fields of the body in a highly-sensual exploration of the body.

■ *The Day Stashi Ran Out of Honey* by Sonia Bridge - An allegory of the subtle relationship between the mundane of daily life and the bombardment caused by war.

■ *Edgeways* by Sandra Gibson — A highly-experimental exploration of color and sound utilizing hand-painted cells.

■ *Abandoned Dolls* by Karl Staven — A *Toy Story* with a seedy edge. Dolls with missing and broken parts appear forlorn amid abandoned urban setting.

— *Frank Provenzano*

Author's sense of history tied to community



Author Robert Lytle

Lytle Pharmacy stands on the corner of Fourth and Main streets in downtown Rochester.

It may not appear as the same type of metaphor for harmony as the merging of three nearby streams, commonly referred to as the Clinton River, Stoney Creek and Paint Creek.

But the currents of history run just as deeply in the store that Robert Lytle and his family have worked since the mid 1970s.

Today, family-owned businesses, once the norm, are now the exception.

Lytle wears the mantle as the town's pharmacist with unflinching pride.

He knows details about most families in the area simply because he's filled their prescriptions and had over-the-counter conversations, from one generation to the next.

Vision of history

Lytle didn't move to Rochester because of the findings of a market study. He came because he liked the community, and saw it as a place for him and his wife to raise four sons.

For Lytle, history isn't a faceless reference to the past.

It's in the walls, floors and faces of the people who walk through the doors of the building at Fourth and Main built in 1832, when Michigan was a territory and 400 residents of Rochester farmed the surrounding rolling landscape.

Each morning, in the long week of 60-plus hours of work, Lytle makes his way to the writing cove off the kitchen in his Rochester Hills home.

What: Booksignings for Robert Lytle, author of *Three Rivers Crossing*
■ 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Borders, 1122 S. Rochester
■ Noon Saturday, March 18, Meadow Brook Village, Adams at Walton, Rochester Hills
■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, Halfway Down the Stairs, 114 E. Fourth Street, Rochester
For information, call (248) 475-4678

Since he authored a consumer's guide to pharmaceutical drugs in the early 1990s, Lytle has turned to writing novels.

With a business-like discipline, he has written three novels set in Mackinac Island and nearby Les Cheneaux Islands to the northwest, where Lytle spent summers growing up.

Lasting values

His latest novel, "Three Rivers Crossing," is set in Rochester. The story isn't a mere time travel motif about a boy from the present who wakes in the past to learn about his great, great ancestors.

Rather "Three Rivers Crossing" is Lytle's attempt to share the lessons of history, and appreciate the lasting values of friendship and community.

Basically, he sets out to create char-

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IN CONCERT

Musicians share passion for British brass bands

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Craig Strain fell in love with brass instruments the first time he picked up a cornet in seventh grade.

Throughout his 27-year career teaching music in high schools, including Andover in Bloomfield Hills, Strain looked forward to the day he could direct a brass band. His dream came true four years ago when he took over the reins of the Motor City Brass Band.

What: The Motor City Brass Band
Next concert: An Irish Spectacular 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Tickets are $10 adults, $8 - students/seniors, and $25 for families. Call (248) 424-9022.

"In a brass band, there's a sonority you can gain that you can't get with other instruments," said Strain, a Farmington Hills resident who teaches music at Macomb Community College. "It's like a choir. With each brass instrument there's a little different color but it retains the sameness. As the Motor City Brass Band, we want to be the best possible band that we can be. There's a mood in the band, a passion for excellence, and a camaraderie between members that co-exists."

Last year, the 33-member group placed second at the North American Brass Band Association competition. Based at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, the band presents a series of four concerts a year. Its members — attorneys, sales people, retired band directors and musicians — share a passion for playing in the British Brass Band tradition. They live throughout the metro Detroit area including Livonia, Westland, Redford, Troy, Rochester, Birmingham and Waterford.

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Festival keeps local dancers on their toes



Catharsis: *Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is one of six companies performing at the Michigan Choreographers Concert.*

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Linda Simmons is a little nervous, but nonetheless thrilled about the Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival coming to Wayne State University.

Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival
■ Faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit
■ Michigan Choreographers Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Detroit Opera House, 350 Madison Ave.
■ Festival Gala Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre
Tickets: $15-$20 for individual concerts, $40 for all 3 concerts. Call (313) 577-4273.

More than 700 students and faculty members from 16 universities throughout the Midwest and Canada are participating in the Wednesday-Saturday event that exposes dancers to the latest techniques and choreography in master classes, lectures and performances.

A faculty concert, Michigan Choreographers Concert and Gala Concert cap the festivities.

This is the first time WSU is hosting

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Jerusalem leaves lasting impression

Editor's note: *Diane Hanson of Canton recently took a trip of a lifetime – she visited Israel. This is part II of her two part story.*

BY DIANE HANSON
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The City of David is the capital of Israel and the largest and-most populated city in the country.

Old Jerusalem is at the heart of one of the holiest and most intriguing cities in the world.

King David chose Jerusalem to be his capital and built the first temple there which was destroyed by the Babylonians in 565 BC. King Herod, who died in 4 BC, built the second temple, where Jesus was brought by his parents, where he taught and prayed. That temple was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

The Jewish Quarter in the Old City dates to the 15th century when the Jewish people desired to live in the area of the Western (Wailing) Wall, the only remnant of the second temple. The tradition of praying at the wall began around AD 200-300 when some rabbis taught that the presence of God still remains at the location of the former Holy of Holies.

To this day pilgrims come to the Wall to pray and insert prayers and petitions, written on bits of paper, into the cracks of the towering ancient artifact.

But just on the other side of the Wailing Wall on the Temple Mount, standing on the location of the former Jewish Temple is yet another reason for religious tension. There the Dome of the Rock was built in AD 691 and is now the Muslim mosque that encompasses the huge rock believed to be where Mohammed ascended into heaven, leaving his footprint embedded in the boulder's surface. It is also a holy site for Jews and Christians as the place where Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Isaac at the Lord's command.

Its golden dome and intricate blue mosaic exterior make it an easily identifiable landmark in the Old City.

Traveling through the Christian section of the city, I found the Garden of Gethsemane was smaller than I had imagined. But seeing the garden with its ancient olive trees was incredibly inspiring. The oldest, biggest and most gnarled tree there is believed to date back to the time of Jesus.

I had anticipated a spiritual experience walking along the Via Dolorosa (the 14 Stations of the Cross), beginning at the Church of the Flagellation and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Most of the way is lined by markets with proprietors hawking their wares, which can be a definite distraction.

The last five stations are sheltered in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest Christian site.

St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, built the first church in the fourth century. The Crusaders built the current building in the 12th century.

The holy site is now divided by six Christian faiths, each responsible for its own section. To avoid conflict, the guardians of the key to the door of the church are two Muslim families. Every morning and every evening, a family member climbs the ladder to unlock or lock the massive door.

The Roman Catholics have an altar at the 13th station where Jesus is nailed to the cross. The Greek Orthodox claim the 14th station with an altar built over top of the rock where Jesus was crucified – Golgatha – visible through the glass floor and from below. They also claim Jesus' tomb.

Must-see museums

We visited the Tower of David Museum near the end of our trip through Israel, but perhaps that would be a good place to start. It holds a fabulous introduction to Jerusalem's 4,000 years of history. The restored remains of the 2,000-year-old citadel became the site of the museum. Each room holds a different period of Jerusalem's history.

The Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum is the major attraction there and inspiring. But, if time permits, there is so much more at the museum, including archeological finds and the interiors of three original synagogues.

A visit to Yad Vashem – the National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust – is one that few can leave with dry eyes. The vivid photographs and written descriptions left impressions on me that will last a lifetime.



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

A moment of prayer: *An Orthodox Jewish man is deep in prayer as he walks near the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.*

The memorial to the 15,000 children who died is at the same time, beautiful and eerie. Points of light representing the children, their names and countries read in a continuous steady rhythm, permeate the total darkness inside.

"This is not a holocaust of just the Jews," said our guide, Oded Geva, whose parents escaped Germany just after Adolph Hitler was made chancellor. "This place is a warning to the whole world. We are not talking here about Jews, we are talking about people."

Galilee

Of all the magnificent ancient and holy sites in Israel, my favorite was the Galilee area. The Galilee, as the area around the sea is referred to, is lush, green and fertile with an abundance of colorful flowers.

It is certain Jesus visited the Sea of Galilee – the only freshwater body in Israel. In Capernaum, a fifth-century AD synagogue sits atop the ruins of one of just two synagogues – the other was in Masada – that existed before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70. It is nearly certain that Jesus prayed and taught there. The remains of what is believed to be St. Peter's house are in Capernaum. The house had been extended into an octagonal church – for the eight blessings of the Beatitudes – in the early days of Christianity.

Tabgha, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee is the home of two important sites. One is the traditional site where it is believed Jesus fed 5,000 with two fish and five loaves. The remains of two successive Byzantine churches built in the fourth and fifth centuries were found there in 1932. The Benedictines built the church standing there today. The mosaic remains there are the best preserved in all of the Holy Land, covering the floor with birds, fish, animals and flowers, most of which are familiar to the lakeside region.

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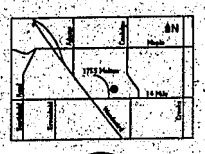

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acters who are "average kids" and put them in extraordinary situations.

While many authors may choose anti-heroes or aheroic types, Lytle clearly believes protagonists were meant to be noble.

"My intent was to write a classic. Something that would be around for a long time," said Lytle, who draws inspiration from the works of Mark Twain.

Where rivers meet

Lytle is quick to point out that Native Americans revered a place where three rivers crossed as a sign of natural harmony. The meeting of Stoney Creek, Paint Creek and Clinton River, Lytle believes, is a sign of lasting communal bonds.

Although his novels have been targeted at 3rd-8th graders, they are by no means strictly for kids. Perhaps characterizing Lytle's stories as for "kids only" is like saying Twain's "Tom Sawyer" is merely children's literature.

In a fast-paced world of continual change, preserving the integrity of the past takes vigilance.

For many, the search for harmony, friendship and community is something to be found in a simpler time, or in the blissful innocence of youth.

But not for a pharmacist turned novelist.

For Robert Lytle, history walks through the doors every day, not far from where the rivers meet.

Film from page B4

mated works and narrative films. In addition, four hours of film will be available for viewing at universities around the country.

All entries have been shot, edited or transferred to 16-millimeter film, which is probably most recognized as used in newsreels. The type of film is about half as wide as the 35-millimeter film used in feature movies. The choice of 16-millimeter film is also a practical consideration since it is relatively affordable for student filmmakers, said Honeyman.

Over nearly four decades, the festival has persevered despite operating on a shoestring budget. This year's festival is funded largely by a $12,000 National Endowment for the Arts and $24,000 state grants and corporate support. Last year's main corporate sponsor, Absolut, dropped out, leaving the festival to rely more heavily on support from the metro Detroit film/video production community.

What's strikingly absent in the festival is flashy, high-tech polished imagery. Of course, that's hardly the point. Clearly, the festival isn't enamored by technology, nor is it looking to find further derivations of a popular theme.

For 38 years, the Ann Arbor Film Festival has been a place where the idea is the art. In an age of blockbuster movies and multi-million-dollar marketing budgets, focusing on the possibilities of film as an artform may be the most defiant act of all.

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of the ads. Nor will any worthwhile change occur if the catchy slogan does nothing to convince people of the deeper message.

Raise level of debate

Frankly, promoting the arts and culture isn't simply hyping exhibits and concerts. Promoting the value of culture is a means to stand up for a higher quality of life and a more humane society.

Ironically, with the proliferation of the suburbs over the last five decades, the notion of a shared regional culture has diminished.

An ad campaign can't change reality. But it can get everyone talking.

And talk in southeastern Michigan hasn't always come easily.

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Dance from page B4

the event founded in 1973 to support and affirm the role of dance in higher education.

"This is an honor for us," said Simmons, the WSU dance professor coordinating the festival. "We're excited about showing off the dance department at Wayne and all the great artists in the area."

Simmons, and the staff of the university's dance department, invited established companies such as Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Rochester Hills; Peter Sparling Dance Company, Ann Arbor; Detroit Dance Collective and Onyx Dance Company of Detroit to present the best of Michigan dance on Friday, March 17 at the Detroit Opera House. Ann Arbor based-Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater will add cultural diversity to the concert with its Congolese-flavored fare.

During the festival, faculty and student dance companies will present two choreographed pieces from each of the schools for judging by Luke Kahlich, dance professor at Temple University in Philadelphia; Gina Gibney, director of the all-female ensemble Gina Gibney Dance in New York; and legendary dance/choreographer Carmen DeLavallade.

The best of the student and faculty choreography will be presented at a Gala Concert on Saturday, March 18 at the Bonstelle Theatre on the WSU campus. Several of these companies will go on to compete in the national festival in Maryland in May.

Wayne State's dance department will perform "Sand People of the" by faculty member Erica Wilson-Perkins, and the student choreographed piece "Her," by Megan Brunke of West Bloomfield.

Anne Bak is looking forward to returning to the festival as a member of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble based in Rochester Hills. The Lake Orion dancer had her work chosen to be performed at the festival held at Oakland University in Rochester in 1993.

On Friday, March 17 the Peter Sparling company will preview the first section of "Possible Dances" which is scheduled to premiere June 30 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival in the Power Center.

"Every poem is a dance in a way," said Sparling, a University of Michigan dance professor who for the last couple of years has been working on his poetry during a summer writers retreat at Cranbrook Educational Park in Bloomfield Hills. "It's through imagery and the flow that a poem comes alive."

Band from page B4



British brass: *Keith Kohring leads the Motor City Brass Band.*

Revolutionary roots

Michael Schott, a Farmington Hills resident, loves British Brass Band music. Rooted in the industrial revolution, British Brass Bands were originally formed by workers who frequently lived in villages where there was less entertainment than in the big city.

Schott first studied euphonium while attending Clarenceville Public Schools in Livonia. He played in the Michigan State University band while attending college and with the Farmington Community Band for 17 years before joining the Motor City Brass Band.

"We think it's unique, this British brass band concept," said Schott. "Brass bands were popular at the turn-of-the-century. We use very traditional instrumentation but the concept is a little more modern."

History

Founded in 1996, the Motor City Brass Band rehearsed at the Salvation Army Church in Plymouth for two years before moving to the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Their repertoire spans a wide range of musical styles from Rutter's "Gloria" to selections from "Riverdance."

"It's actually the diversity that attracts the members," said Pete McAteer, of Orchard Lake, who is the band's chairman. "We play classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical. What makes us unusual is that we're all volunteers. One of the enabling threads is that everyone attends rehearsals and helps out with whatever needs to be done for the love of it."

This year the band hopes to share their music with a wider audience. The Motor City Brass Band also performs throughout the metro area at summer parks series, and for events as varied as Southfield's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, but they'd still like to spread the sound of British brass bands.

"Brass band music is not as well known as we'd like it to be; that's one of the missions for the new year," said McAteer who was the principal trumpet in his high school band in New Hampshire. McAteer also played with the Oakland University Concert Band before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "Over the next year, we hope to develop an audience base and eventually want to put out a CD."

Strain built a recording studio (Hidden City Recorders) in his home and has produced a variety of music ranging from heavy metal to classical.

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$1 Off Our #3 "Best Wash and Dry"

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Huntington Woods Mobile ..... Huntington Woods
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10% Off Parts and Service

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Tom Halbeisen Goodyear ..... Birmingham/Royal Oak
10% Off All Services

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Wetmores ..... Ferndale
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Allisons Tanning Salon ..... Clawson
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Dulac Hair Fashions ..... Farmington Hills
10% Off Reg. Price Cuts & Rusk Products

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10% Off First Visit & Free consultation

Great Nails ..... Berkley
10% Off Any Service

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Medical Center Pediatrics DMC ..... W. Bloom./Bing. Farms
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Milanos Barber & Stylist ..... Berkley
$1 Off Haircuts + $5 Off Highlights & Colors

Partners Salon 476-2849 ..... Farmington Hills
10% Off Color Services, 10% Off Massage, Haircut

Ph.D. Psychologist ..... Westland
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Posh Salon ..... Southfield
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Shear Radiance Sheridan Square ..... Garden City
10% Off First Service

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15% Off Any Membership

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10% Off All Services

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10% Off Second Treatment

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$ Coffee, Bagels & Bakeries

Mary Dennings Cakes ..... Westland
10% Off Special Order Cakes

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$1 Off Any Food Purchase of $5 or More

$ Day Care

Hands & Hearts Around the World ..... Garden City
10% Off 1st Months Tuition

$ Dry Cleaners & Laundry

Huntington Cleaners ..... Huntington Woods
10% Off Incoming Orders for New Customers

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Mai Kai Cleaners ..... All Locations
Free Seater or Pant W/$9.95 Incoming Cleaning

Park Ave $1.75 Cleaners 844-5091 ..... Canton
$1.50 Per Item for Dry cleaning

Rags to Riches Cleaners ..... Clawson
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Hartfield Lanes ..... Berkley
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Kozak Consulting Co., Inc. ..... Westland
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Tax Time ..... Westland
Free Electronic Filing with Paid Return

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The Green Bee ..... Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase over $10

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ABC Plumbing ..... Clawson
$20 Off Service or $25 Off SNR

American Blind and Wallpaper Factory ..... Plymouth
10% Off Order $50 Min. Mention Code HE10

Bergstroms Inc Plumbing & Heating ..... Livonia
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10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms

Sumner Plumbing & Sewer ..... Royal Oak
$15 Off Service or SRS $20 Off

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Woods ..... Pleasant Ridge/Royal Oak
1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding Platinum)

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Outdoor Fun Store Co. ..... Wayne
10% Off Purchase of Any Wooden Playset

OV's Landscaping 734-728-8030 ..... Westland
$150 OFF Sprinkler System over $1500

Saxtons Garden Center ..... Plymouth
10% Off All Hand Garden Tools

$ Pizza

Cottage Inn Pizza ..... Birmingham
2 Large Pizzas W/One Item $12.99

Marias Deli & Pizzeria 734-981-1200 ..... Canton
50% Off a $50.00 Purchase (excluding tobacco & alcohol)

Papa Romanos ..... Ferndale
$1.00 Off Bambino Bread with any purchase

Pizza One ..... Ferndale
2 Small Pizzas for $8.99 + tax

Rallos Pizza ..... Royal Oak
$1.50 Off Large Square Pizza

Vizzy's Pizza Palace - We Deliver 722-3333 ..... Westland
2 Large Reg. Pizzas with 1 Item & Jumbo Bread $14.75

$ Restaurants

Alexander The Great ..... Westland
10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials

Barbs Pastles ..... Livonia
10% Off When You Buy 4 Pastles

Beehive Family Dining ..... Wayne
20% Off Any Order

Christines Cuisine ..... Ferndale
10% Off Any Dinner Entree (Carry Out Only)

Clubhouse BBQ ..... Ferndale
Free 2 Liter of Faygo with Any Purchase ($7 Min.)

Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc. ..... Redford
$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte

Dairy Queen of Royal Oak ..... Royal Oak
10% Off Total Bill

Deli Delite ..... Royal Oak
15% Off Purchase of $10 or More

Don Pedros ..... Redford
10% Off Food Over $10 (No Other Offer)

Denny's ..... Westland
Buy One Regular Priced Breakfast, Get One FREE. Not valid with other coupons or offers. Not valid on Holidays or Weekends. One coupon per guest per visit.

Duggans Irish Pub ..... Royal Oak
10% Off Total Food Bill w/$10 Purchase or more

Faym-us Chicken & Ribs ..... Clawson
Buy One Dinner and get $1 OFF Second Dinner

Fire Academy Brewery ..... Westland
Buy One Lunch, Get The 2nd at 1/2 Price!

Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington S. of Plymouth ..... Livonia
10% Off Any Item Including Sanders Cakes

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Legacy Restaurant ..... Livonia
10% Off Your Bill Excluding Specials

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Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

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McDonald's 220 N. Ann Arbor Rd. ..... Plymouth
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 45510 Michigan ..... Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 44900 Ford Rd. ..... Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 40241 Michigan ..... Canton
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Max & Ermas ..... Birmingham
10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol & gratuities

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10% Off Total Bill

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Paynes ..... Berkley
10% Off Total Food Bill With $10 Purchase or More

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10% Off Total Food Bill

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Soupreme Deli ..... Clawson
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Beads S.R.O. ..... Royal Oak
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Bourliers BBQ & Fireplace ..... Ferndale
10% Off Replacement Parts

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10% Off Any Rental

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40% Off All End Tables

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10% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)

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10% Off Complete Order

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Doll Hospital 3947 W 12 Mile ..... Berkley
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Dolls and Trains ..... Lathrup Village
10% on Selected Items

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20% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements

Four Seasons Garden Center ..... Oak Park
10% Off Reg. Price Shrubs & Perennials (not w/discount)

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Frantz & Sons Hardware ..... Royal Oak
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Henderson Glass ..... Berkley
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Hersheys Shoes 29522 Ford Road ..... Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise

Independent Carpet One ..... Westland
10% Off Labor

J & K Trophy & Engraving 248-473-7871 ..... Livonia
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Just Waiting Maternity Shoppe ..... Berkley
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Kitchen & Bath Depot ..... Royal Oak
Free Professional Design Time (2 hours)

Looking Glass Antiques ..... Plymouth
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Marcys Groom-A-Pet ..... Birmingham
20% Off Retail Supplies (does not include grooming)

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10% Off Any Purchase

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10% Off Any Purchase

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10% Off Any Purchase 734-459-666

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10% Off All Hardcover Books

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20% Off Storewide

Red Wing Shoes ..... Garden City
$20.00 Off Any Regular Price Shoe/Boot

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10% Off Entire Store Including Holiday Items (*Excluding Pokeman & Beanie Babies)

Smokys Cigarette Outlet ..... Berkley
Free Lighter with Purchase of Carton of Cigarettes

Talking Book World ..... Lathrup Village
Up to $10 Toward 1st Purchase or Rental (new Customers)

Tasty Health ..... Berkley
50¢ Off Fruit Smoothies & 10% Off Supplements

The Framery & Gallery ..... Troy
20% Off Art, Merchandise, Incoming Frame Orders

Therapeutic Books 965 N Mill 734-453-4950 ..... Plymouth
Save 10% on all books

Thomas Brothers Carpet ..... Clawson
10% Off Carpet & Vinyl Purchase

Training Effect Fitness Store ..... Birmingham
10% Off Equipment Purchase 25% Off All Accessories

Unlimited Cellular ..... Clawson
10% Off Cell Phone Accessories

Village Peddler ..... Plymouth
10% Off Storewide

$ Services

All Service Mechanical ..... Berkley
$27 Off Any Repair

Americana Estate Sales ..... Berkley
Free Household Liquidation Consultation

Bill & Rod's Appliance 734-425-2504 ..... Livonia
$10 Off In-Home Appliance Repairs

Buttons Rent-It ..... Royal Oak
$5.00 Off Total Rental (Priced Mon-Fri)

Carmack Appliance ..... Garden City
10% Off In-Home Service

Citgo ..... Birmingham/Ferndale
6 Lighters for $1.00

Community Federal ..... Plymouth, Canton, Northville
Free Checks with New Accounts & 1/4% off Loans

Family Heating & Cooling 734-422-8080 ..... Garden City
Recommended by Joe Gagnon Appliance Dr. WJR Radio

Jans Dance Connection 313-562-1203 ..... Dearborn
50% Off Registration Fee

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10% Off Supplies

Mail Boxes Etc 7 Mile next to Joes Produce ..... Livonia
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10% Off Parts & 5% Off Discount Prices

Universal Electric Motor Service ..... Berkley
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BOOK REVIEWS

Chilling novel gives new meaning to 'Cold War'

"Winter of the Wolf Moon," by Steve Hamilton (St. Martin's, $23.95).



ESTHER LITTMANN

If you enjoy gobs of snow, ice fishing, snowmobiling, bone-chilling temperatures and other accouterments of life in the Upper Peninsula during winter, this story will probably appeal to you from the get-go. If you're rather indifferent to any of the above, "Winter of the Wolf Moon" is a mystery that may reach out and reel you in, anyway.

Michigan native Steve Hamilton is a writer who knows how to weave a tale, how to animate it with some convincing players and a touch of comic relief, and how to paint word-pictures of a backdrop so chilling we may want to edge just a bit closer to the fireside as we read.

Last year, he won the coveted Edgar Award for Best First Crime Novel with "A Cold Day in Paradise."

"Winter of the Wolf Moon" is a sequel to that work.

Alex McKnight is an ex-cop who blames himself for his partner's death, which occurred when the two were crime-fighters on some of the meanest streets of Detroit 14 years ago.

Alex still isn't past it, and maybe he never will be. Now living in a cabin near the Canadian border on some forested land willed him by his father, McKnight has become something just this side of a recluse.

One night, his just-about-only friend, Vinnie LeBlanc, convinces the 48-year-old Alex to participate in a "slow puck" hockey contest at the local rink for "creaky-old" guys over 30. ("Don't you ever get the urge to do anything, Alex?" Vinnie asks.)

But as soon as Alex is suited up as goalie, he regrets his decision to play. Seems the other team is headed up by a guy named Bruckman, a thuggish type who could make Marty McSorley seem likable on the ice.

(McSorley is a National Hockey League player who recently was charged with assault for hitting an opposing player with a stick across the head in a game.)

When Alex robs Bruckman of a couple of goals, the wheels of this story are set in motion. Bruckman, shall we say, does not like to be thwarted, although he will eventually come up as a loser in this story, and in one of the most horrendous ways possible (after reading "Winter of the Wolf Moon," you may never look at an ice shanty in quite the same way again).

After the game, Bruckman's battered, Native American girlfriend searches out Alex, asking for protection from the brute and hinting that others may be out to get her, too. The ex-cop puts her up in an adjoining cabin he often rents to snowmobilers, but the next morning she's gone, and the cabin is ransacked. Alex, already racked with guilt in the matter of his partner's death, blames himself for her disappearance, and sets out — almost frantically — to find her.

Along the way, he acquires a new "partner" of sorts, encounters a couple of not-so-crafty government agents, and finally comes up against some Russians that lend a whole new meaning to the old phrase, "Cold War."

All the while, he's fighting a fierce U.P. winter, of course, and he also manages some dabbling in Native American matters at the local reservation near White-fish Bay. (The Wolf Moon of the title has nothing to do with Indian lore, by the way, but has its origins in Celtic mythology.)

Hamilton's dialogue doesn't always ring true, and his ending may leave many readers slightly confused about how McKnight comes to the handy conclusions he reaches to resolve the story.

But, ultimately, these seem rather small matters — and easy to overlook — in a tale that otherwise contains such special appeal, especially for Michigan readers.

Though flawed as a human being, McKnight as a fictional character will impress most readers not just as substantive and credible, but as highly-sympathetic.

Here's a guy who has ended up on the fringes of society, in a sense, due to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Yet, when the chips are down, he's out there, still driven to try to do the right thing, and somehow we believe this is exactly what he would do.

Picture a rough-edged hero out of Ed McBain's 87th precinct, crossed with a modicum of Dudley Dooright/John Wayne heroics; throw in just a touch of Woody Allen angst, and you begin to get some of the shadings of the many-faceted Alex McKnight.

Other well-drawn characters include McKnight's self-appointed, almost cartoonish "partner," Leon Prudell, and LeBlanc, blackjack dealer and Ojibwa guide, "with a little bit of French Canadian in him, a little bit of Italian, and a little bit of God knows what else..."

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Joe Bauman, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax them to (248) 644-1314 or e-mail to jbauman@oe.homecomm.net.

Borders Books, Music, Video and Cafe in the Oakland Mall at 460 W. Fourteen Mile in Troy has several upcoming events:

■ The American Girl Book Group meets at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Bring your dolls and favorite stories to share with everyone.

■ Pokemon Tournament: gotta catch them all? Think you have? Sign up at the information desk at Borders Oakland Mall. There will be prizes and freebies. Only room for 32 contestants.

■ Borders Explorers Storytime: An introduction for toddlers to the world of books. Each Wednesday stories are shared as well as activities related to stories.

■ A celebration for the 65th anniversary of the *Little House on the Prairie* Book Series, authored by Laura Ingalls Wilder, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18. Step back into the 18th century to eat foods Wilder's family ate and listen to the music they would have sung. Troubadour Will Danforth might even lead a singalong.

n Art for a Cause People's Art Workshop: Painting techniques intended to break down barriers that so often hold back the artist in us all. Register at the main desk or by calling (248) 585-6029.

■ Teacher Appreciation Weekend: Teachers, principals, media specialists, school librarians and homeschoolers may receive a 25 percent discount on most personal and school purchases from March 24-26. All that's needed is a Borders Teacher Discount card, a current educators' identification or paycheck stub.

■ Dennis Greaney Photo Exhibit. Throughout March, the Troy photographer, who specializes in black and white prints, will present some of his scenic photos of United States landscapes.

WORD BOOKSTORE

The Word Bookstore in Clarkston, specializes in religious books, bibles, music, gifts and cards. Special orders are welcomed. Call (248) 625-5611 to hear about a 15 percent discount on purchases.

PSYCHIC TALK

Olympia Entertainment presents "An Evening with Sylvia," part of Sylvia Browne's book tour and psychic lecture series. Included will be a discussion of the author's third book, "Life on the Other Side." Tickets are on sale now for the event, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Cobo Arena. Tickets are $25 and $40. For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment event hotline at (313) 983-6611 or Joe Louis Arena, (313) 983-6606. For tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reimagining Community — This winter book discussion series at the Carl Sandburg branch of the Livonia library will next examine "The Damnation of Theron Ware" by Harold Frederick. The program, which features guest scholars from Madonna University and focuses on the changing concept of community, takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the library, 30100 Seven Mile Road west of Middlebelt. Call (248) 478-0700.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Michigan outdoor author Tim Smith will make a special appearance in March at the Northville Barnes & Noble store. Smith, author of the Buck Wilder outdoor guides for children and a popular speaker for adult groups, will appear at the store 7 p.m. March 22. The event will consist of a Buck Wilder storytime. The store is located off Six Mile and Haggerty.

SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Mary J. Stevens, autobiographer of "It's All in Your Head," a book relating her experiences as an identical twin, nun, teacher, wife and mother, as well as her "death" and recovery experience. To schedule speaking engagements or to purchase her book, e-mail Stevens at stevmj@aol.com

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Flint African American Quilters' Guild will put on display a selection of legacy-inspired quilting styles and patters at the Southfield Public Library. The quilts can be viewed any time the library is open, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 948-0470 or visit the Web site at 222.sfldlib.org.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Iris Underfood returns to Borders Farmington Hills 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, to conduct one of her patented creative writing workshops. There is no charge.

PARENT AWARENESS

Jaque Martin Downs, director of the Family Resource Center of Wayne-Westland, will speak about how to help children make the right decisions when faced with uncomfortable situations. The discussion, "Children and Peer Pressure," will take place at the Northville Barnes & Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, 7 p.m. March 16.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter Timothy Smith will be signing copies of his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies – Little Thumbs Up!" at the following bookstores:

■ 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Borders, 45290 Utica Park Blvd., Utica, (810) 726-8555;

■ 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, BDalton, Southland Mall, (734) 287-3533;

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Borders, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, (734) 677-6948;

■ 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-7811.

In addition, copies signed by Smith and Devin Scillian of WDIV-TV (who wrote the book's preface), recently were donated to the on-air and on-line versions of the Channel 56 auction, which is scheduled from May 2-7.

Smith can be reached at (248) 477-5450.

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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 Fri. Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
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NP MISSION TO MARS (R)
12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
NP NINTH GATE (R)
1:00 3:40, 6:45, 9:30
NP THREE STRIKES (R)
12:00, 1:45, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40
NP NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:10, 10:10
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:15, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
WONDER BOYS (R)
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
12:00, 3:30, 6:10, 9:30
PITCH BLACK (R)
1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
HANGING UP (PG13)
9:00
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55
SHOW DAYS (PG)
12:45, 2:55, 5:00, 7:00
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
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NP MISSION TO MARS (R)
12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
NP NINTH GATE (R)
12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:00, 2:00, 5:25, 7:30
NP THREE STRIKES (R)
1:00, 1:50, 3:00, 3:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 10:15
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30
NP PITCH BLACK (R)
1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
SNOW DAY (PG)
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:30
SCREAM 3 (R)
10:25

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W Side of Telegraph
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NP MISSION TO MARS (R)
12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05
NP THE NEXT BEST THING (R)
12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
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THRU THURSDAY
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NP NINTH GATE (R)
12:30, 3:45, 6:50, 9:25
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:10, 10:10
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:10, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30
NP THREE STRIKES (R)
12:00, 1:30, 5:15, 7:40, 9:45
NP WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
12:15, 3:00, 6:10, 9:30
WONDER BOYS (R)
2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

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NP NINTH GATE (R)
12:45, 3:40, 7:00, 9:40
NP THREE STRIKES (R)
12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 7:20, 9:20
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
12:30, 4:00, 6:00
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

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NP MISSION TO MARS (R)
12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
NP NINTH GATE (R)
12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:00, 2:00, 5:25, 7:30
NP THREE STRIKES (R)
1:00, 1:50, 3:00, 3:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 10:15
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:00, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
PITCH BLACK (R)
9:30
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30
SNOW DAY (PG)
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:30
SCREAM 3 (R)
10:25

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12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00,
NP NINTH GATE (R)
12:25, 2:20, 3:20, 5:15, 6:15, 8:30, 9:30
NP SWEET AND LOWDOWN (PG13)
1:35, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40
NP ORPHANS (NR)
1:30, 3:55, 6:10, 8:35
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
11:55, 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
12:40, 1:50, 3:25, 4:20, 5:55, 6:50, 8:20, 9:20 -NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM (R)
11:55, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP 3 STRIKES (R)
12:35, 2:35, 4:35, 6:40, 8:50
NO VIP TICKETS
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15
PITCH BLACK (R)
12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:55
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
12:05, 2:05, 4:05, 6:05
WONDER BOYS (R)
1:20, 3:50, 6:30, 9:05
SNOW DAY (PG)
11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50
BOILER ROOM (R)
12:55, 3:35, 6:35, 9:25
HANGING UP (PG13)
1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:15
SCREAM 3 (R)
1:55, 4:25, 7:35
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (R)
12:15, 2:55, 6:00, 8:45
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
11:50, 2:30, 5:35, 8:10
THE GREEN MILE (R)
1:15, 5:00, 8:55,
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG)
8:05

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12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:20, 5:30, 6:50 8:00, 9:20
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE NINTH GATE (R)
1:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
1:30, 4:15, 6:35, 8:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
12:20, 1:40, 2:50, 4:00, 5:20, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
2:40, 7:40 ONLY
NO VIP TICKETS
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:00, 1:20, 3:40, 5:10, 6:00, 8:20, 10:00
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 9:10
SNOW DAY (PG)
11:50, 2:00, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
SCREAM 3 (R)
11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30
HURRICANE (R)
12:10, 3:20, 6:25, 9:30
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
12:40, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40
STUART LITTLE (PG)
12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:40
THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:50, 4:50, 8:30

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12:00, 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
NO VIP TICKETS
NP NINTH GATE (R)
11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
11:50, 2:05, 4:40, 7:00, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:10
NO VIP TICKETS
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:40, 2:50 5:05, 7:20, 9:50
HANGING UP (PG13)
9:00 PM ONLY
BOILER ROOM (R)
9:30 PM ONLY
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
SNOW DAY (PG)
1:00, 2:55, 5:00, 6:50
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
12:20, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:10
NO VIP TICKETS
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

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SUN. 11:00, 11:30
12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
MON-THURS. 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
NP THE NINTH GATE (R)
SUN. 11:40, 12:40, 2:50, 3:50, 6:00, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10 MON-THURS. 12:40, 2:50, 3:50, 6:00, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10
NP NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
SUN. 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30
MON-THURS 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
SUN. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, MON-THURS. 2:20, 4:50, 7:30
NO VIP TICKETS
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
DROWNING MONA (PG13)
12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
SUN: 11:00, 1:30, 4:20, 6:45, 9:30, 10:20; MON-THURS. 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20
REINDEER GAMES (R)
SUN, 11:40, 2:20, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20; MON-THURS 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:20
WONDER BOYS (R)
SUN. 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45
MON-THURS 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45
HANGING UP (PG13)
3:15, 8:15
PITCH BLACK (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:20
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
BOILER ROOM (R)
12:50, 5:40, 10:30
SNOW DAY (PG)
SUN-11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
MON-THURS. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00
SCREAM 3 (R)
12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

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SUN. 12:40, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
MON-THURS. 2:45, 5:30, 8:15
REINDEER GAMES (R)
SUN. 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
MON-THURS 3:20, 5:45, 8:10
WONDERBOYS (R) NV
SUN. 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
MON-THURS 3:00, 5:20, 7:45
BOILER ROOM (R)
SUN. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
MON-THURS 2:50, 5:15, 7:50
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
SUN. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10
MON-THURS 3:10, 5:40, 8:00

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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS.

MISSION TO MARS (PG) NV
SUN. 12:00, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
MON-THURS. 2:45, 5:45, 7:45
THE NEXT BEST THING (PG13) NV
SUN. 12:40, 3:55, 7:00, 9:40
MON-THURS. 2:55, 5:25, 7:55
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM ? (R) NV
SUN. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
MON-THURS 2:50, 5:05, 7:40
DROWNING MONA (PG13) NV
SUN. 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30
MON-THURS 3:10, 5:20, 7:20

WONDERBOYS (R)
SUN. 12:50, 4:05, 7:20, 9:45
MON-THURS 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

MISSION TO MARS (PG) NV
12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50
ANGELA'S ASHES
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
MY DOG SKIP (PG) NV
12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 6:55, 9:20
THE NEXT BEST THING (R) NV
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
THREE STRIKES (R) NV
12:25, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35
REINDEER GAMES (R) NV
12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
WONDERBOYS (R) NV
1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
PITCH BLACK (R)
9:15
SNOW DAY (R)
12:05, 2:25, 4:35 7:05

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MISSION TO MARS (PG)
11:05, 12:05, 1:35 2:35, 4:10, 5:10, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15
SWEET AND LOWDOWN (PG13)
11:30, 1:45, 4:05, 6:15, 8:25, 10:30
DROWNING MONA (PG13) NV
10:50, 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:20
MY DOG SKIP (PG) NV
10:55, 1:10, 3:30, 6:10, 8:20, 10:25
THE NEXT BEST THING (PG13) NV
10:45, 1:35, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R) NV
12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40, 10:35
REINDEER GAMES (R)
10:40, 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
WONDERBOYS (R)
11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
HANGING UP (PG13)
8:05, 10:35
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
11:30, 12:15, 2:05, 4:00, 6:05
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
10:40, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
11:20 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05
BOILER ROOM (R)
9:55 PM ONLY
SNOW DAY (PG)
11:00, 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 7:50
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
10:35, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15
BOILER ROOM (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 9:30
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
12:05, 2:10, 4:25, 7:30, 9:40
HANGING UP (PG13)
12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:50
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35
REINDEER GAMES (R)
12:20, 2:30, 4:40 7:00, 9:15
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
12:30, 2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 7:30
THE END OF THE AFFAIR (R)
9:15

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NP MISSION TO MARS (PG)
12:50, 1:50 (4:00 & 4:40 @ $4.00) 6:40, 7:20, 9:20, 9:55
PITCH BLACK (R)
9:30
NP NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
1:30 (4:45 @ $4.00) 7:15, 9:50
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:45, 2:50 (5:00 @ $4.00) 7:30
BOILER ROOM (R)
9:20
REINDEER GAMES (R)
1:45 (4:40 @ $4.00) 6:45, 9:55
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:10 (4:00 @ $4.00) 6:45, 9:40
HANGING UP (PG13)
8:00, 10:00
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
1:00 (4:20 @ $4.00) 7:00, 9:30
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
12:30, 2:20, (4:10 @ $4.00) 6:10
SNOW DAY (PG)
12:40, 3:00 (5:10 @ $4.00) 7:15,
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NP THE NINTH GATE (R)
1:20 (4:20 @ $4.00) 7:20, 10:00
NP MY DOG SKIP (PG)
12:45, 3:00, (5:10 @ $4.00) 7:30,
NP NEXT BEST THING (PG13)
1:15, (4:20 @ $4.00) 7:00, 9:20
NP DROWNING MONA (PG13)
1:30 (4:40 @ $4.00) 7:10, 9:50
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
SUN. (4:15 @ $4.00) 6:50, 9:20
MON-THURS 1:50 (4:15 @ $4.00) 6:50, 9:20
REINDEER GAMES (R)
1:40 (4:45 @ $4.00) 7:20, 9:45
WONDERBOYS (R)
1:20 (4:30 @ $4.00) 7:10, 9:40
SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
9:30
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
12:50 (4:15 @ $4.00) 6:45, 9:30
HANGING UP (PG13)
12:30, 2:45 (5:10 @ $4.00) 7:30, 9:50
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:00 (4:00 @ $4.00) 6:40, 9:15
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
1:00 (4:00 @ $4.00) 7:00, 9:15
PITCH BLACK (R)
1:45 (4:30 @ $4.00) 7:20, 9:40
THE TIGGER MOVIE (G)
12:30, 2:20 (4:10 @ $4.00) 6:10
SNOW DAY (PG)
12:40, 2:45 (4:45 @ $4.00) 6:50
SCREAM 3 (R)
9:00
GREEN MILE (R)
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(1:30 4:30) 7:00, 9:20
THURS. 3/16 (1:30 4:30) 9:45
THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
(1:15 4:00) 6:45, 9:15
SWEET AND LOWDOWN (PG13)
(1:45 3:45) 7:30, 9:30

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TUMBLEWEEDS (PG13)
SUN. (1:30 4:00) 7:00, 9:15
MON-THURS. (4:00) 7:00, 9:15
THE STRAIGHT STORY (G)
(1:15 4:15) 7:15, 9:30
MON-THURS. (4:15) 7:15 9:30
NO 7:15 WED. 3/15
TOPSY-TURVY (R)
SUN. (1:00 4:30) 8:00
MON-THURS (4:30) 8:00

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SUN. 1:15, 3:15 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
MON-THURS 5:15, 7:15 9:15
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
SUN. 1:00, 3:00, 5:15 7:30, 9:30
MON-THURS 5:15, 9:30



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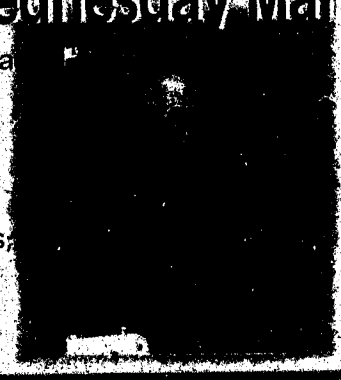

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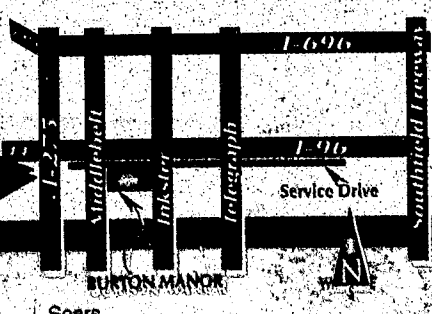

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DANIEL STICKRADT

Wolves earn their — fins — in debut season

In the arena of athletics, building a quality program takes plenty of ingredients.

God-given talent, work ethic, heart, dedication, a knowledgeable coaching staff and the will to compete are some of those ingredients. But most notable, it usually takes time — sometimes years — to build up a winner, especially when it comes from building a program that is starting from scratch.

So with all of this in mind, it is rare that a first-year program enjoys much success of any kind. But Clarkston's boys swimming & diving team proved that if you combine some of the above-mentioned ingredients, there is a something much greater than beginner's luck.

Despite being a first-year program with virtually no prior experience or incredible measure of talent, the Wolves put together an incredible debut season which concluded just a few weeks ago when they won a share of the Oakland Activities Association Division III league title.

"We had a a small handful of kids who were athletes in other sports that decided to use swimming & diving as a way to (cross-train) and stay in shape for their No. 1 sport," said Kenwyn Chock, Clarkston's inaugural coach. "But mostly, we had kids that were first-time athletes. Kids that were interested in trying something new."

Now, Clarkston's boys basketball program has thrived for 40-plus years and many of the school's other athletic programs, such as football, wrestling and girls track & field have had there moments in the sun in recent years. But what the Wolves have accomplished in the pool these past few months is simply quite rare.

Sure, programs win in their first seasons in a new conference, but to win a share of a conference title in their first season of existence is something remarkable.

After losing their first league dual meet of the season to Auburn Hills Avondale — Clarkston had little early-season training in the pool due to some water chemical problems — the Wolves slowly improved as the course of the season played it way out.

Clarkston, which finished 6-2 overall, including an OAA crossover loss to neighboring Lake Orion, posted league wins over Madison Heights Lamphere, where the Wolves won the final event to seal the win, Pontiac Unified, Southfield Unified, Clawson, Hazel Park, and Ferndale.

Then at the OAA Division II league meet on February 25 at Southfield-Lathrup, Clarkston amassed an impressive 292 points against Avondale's 274, which not only avenged that December dual meet loss to the Yellow Jackets, but gained a Co-championship with Avondale.

"It was definitely a team effort," said Chock. "We didn't know what to expect at the beginning, being a first-year team. But as the season went along we improved so much. And when we went into the league meet, we thought we might have a chance, based on the scores from last year's (league) meet. Even though we were a first-year team, our times were comparable to what teams in this league did last year and we knew we had some confidence because we beat some of these teams already this year."

Clarkston finished the season with a roster size of 25 swimmers and divers, which was the largest in their division and very comparable to some of the top teams around talent-laden Oakland County.

"Having 25 boys, that's pretty comparable to a lot of the more talented Class A schools in this area," said Chock. "I think having a lot of bodies gave us some depth in our league and we were able to score a lot of points at the league meet."

Having a large team usually translates into depth, but without much experience, its hard to gauge. But Chock molded her inexperienced

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Wolves return to regional field



For the 10th time in the las t 11 years, Clarkston's boys basketball has advanced to the Class A regionals. The Wolves earned the trip this year with wins over Oxford on Wednesday and Holly on Friday for a district title.

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When Clarkston boys basketball coach Dan Fife won his first district title in 1983, he was so excited, he was caught speeding driving home.

Seventeen years, and almost as many district titles later, Fife still gets that giddy feeling that comes with winning a championship. He and the Wolves earned that feeling with a 60-47 win over pesky Holly in the Class A district finals Friday night at Holly.

The win gave Clarkston's storied program 10 district championships in the past 11 years.

The Wolves won the game the way most of Fife's teams in the past have — with timely shooting, excellent team defense, and contributions from everyone. Five players scored at least four points for the Wolves, who improved to 16-7 overall.

"We've had plenty of close games this year, so I don't think our guys needed to be tested any more than they already have been," Fife said. "We had some kids really step it up tonight."

Clarkston had blitzed its first two opponents in the state playoffs this week, taking a 15-1 lead on Lapeer East and a 10-0 lead on Oxford in the first two rounds. Friday's game appeared to be headed the same way for a while, when a 3-pointer by 6-foot-5 senior center Adam Schapman gave Clarkston an 8-0 lead early.

But Holly, buoyed by an overflowing home crowd, played hard and made several runs at Clarkston. Despite being down 20-8 at the end of the first quarter, the Bronchos (12-11) seemed poised to make a threat.

Holly was making tough shots, and Clarkston's starting backcourt of junior Ryan Kaul and senior Ryan Marino both sat on the bench with two fouls apiece.

With their best shooter and passer out for the entire second quarter, the Wolves were scrambling to keep Holly at bay. The Bronchos slowly chipped away at the lead, closing to within 24-22 with 1:53 left in the half.

Then sophomore guard Mike Blicher converted a layup and Schapman made two free throws to give Clarkston a 28-22 halftime lead.

Fife said his team's foul trouble was a key in keeping Holly in the game.

"Us being in foul trouble helped them," Fife said. "Their 1-3-1 zone (defense) gave us some problems, and we had a hard time getting Marino open."

A Holly 3-pointer from the left corner made the score 30-29 with 6:13 left in the third quarter, sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

But Clarkston's experience in close games seemed to give the team a lift from there. Kaul nailed a three, and Schapman and senior forward Rocky Lund followed with layups that suddenly put Clarkston ahead 37-29.

Over the next several minutes, Clarkston grabbed the game with a clenched fist and didn't let up for one second. The Wolves blitzed Holly with a 24-5 run, giving them a 54-34 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

Fife praised the play of Lund (19 points) and Schapman (15 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks).

"I can't say enough about the week Rocky Lund has had," Fife said. "He made a lot of big baskets for us tonight. And (Schapman) was a dominating force under the boards. He was totally dominant inside."

The Wolves cruised to victory without a huge offensive game from Marino, the second-leading scorer in Oakland County. He was held to seven points and made only one 3-pointer.

Kaul played a terrific game at point guard. The 6-1 junior was more aggressive taking shots and made several outstanding inside passes. He finished with nine points, 10 assists and a steal.

"Kaul played like he is capable of," Fife said.

The Wolves advance to Wednesday 7 p.m. regional semifinal at Macomb Dakota against Pontiac Central, which upset Rochester 79-54 at Central Friday night.

■ **Clarkston 59, Oxford 27** — Oxford's boys basketball team entered Wednesday's Class A district semifinal game against Clarkston as one of the hottest teams in Oakland County.

The Wildcats turned heads with their 10-game winning streak to close the regular season and ability to finish off close games. Oxford's roll placed it second in the Flint Metro League.

However, the Wildcats found out there is a big difference between the FML and the Oakland Activities Association Division I, as Clarkston ended Oxford's magical season with a convincing 59-27 win at Holly High School. The Wildcats finished the season with a 13-8 record.

Clarkston came out firing on all cylinders, never giving Oxford much of

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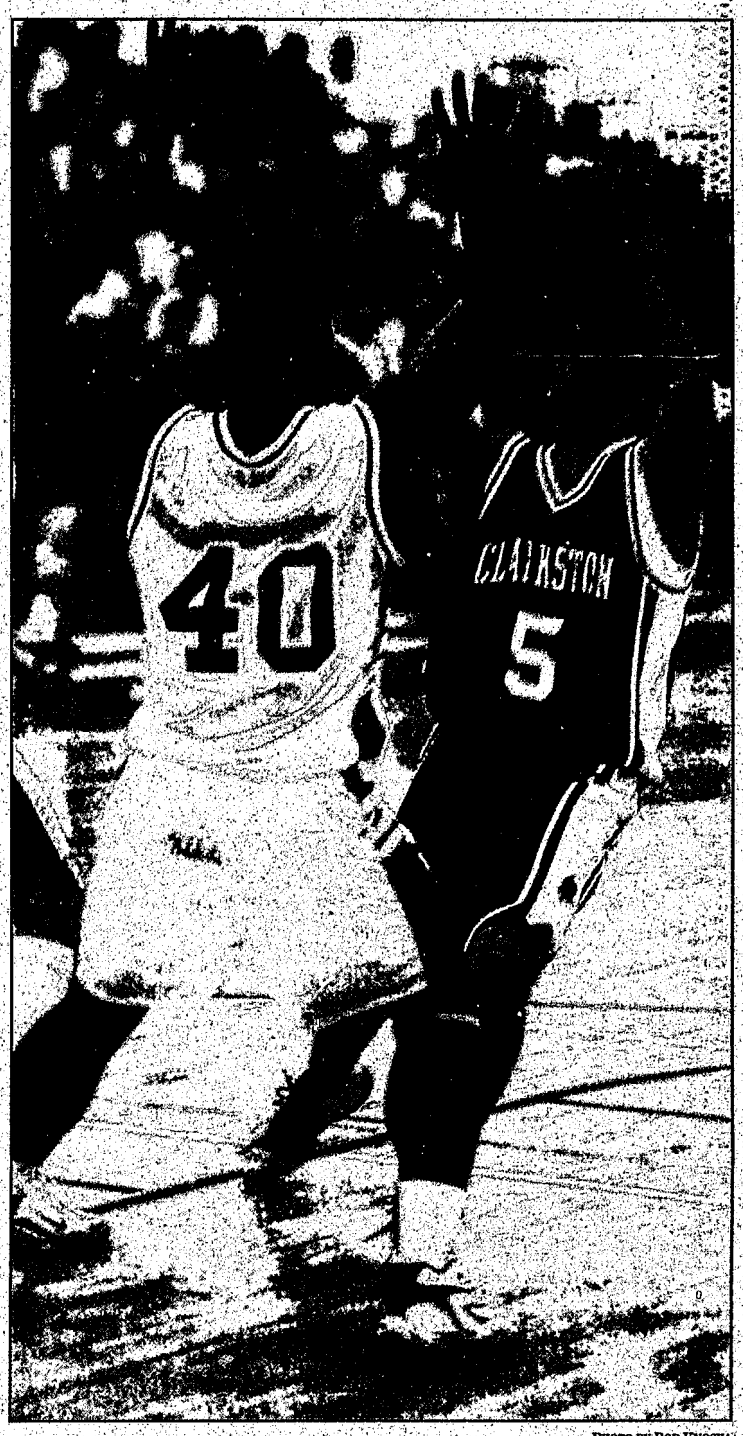

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On the Kaul: *Clarkston junior point guard Ryan Kaul (5)attempts to drive past Oxford senior forward Chris Daniels during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal at Holly. Kaul and the Wolves beat Oxford 59-27 and then rolled past Holly 60-47 Friday for the district title.*

Orion's Keasey signs with Princeton

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There is an old saying that athletes are simply just "dumb jocks." But Zak Keasey has defied that phrase in every way possible.

Keasey, a scholar student-athlete from Lake Orion, has been a standout in both the classroom and on the football field — he is one of the state's Top 100 football prospects — and that has helped him find the path to Princeton University, where he will be entering the engineering program next fall as well as suiting up for the Tigers' football program.

Keasey, a 6-foot-1, 235-pound two-way starter at Lake Orion, signed with the prestigious Division I New Jersey school last week after a a long period of sending in paperwork and waiting.

While most of the state's premier athletes have already signed there binding national letter-of-intents early last month, including several football players from talent-laden Oakland County, Keasey had to wait for some paper work to get finalized at Princeton. But he is glad the recruiting process has finally come to and end.

"I'm definitely glad its over," said Keasey, who boasts a 3.75 grade-point-average at Lake Orion. "I had to wait a lot longer for some things to get finalized."

Keasey had talked to Harvard Yale, Penn, Michigan, Brigham Young, West Pointe Academy, and was seriously recruited by both Columbia and Buffalo, which had offered Keasey a full-ride scholarship.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Moving on: *Lake Orion senior Zak Keasey shows off his letter-of-intent to Princeton University, where he will play football next season and enter the prestigious school's engineering program. Keasey was a first-team all-state selection this past November.*

Although Princeton and the rest of the Ivy League schools don't offer full-ride athletic scholarships, he will be receiving a $20,000 university grant next school year.

"Zak is one of the best all-around players we've had here at Lake Orion, in terms of running, blocking and all of the little things," said Lake Orion head coach Chris Bell. "And he can flat out hit.

"I know a lot of schools were putting pressure on him because most players have already singed, but he held out and got what he wanted. He's going to great school where he'll get a great education. And if your good enough to go to the next level, they'll find you."

As one of the state's top recruits, Keasey garnered his fair share of post-

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Central upsets Rochester for district title, faces Clarkston next

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Cinderella is indeed alive and well in the year 2000 and is a member of the regional field of the Class A boys basketball regional tournament.

Pontiac Central, despite posting a 6-14 regular season record, won its third district title in 10 years Friday, upsetting Rochester 79-54 at home.

The win advances the Chiefs (9-14) to the Macomb Dakota regional at 7 p.m. Wednesday, where it will play Oakland Activities Association Division I rival Clarkston, which won the Holly district Friday 60-47 over the host Bronchos. Rochester, making its first district finals appearance since 1988, finished 13-9.

Central veteran coach Ernie Hill had only one explanation for his team's Midas-touch shooting and eye-popping week.

"It's March Madness," he said. "You have to come ready to play every night and you have to be prepared to play everyone. One slip up and your out. It's hard to explain, but this was our week."

Rochester was coming off its stunning 70-59 upset Wednesday over ninth-ranked Pontiac Northern — the OAA Division I champion — and Rochester coach Hal Commerson was hoping his team could carry the momentum, but he also feared a letdown.

"It's always a concern, but I really thought that we would come to play," said Commerson, whose squad had beaten Central 78-66 back on Feb. 11. "I really didn't think we would have this type of a letdown.

"But what are you going to do. Central came out fired up, and in their own gym, played a great game. I tip my hat off to them."

Central, which shot 56-percent from the field in an opening round 82-62 win last Monday over Lake Orion, but struggled to a 47-45 triumph over Waterford Mott on Wednesday in the district semifinals, came out clicking on all cylinders against the Falcons.

The Chiefs made their first five shots of the game and darted out to a 13-2 lead with 5:22 left in the opening frame. Rochester came storming back to cut the lead to 13-12 and again to 17-15 with 1:02 left in the first.

But Central opened the second quarter with a 16-3 run and Rochester was unable to close the gap down to anything less than 13 points the rest of the way. In fact, Central led by as many as 31 points midway through the fourth quarter before clearing its bench.

Central senior point guard James Smothers had a fine floor game with 15 points, seven assists, five steals and four rebounds, while junior guard Andrew Brown, who scored 12 points in the first quarter alone, scorched the nets for a game-high for a game-high 27 points, including a perfect 3-for-3 from beyond the three-point arc, to go along with 10 rebounds, five assists and two steals for the Chiefs, who committed just nine turnovers.

Junior guard Kashif Russell added 14 points and four rebounds, senior forward Robert Clayton scored 14 points, and junior guard Naazir Russell chipped in eight points and three assists for the Chiefs, who held a 29-18 edge in rebounding and shot 55 percent from the floor (35-for-64).

Junior point guard Walker Russell scored 24 points and six assists to lead Rochester.

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a chance in the game. By the time three minutes of the first quarter had gone by, Oxford starting 6-foot-5 center Mike Spencer was already saddled with two fouls, and the Wolves held a 10-0 lead.

Oxford coach Jesse Heck said the Wolves showed why they had the better team.

"They jumped on us early and never gave us a chance to breathe," Heck said. "There's no shame in playing hard and losing to a better team, like we did tonight. I thought we played hard, we just didn't get the shots to fall, and they did."

Spencer, a tough inside presence for the Wildcats all season, picked up his second foul just 2:06 into the game, and had to sit out a majority of the first half. And with Oxford also misfiring from the perimeter, Clarkston seized the opportunity.

Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino nailed three 3-pointers in the opening moments of the second quarter to up Clarkston's lead from 16-5 to 25-5 in what seemed like a heartbeat. At that point in the game, Marino had 13 points to Oxford's five.

The Wildcats were able to make a quick run to start the third quarter, scoring six out of eight points and forcing a Clarkston time out. But the Wolves went on another tear from there, going on a 16-7 run over the next four minutes to easily put the game away.

Spencer and senior guard Dave Inman — Oxford's key go-to players on offense — were held scoreless by Clarkston's stifling defense. Inman's 3-point shooting never got on track, and Clarkston's Adam Schapman did a nice job guarding Spencer.

"Their big kid got in foul trouble, and that made a big difference for them," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife. "He made it tough on us last year when we played them. But with him out, we were able to make some baskets early and get a lead."

Two Oxford players scored more than three points. Senior Joel Gallo poured in 10, and senior guard Frank Boni scored seven, including the team's first points of the game four minutes into the first period.

Marino led Clarkston with 15 points. Senior forward Rocky Lund had nine points and four steals, while 7-foot-1 senior center Pete Ritzema had 12 points and four rebounds for the Wolves.

Despite the sour ending to the season, Heck recognized that the program took a major step forward this year.

"There are only four teams in the state who win their last games, and that's the four state champions," he said. "What happened to us was no different than what will happen to a lot of very good teams around the state. For what we did — 10 wins in a row, tying a school record with 13 wins — is something all the guys should be proud of."

The two key players coming back next year for Oxford are Spencer and junior guard Dave Rayner. Rayner was the team's best player at bringing the ball up against pressure, and made big shots when it was needed. Spencer emerged as one of the county's best post players, and used his 6-5 frame to dominate most FML big men.

Next year, the Wildcats should be in contention for their first league championship since joining the FML.

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season honors. Besides making the Associated Press' Division I/II All-State first-team this season, he was also a All-Oakland Activities Association Division I, All-Oakland County Dream Team, All-Eccentric Area and All-Metro by both the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press among many post-season accolades.

Staring on the Dragons' defense, the two-year varsity performer led Lake Orion this season with 94 tackles from his inside linebacker position. On offense as a running-back, Keasey also scored eight touchdowns for the Dragons, who qualified for the state Division I play-offs both years when Keasey was on the varsity, including a state semifinals appearance in 1998.

Keasey also played special teams at Lake Orion, and Princeton head football coach Roger Hughes believes he could step in right away as a freshman. Keasey could also see time at his traditional linebacker position next fall.

"He's very versatile player — he played inside-linebacker, fullback, tailback, tight end, and on special teams for us," said Bell. "Which is why I think I college coaches thought so highly of Zak. Some thought he might be a little small, but he makes it up. He was so valuable to this team."

Keasey says he can't wait to start training camp at Princeton. But in the mean time, he will keep lifting weights, and plans to run sprints and throw shot put and discus this spring for Lake Orion in order to remain in shape and competitive.

"I'm really looking forward to it," added Keasey, who is also a National Honors society member at Lake Orion. "The coaches feel I have a shot of stepping in right away and that has me very excited."

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group by giving everyone a chance to develop at each event.

"We didn't have that many meets, just virtually our league dual meets with the one crossover with Lake Orion," she said. "We rotated the kids in each event to see which one would be their best. Plus, this was a great way to teach fundamentals because this was the first time for just about everyone."

I guess you could say this group learned fast.

Although Clarkston boasted only four seniors, the junior class of nine stole the show as they made up the core of the Wolves' point-scoring unit. And at the league meet, the upperclassmen led the way.

A total of five Clarkston swimmers garnered first-team all-league status, including Bobby Masterson, who won both the 50 free, where he set a league-meet record with a 23.36 clocking, and the 100 free.

Paul O'Conner, Robert Bryan, Kevin Miller and Josh Rigg also were named all-league as they were either members of Clarkston's league champion 200 free or 400 free relay units.

"These kids came a long way over the season," praised Chock. "They put the time and effort into it. Except for Christmas and New Years, they were asked to do doubles on virtually every day and they stuck with it. These kids really worked hard to get to where they are."

So even with the shortcomings of little experience and only a few short months to build, the Clarkston boys swimming & diving team defied the odds to finish as champions.

This type of success story doesn't happen every day, so I think that Kenwyn Chock, her coaching staff, and each member of the Wolves' boys swimming & diving team, should take a bow.

You've earned it.

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1. Send us up to one page of information about the athlete's involvement in sports, community, academic achievements and any awards he/she has received. Include the name of the high school and a picture of the athlete.
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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.

GRAND OPENINGS

WESTBANK ANGLERS
Westbank Anglers, a fly fishing and outdoor specialty store with retail locations in Dallas, Houston, Charlotte, and Jackson Hole, Wyo., invites you to the Grand Opening Celebration of its new store in Bloomfield Hills (6812 Telegraph Road inside the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads). The festivities begin Tuesday, March 14 and last through Saturday, March 18. Store hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Enter the drawing all week long for great prizes. For more information, call (248) 538-3474 or visit www.westbank.com.

SHOWS

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 concludes today 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.

ARCHERY

OUTDOOR 3-D SHOOT
Royal Oak Archers, Inc. of Lake Orion, is presenting a recreational archery shoot on Sunday, March 19. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Located on Orion Road one-half mile west of Adams Road, Royal Oak Archers has 30 targets over 39 acres. Ask about the youth Archery Olympic classes and various adult competitions. For more information, call Dave Piet at (248) 545-8107, Pete Angel at (810) 939-1273 or Doug Waite at (248) 628-1076.

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. 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.

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

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

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

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

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

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

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.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

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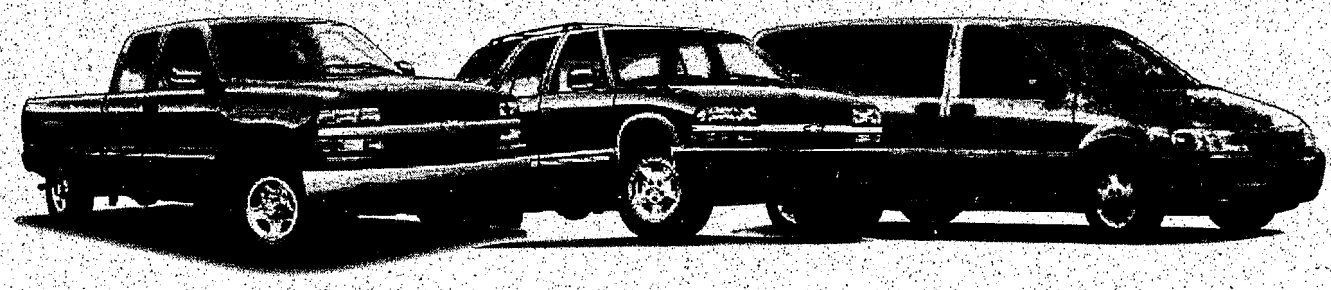

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PERSONAL SCENE



Women seeking Men

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking similar gentleman for companionship. ☎1928

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking S/DWM with time for a relationship. ☎1939

LIFE IS GRAND
Pretty SWJF, 57", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust. LTR. ☎1213

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social-drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 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, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, blonde/hazel, likes biking, tennis, camping, outdoors, dancing, animals. Seeking honest, considerate, family-oriented man for possible LTR/marriage. ☎1887

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks a tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1878

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

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long red-dish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking a gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 38, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who is tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

KISSES AND KINDNESS
Attractive, energetic SWF, late 30s, physician, with passion, values, humor, creativity, seeks sincere, warm, lasting union with an affectionate, well educated, successful gentleman. ☎1696

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, 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, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking a 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 staying in, for possible LTR. ☎1455

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European beauty, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

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

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys 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

FOXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1770

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

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

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks an intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, for a possible LTR. ☎1678

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

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

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested 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

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

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking a degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

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

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

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1866

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1889

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1874

SMART AND SASSY
SWF, young attitude, pretty, sensuous, and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, shopping and so forth, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'6", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1946

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, 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

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 ☎1606

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1763

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

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55, seeks a 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, attractive 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 companionship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and theater. 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. ☎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

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

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

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

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1700

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 58, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

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

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

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

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking a SWM, 46-58, similar interests. Sterling Heights. ☎1441

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

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

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

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, 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 an attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SAAWPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1386

FUN-LOVING
Artistic, loving SF seeks tall, athletic SWM, 19-22, full of zest, charm, open to share fun, laughter, conversation. ☎1907

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
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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

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DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, humorous, no dependents, seeks earthy, active SWF, age surprise me, combine. Interest, have some fun, possible LTR, all calls answered. ☎1689

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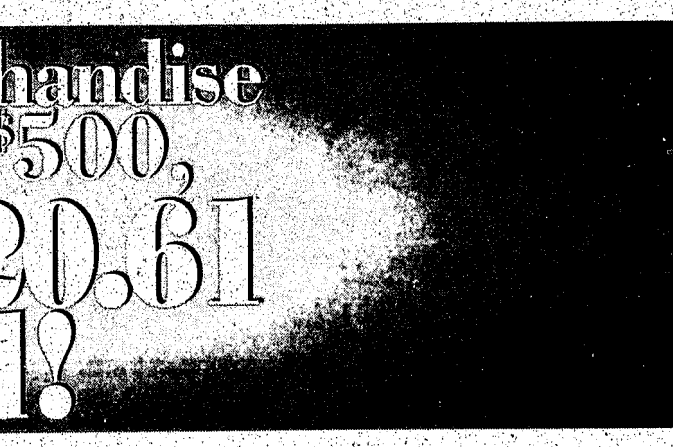

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Standard enforcement of Michigan's mandatory safety belt law may have come just in time to help the state's young drivers, who lag far behind most other drivers in safety belt use, AAA Michigan said.

"Safety belt use by young adults fell dramatically in 1999," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Recent surveys show that belt use rates for the 16 through 29-year-old age group dropped from 63.6 percent in 1998 to 57.4 percent in 1999. This is unacceptable."

Overall belt use rates in Michigan now hover around 70 percent, said Basch. The good news is that all age groups may buckle up with greater frequency beginning March 10, when standard enforcement went into effect.

The law will allow police to stop motorists who are not wearing their safety belts. In the past, Michigan law only allowed police to ticket someone for not wearing safety belts only if the person was stopped on another traffic violation.

"The new standard enforcement law should increase belt usage from the current estimated 70 percent, to 81 percent, save 100 lives a year and prevent 3,000 serious injuries," Basch said.

The new law will be the subject of a statewide campaign launched by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. Called "Click It or Ticket, a New Law You Can Live With," the campaign will heighten awareness of the new law. Among the key provisions:

- If front seat passengers are not wearing a safety belt, police can now stop the vehicle.
- An operator of a motor vehicle who violates the law will receive a ticket and be fined $25.
- All children under the age of 4 must be in a child safety seat, in all seating positions.

According to Basch, teens and young adults account for more than one-third of all motor vehicle injuries in Michigan, and the number of people who die in traffic crashes typically rises in the spring.

"Standard enforcement is a law all motorists can live with," said Basch. "And as prom season and graduation days approach, it makes more sense than ever for young people to click it or ticket."

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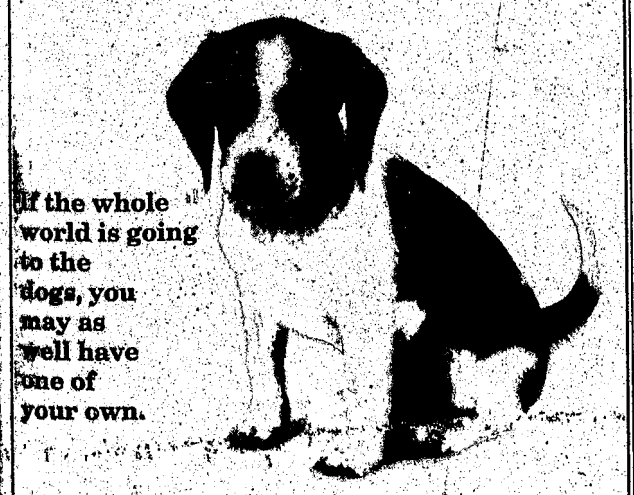

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New team: *The executives of QEK Global Solutions, (from left) Sam Cupp, David Gibson and Kerry Budry, stand like proud parents in front of their new company's logo shortly after the merger which created the Bloomfield Hills-based company was announced.*

Bloomfield Hills fleet service firm goes global

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

To some people, operating a business efficiently is a lot like making lemonade — you wouldn't throw away a lemon without squeezing every last drop of juice.

Sam Cupp, chairman of the Bloomfield Hills-based QEK Global Solutions, is one of those people. Cupp's specialty is squeezing every last bit of usefulness out of the cars used by the people who make cars.

As of this month, after a merger with U.K.-based Keddy Services, QEK (formerly know as Qual-Effic Services) became the largest provider of fleet services in the world. The union — a 50/50 merger that Cupp describes as a joining of equals, seemed natural.

In these days of hostile takeovers, Cupp feels that it is important to note that the merger is a partnership of like-minded equals.

"The really beautiful thing about this is that both of our companies come from the same type of thinking," Cupp said.

The company's new name — Global Solutions— is indicative of its philosophy, Cupp explained.

"The QEK vision is a simple one, global solutions, the innovation that creates the best, most effective practices," he said.

The combined company will have more than 1,700 staff and 51 locations on four continents and enjoys a position at the forefront of the vehicle services industry. Annual sales for the new company should top $70 million.

"It gives both them and us the instant ability to double our client portfolio, we are both highly entrepreneurial companies, this is nothing but a compelling thing for us to do," Cupp explained.

Reaching into new markets was a priority for both Qual-Effic and Keddy, to maintain growth.

"This merger enables Keddy Services to compete more effectively within the markets we serve and reach new markets quicker," said David Gibson, European CEO of QEK.

Established in 1986, Qual-Effic provided fleet services to the big three, Jaguar, and Renault, to name a few.

Many of the companies that

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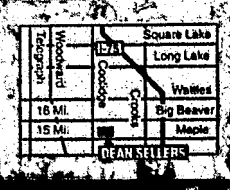

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Choosing the best: *Two Enterprise managers look over a future employee's application and resumé for the company's manager training program.*

Enterprise Rent-A-Car promotes creative career contest

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

You say your past resumes have been ignored? Your phone calls not returned and the door slammed before your big toe made it inside?

Could it be possible your presentation has been a bit ... well ... dull?

Here's a chance to show off your wild and crazy side, as well as your business skills and talents, and get on a fast-moving career path with Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

Enterprise believes creative recruiting attracts the best and the brightest. So, in order to place more than 6,000 new employees in their management training program this year in the United States and Canada, the company is sponsoring a nationwide "Promote Yourself Career Contest."

Participants can use videos, CD-ROMs, personal Web pages, 3D models, poetry, essays, short stories, even comic strips to spotlight their education, skills and experiences.

"A standard resume doesn't always communicate an individual's unique personality and qualifications," said Pam Webster, a senior recruiting executive who has personally hired more than 1,000 employees during her 15-year career with Enterprise.

"Job candidates who are willing to stretch themselves in new ways not only have the best chance of winning this contest, they also prove that they have the skills needed to succeed at Enterprise."

(Webster joined Enterprise in 1985 as a management trainee. Within two years, she became branch manager. In 1996 she was named recruiting manager for the greater Los Angeles area. She was promoted again in 1998 and now has recruitment responsibilities for all of southern California.)

Since contestants are being considered for business management positions, they will be judged primarily on how well their entry calls attention to their qualifications rather than their technical wizardry. Candidates are encouraged to collaborate on their entries in order to demonstrate their ability to coordinate and manage available resources.

As to a contestant's qualifications, a bachelor's degree is preferred and any background in sales, marketing, customer service and management is helpful. Work experience is preferred, but not required.

Of course there are prizes: $5,000 and a guaranteed job for the first-place winner, $2,500 each for the two second-place winners, and $1,000 for the three third-place winners. In addition, every qualified candidate could win a career opportunity.

Enterprise definitely promotes from within. Nearly 100 percent of the senior management started out in the same management trainee program working behind one of the company's rental counters. The company employs more than 38,000 people at nearly 3,800 locations in the United States and Canada.

Andrew Taylor, the company's president and chief executive officer, is

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Do you know the right questions to ask interviewer?

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GEORGE HAYES

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A.C.

Q. What are some of the key questions I should be asking given the current job market?
Mike H.

A. Consultants and employment books always encourage candidates to perform "due diligence" before accepting a position. For our purposes, let's define this as research to determine the likelihood of success in a new role or organization. It's not only a fact-finding mission, but an effort to determine whether a new place of employment will mesh with (not mess with) your emotional makeup.

Let's look at job and organizational characteristics that are important to almost everyone. What factors typically make a company a "good" place to work?

Normal people

Now don't give me the relativist "normal is whatever is normal for you" nonsense. I'm not talking about personal tastes or quirks that people can express on their own time. When interacting with others in a business setting, the vast majority of us want bosses and associates who

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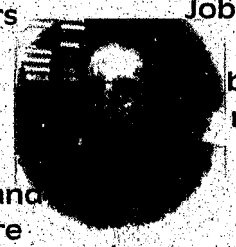

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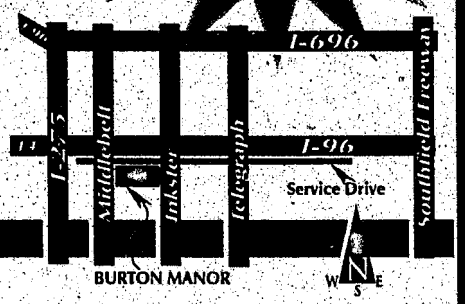

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behave within one standard deviation of the mean. That's why supervisors who are screamers are likely to have higher employee turnover in their areas. It's why companies in which whining, blaming and credit grabbing are ingrained in the culture are also less efficient. People usually don't enjoy working for managers who are ultra-macho, ultra-competitive, ultra-political or ultra-anything. An organization that tolerates the outlandish is best left to outlandish people.

Use your powers of observation as you move through the employment process. Try to meet with as many mid- or lower level people as possible. Get incumbent employees to open up and level with you.

What's it like working for Mary? How is she under stress? Has anyone left the department under unpleasant circumstances? How come?

Are managers focused on meeting business objectives or is the emphasis on making sure that employees don't spend too long in the bathroom? I recently met with a senior level financial manager who told me that he would get a "good talking to" if he got back five minutes late from lunch. In general, employees hate being treated like little kids or, worse, prisoners. Most people (not everyone) will step up to the level of trust that is placed in them.

Ask generic questions about time management policies and latitude in managing the work. Look for a company philosophy that says: We operate on the assumption that you are a professional and we simply expect you to do the right thing. We won't nit pick you about silly stuff. Let's just get on with the job and making some money.

Every organizational psychology course devotes some time to discussing the evils of role ambiguity, a classic ailment that leaves people wondering what the heck they are supposed to be doing.

Yet, today's interviewers proudly tell applicants that they expect people to "wear many hats" and to frequently take on responsibilities well outside of their primary areas.

Understandably, companies have to be responsive to customer demands and market forces. By necessity, job descriptions are more permeable than they used to be. The days when a employee could win a grievance for being required to use a Phillips instead of flat head screwdriver are over and good riddance. But a job, by definition, has a defined objective. It exists to accomplish a task or set of tasks. That is why job performance can be measured. Work that requires an employee to do anything and everything that comes along isn't a job at all. And it can't be very satisfying.

Ask questions about objectives. How will you know when I have done a good job? How will my performance be measured? Why have some people been more successful at this job than others? By all means, be careful when an employer is overly enamored with words like "team player."

Sometimes this is code for "do what you are told and do it all."

Reasonable expectations

Sometimes owners and managers set goals for employees that have no basis in reality or are out of proportion to available resources. Candidates who have been successful often make assumptive leaps about similarities with previous situations and quickly accept offers with a "can do" attitude. But every business has a unique set of liabilities and advantages.

Send questions or comments to George Hayes, Job Search, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48037 or e-mail Jobsearch@emplex-corp.com. Hayes is president of Emplex Corporation, a human resources consulting firm.

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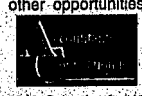

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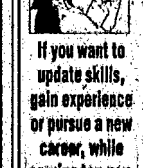

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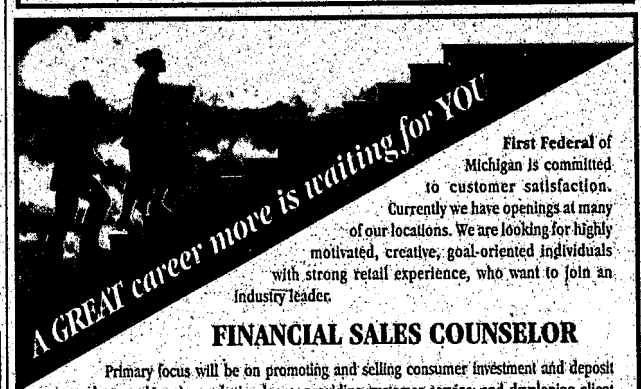

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Barry Jensen, editor (734) 953-2125 bjensen@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://www.observer-eccentric.com Sunday, March 12, 2000

Aluminum wiring does best with special paste

HOUSE DETECTIVE



BARRY STONE

A home inspector reported a problem with our electric service panel. He said the aluminum wire ends should be covered with a special paste, called anti-oxidant, to prevent corrosion. But our electrician says that anti-oxidant is optional and is not required by code. We want to be sure our electrical wiring is safe but are unsure of whose opinion to believe. Does the code require anti-oxidant on aluminum wires? If so, how important is it?

Anti-oxidant is a special compound that prevents corrosion on aluminum wire ends. This corrosion restricts the ability of wire connections to properly conduct electricity. When this happens, the wires can become hot, and this constitutes a significant fire hazard.

The application of anti-oxidant is a standard practice among most electricians, owing to its fire-preventive benefits. Yet, there are still those who omit its use, because the legal directive is not explicitly listed in the National Electric Code. The requirement, however, although not directly stated, is nonetheless implied by Article 110 of the code. This rule requires that all electrical equipment be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's labeling. Therefore, electricians must regard manufacturer's specifications as code. In the case of aluminum wiring, manufacturers specify the use of anti-oxidant on all aluminum wire connections.

Your home inspector's recommendation is consistent with the electric code and with the common sense of proactive fire prevention practices. My advice is to employ an electrician who concurs with the inspector's finding.

Townhomes designed for good neighbors



Stratford Village: *Townhome-style condominiums situated close to the street with walk-up front porches and back entry garages are planned by ADCO Development.*

ADCO Development Group will sell a lifestyle as much as attached townhome condominiums at Stratford Village in Sterling Heights.

Some 200 residences, two to seven clustered together, will be constructed along Saal Road at 19 Mile, about a half mile east of Schoenherr.

"This is a good way to create neighborhood," said Adorno Piccinini of ADCO. "You give privacy but don't tie up a lot of land. I think people want to interact again. We're trying to create a sense of community."

"It's an active community we want, people close to each other, friendly," said Karen Piccinini, Adorno's wife who's also active in the business. "We want an old-fashioned community where people know their neighbors.

"We're going to have walking paths, square (gathering) areas," Karen added. "We're going to start clubs. It's the whole lifestyle. We just don't build to build. We want people happy."

The homes at Stratford Village will be oriented close to the street with walk-ups to porches. The attached garages will be accessible through private interior access roads at the back of buildings.

Sidewalks and old-style street lamps will further entice residents to come together outside. Flower planters provided by the builder for all balconies also may be conversation points.

Visitors, apparently, are impressed

"They're just overwhelmed by it ... the area and the builder, himself," said Dianne Maeder, sales director.

"We designed the product to appeal to a broad range – young married couples, young singles," Adorno said. "Over 50 percent are first-floor masters. That will bring older people around."

Residents won't have to worry about snow removal and lawn service. The association also will be responsible for maintaining the exterior of the homes including roofs.

Pre-construction prices range from $148,000 for a condo of 1,250 square feet with two bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to $220,000 for 1,950 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All include at base price two-car garage; air conditioning; private laundry; dishwasher and range; patio, balcony or garden terrace; wood or ceramic foyer; and carpeting throughout.

Seven floor plans are available, and several of those have options for upgrading by adding rooms and/ or finishing lower levels.

The least expensive, the Berkshire, features a bedroom suite or office with full bath at grade (garage) level, a living room, dining area, master with shower, laundry and half bath on the main level.

The most expensive, the Almont, a duplex, contains a living room, dining room, nook, laundry, half-bath and master with separate tub and shower, two-sink vanity, walk-in closet and compartmentalized commode on the main level.

Two bedrooms, each with a walk-in closet, plus a full bath are on the upper level.

Brick is the primary exterior material on the front and side of the buildings, vinyl siding on back.

"It's a great value for price," Adorno said.

Models are under construction and should be ready this summer.

Metro Beach Metropark (with access to Lake St. Clair) and Stony Creek Metropark are about 10 miles from Stratford Village in different directions.

Lakeside Mall and the Hall Road shopping corridor are nearby.

"We've got easy access to freeways," Piccinini added. "M-59 is only a mile away."

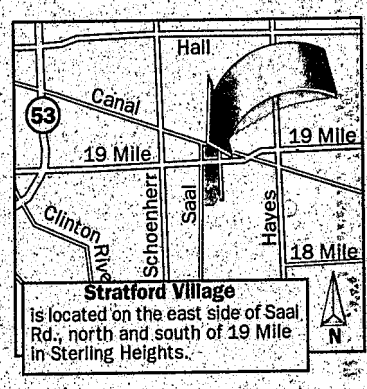
Stratford Village is served by city water and sewers and is within the Utica school boundaries.

The property tax rate is $28.93 per $1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price on new construction. That means the owners of a $200,000 home there would pay about $2,900 the first year.

The monthly association/ maintenance fee, which includes water, is projected at $100.

One dog, one cat or one of each is allowed. Weight isn't to exceed 40-50 pounds.

Tom and Jan Murphy have put down a deposit on a residence with a first-floor master and two bedrooms upstairs.



"The concept seemed different, unique, kind of exciting," Tom said. That's what appealed to us. The layout (floor plan) seemed ideal for us."

The sales office at Stratford Village, (810) 247-1015, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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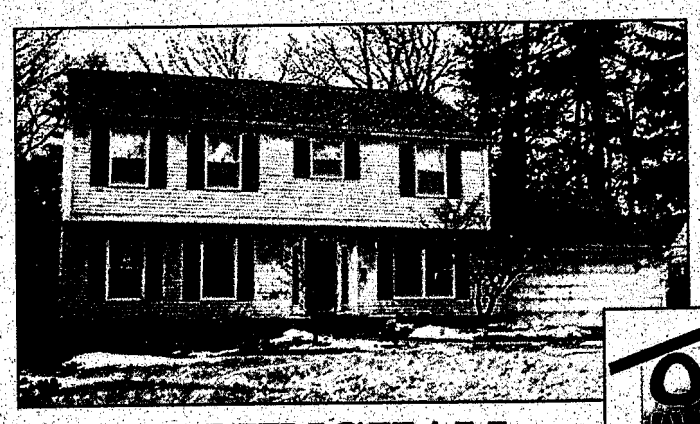



OPEN HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Open Sunday 1-4
165 Puritan
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(North off Maple, West of Woodward)
$619,000

Quarton Lake Estates is one of Birmingham's prime neighborhoods, and Puritan is one sought after street, within easy walk to downtown. West of town, the subdivision built in the 1920's to 1970's, has beautiful, mature trees and lush landscaping. Many homes have been updated to meet the need of today's families, and this home is no exception.

Within the past two years, the homeowners have painstakingly updated the house, from a new architecturally shingled roof to a new furnace to new paint, inside and out. There are new gutters and downspouts, two new Andersen sliding glass doors, and Andersen replacement windows throughout 50% of the house. New landscaping and lighting have been added including brick paved front and sidewalks.

Inside there is extensive new cherry wood flooring in the den, living room, and dining room, along with an Italian marble foyer. Leading to the den are new French doors. The kitchen is open and bright with new appliances, crown molding and recessed lighting. The family room, off the kitchen, has been expanded and has a natural brick fireplace and new Berber carpeting. Everything, just everything, has been carefully thought about and re-done.

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Super efficient

Grants encourage builders

(PRNewswire) – Gov. John Engler has announced that five Michigan builders have been awarded grants from the state's Five-Star Home Grant program to build "super" energy efficient houses.

"The Five-Star Home Grant program is an incentive for Michigan builders to utilize the latest technology to reduce energy costs and pollution," Gov. Engler said.

"As a condition of receiving the grants, the builders will promote these homes and showcase the advantages of an energy efficient home. This will make other builders and future homebuyers more knowledgeable about energy efficient products currently available," Engler said.

Kathleen Wilbur, director of the Department of Consumer & Industry Services (CIS), presented the grants of up to $8,000 to the builders at Urban Options Energy & Environmental Demonstration House in East Lansing.

The winners are:

- Copper Country Habitat for Humanity - Hancock
- Cass River Construction - Caro
- K. Doney Construction - Negaunee
- Alpha Contracting, Inc. - Ann Arbor
- The Fireside Home Company - Grand Blanc

Builders compete for the grants based on energy efficiency, marketing plans and innovations.

Rated by the CIS Energy Resources Division on a scale of 1-5 stars, each house required a Five-Star rating on the Michigan Home Energy Rating System to be eligible for the grants.

Home energy ratings help buyers identify energy efficient homes as well as understand energy costs and how to lower them.

Some of the innovative energy-saving features of the five houses include motion sensing room lighting, front-loading/low-water-use washers, passive solar designs, combination water heaters/space heaters, and recycled wood decking systems.

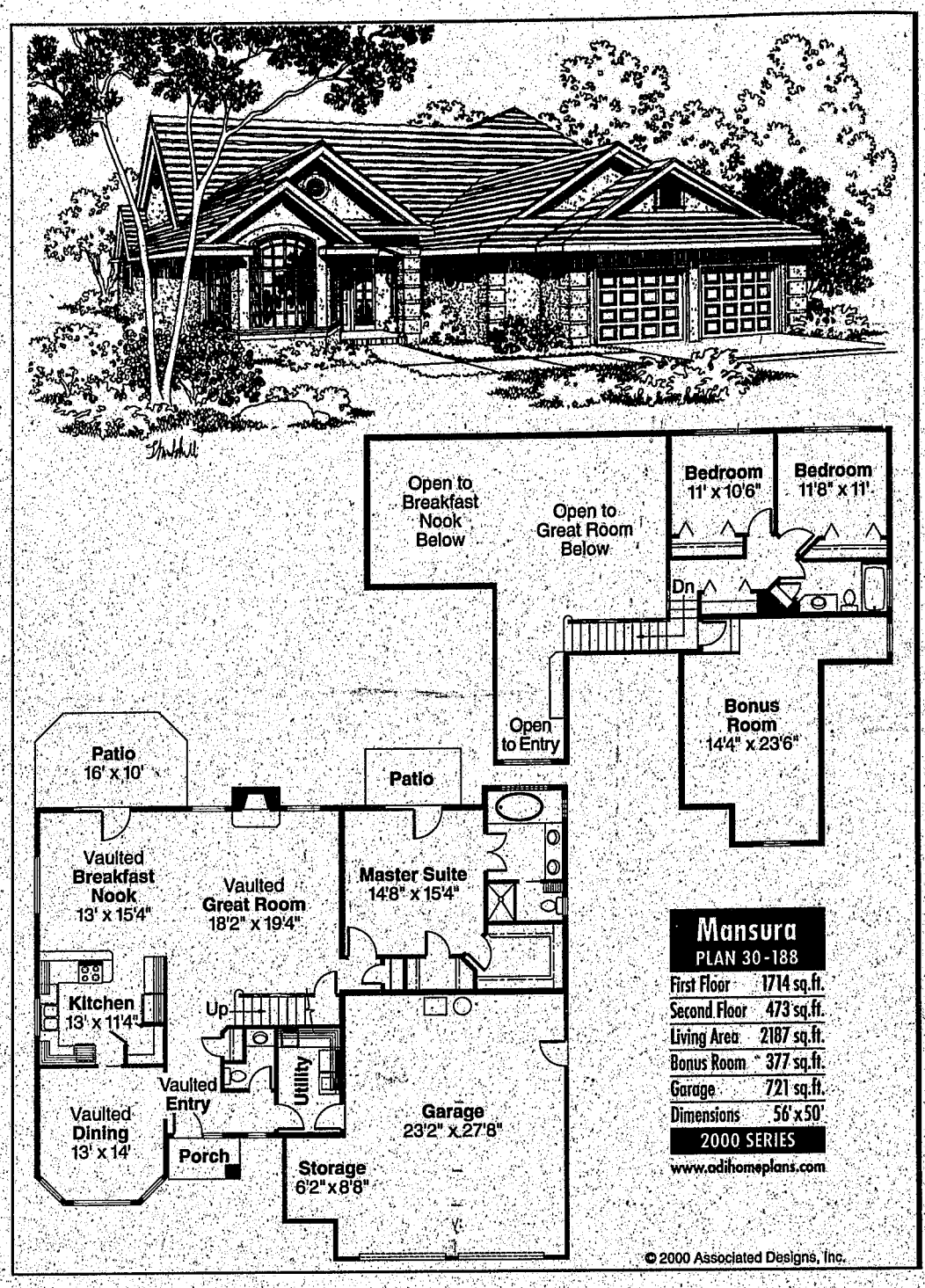
The homes will be marketed through Realtors and builders, special displays at the sites, signs identifying the Five Star homes, Parade of Homes, advertising, videos, magazines, and open houses. "Builders and consumers are becoming increasingly interested in energy efficient products with each year we present these grants," Wilbur said.

■ 'As a condition of receiving the grants, the builders will promote these homes and showcase the advantages of an energy efficient home.'

-John Engler
Michigan governor

"Energy efficient products often pay for themselves and then some with the money they save in future utility bills."

For more information, visit the Energy Resources Div. website at: www.cis.state.mi.us/opla/erd



Exterior details, vaulted rooms make this design appealing

It's the Mansura's stucco detailing that first catches the eye. Stately quoins anchor the corners, while bold bands of raised stucco outline an array of graceful elliptical arches and charming circular windows.

All rooms, with the exception of two bedrooms and a bonus room, are on the ground floor.

This arrangement makes the plan particularly well-suited to empty-nesters and families with older children.

Resident teens can enjoy their music without forcing you to hear it, and when the kids move on, those upper rooms can be kept ready for guests, converted to office space or used for hobbies.

A lofty vaulted ceiling overarches the entry, breakfast nook and great room, and the entire space is awash with light. Sidelights and transom windows brighten the entry, where an elevated plant shelf extends over the coat closet.

In the family room, elongated windows flank the gas fireplace. In the breakfast nook, an atrium door offers patio access, and more light spills in through a wide side window.

Yet another vaulted ceiling expands the bay-windowed dining room.

The roomy kitchen is conveniently located between the nook and dining room. A raised eating bar minimally separates it from the nook, and a pocket door allows total separation from the dining room, when desired.

Counter space and cupboards are amply supplied here, including a large walk-in pantry with five shelves. Utilities and a small bathroom are nearby.

Notable features in the Mansura's master suite include direct access to a private patio, two walk-in closets (one much larger than the other) and a luxurious bathroom softly illuminated by the light that filters in through glass blocks in the bathing alcove.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send $20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Mansura 30-188 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 300 home plans is available for $12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

How to judge when to use UV protection window films

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Window film is an excellent strategy for reducing the heat and UV level from the sun that enters into your home. But how is window film performance measured?

Manufacturers measure performance in a variety of ways, but the most significant indicator for the homeowner is the film's shading coefficient.

The shading coefficient is expressed as a decimal number that has a reciprocal value. A shading coefficient of 0.51, for example, would allow 49 percent of the sun's energy to pass through the window.

Industry experts stress that for a reasonable energy savings and a significant improvement in comfort and other benefits, a shading coefficient of at least .45 is needed. Any number below .45 is better, any above will be less effective. This does not mean that a .51 won't make a difference, it might in fact, be just right for some applications.

The most popular choices, however, are in the 0.35 to 0.40 range.

Why would anyone opt for a less efficient film?

Film selection should be goal-oriented and might mean a compromise. If your primary goal is not heat rejection, as when a group of windows receives only moderate sun, when UV protection is paramount, or if you're concerned about strengthening the glass, then efficiency can give ground to other considerations.

While performance can be achieved with any of the three technologies, site limitations and aesthetic preferences may come to bear.

If your windows are double glazed, you won't be able use a highly absorbent interior film, whether that's a dyed film or a combination film. In that case, a metallized film is usually in order.

Should that metallized film be highly mirrored, lightly mirrored or nearly clear?

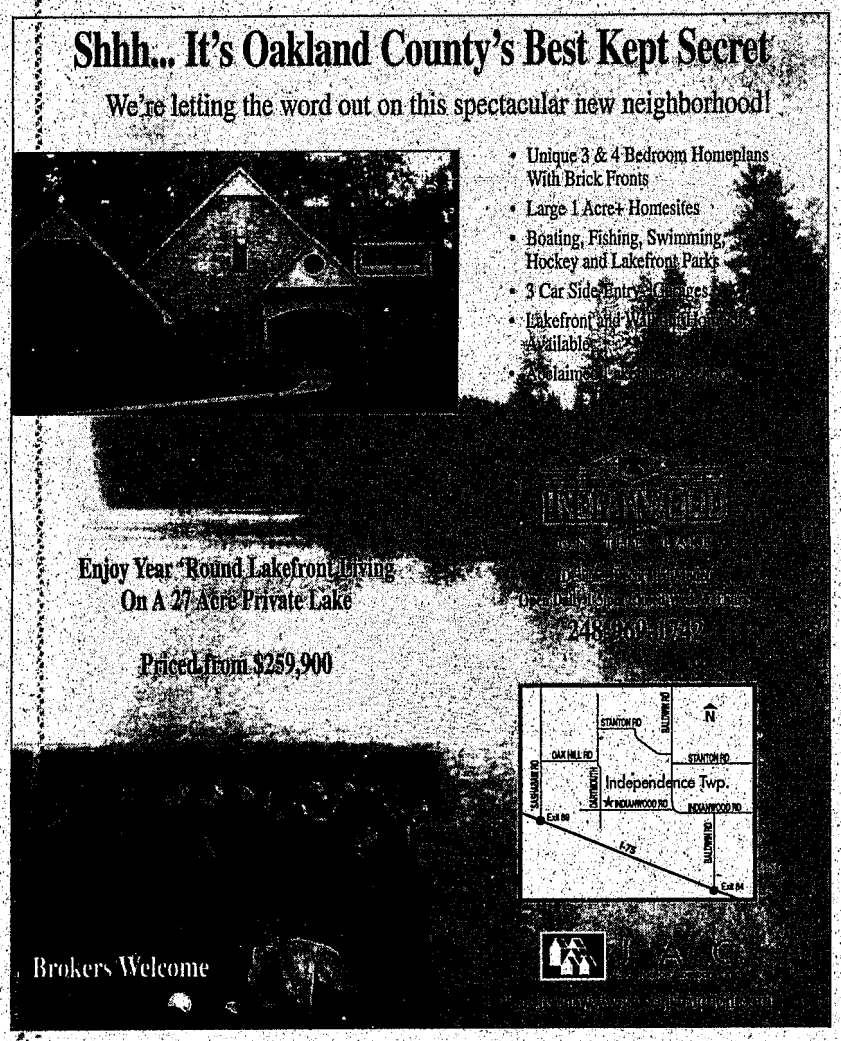
These are subjective judgments, with practical implications. A highly mirrored film is not everyone's favorite, but mirrored surfaces provide daytime privacy because they always reflect toward the light source. If daytime privacy is a goal, then why spend the extra money on sputtering technology?

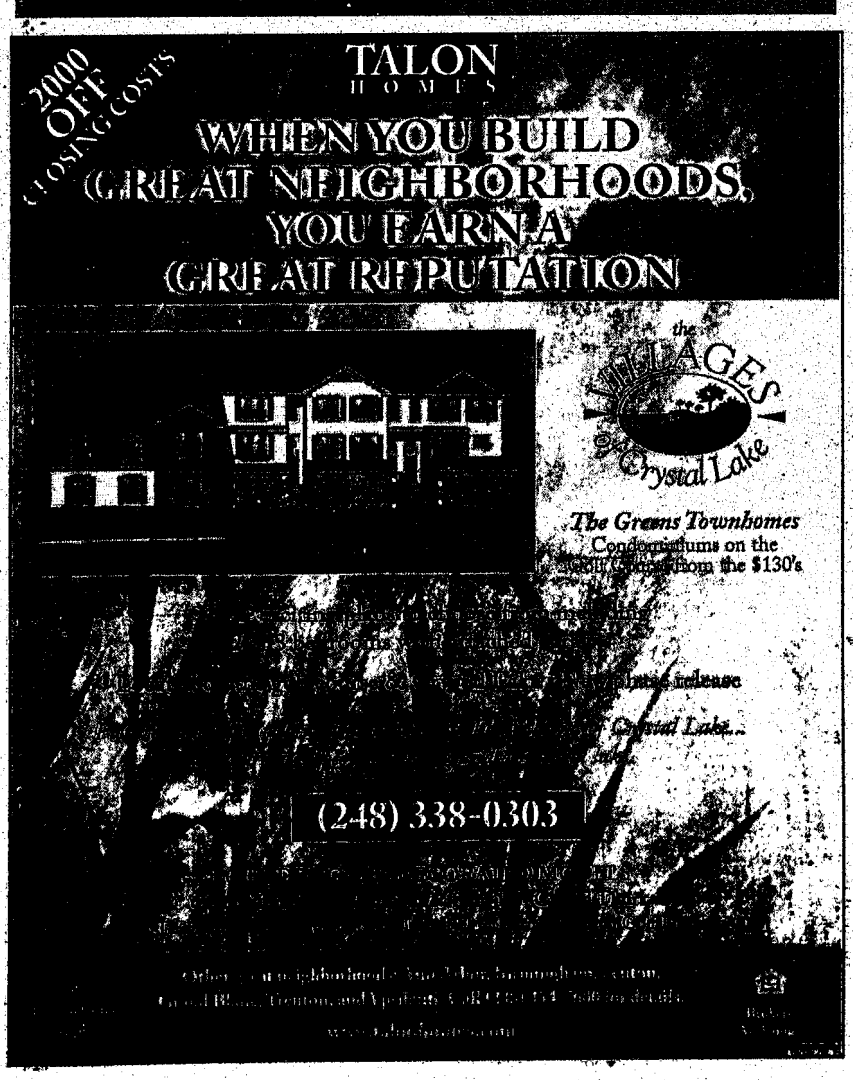
On the other hand, if you'd like only a slight mirror effect, but with a bronze cast, you might need to spend the extra money for sputtered metal film.

If you'd like a nearly clear film, then your only choice is a sputtered metal film. But if you don't care to spring for the high-end films, then a combination film of a different color may work.

As you can see, external factors and individual tastes have a lot to do with the choice. At its most basic level, every selection is a marriage of performance and appearance, with some tradeoffs implied.

So talk to the experts, determine what's most important to you, then make your choices.





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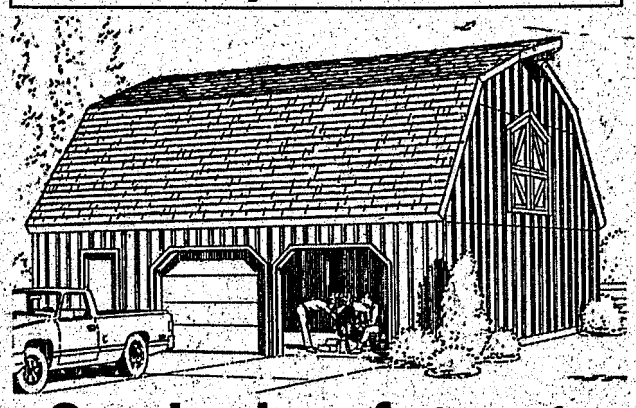

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Smart power saw adjusts to user

(PRNewswire) – In the world of tools, the saw is recognized as the most technically complex – sharp enough to cut, stiff enough to push through work, yet smooth enough to avoid binding in a cut.

As a result, the fundamental design of the saw has remained relatively unchanged for over 5,000 years – until now.

Recently, an entirely new category of saw, called the Spiral Saw(TM), was invented that redefined the concept of the traditional saw.

It was developed by Bob Kopras, a professional carpenter looking to reduce cutting time. The new tool, called the Roto Zip Spiral Saw, has proven capable of plunging into material, much like a drill, and then slicing clean freehand cuts in any direction.

High speed

The saw uses a high-speed revolving bit that replaces the jagged ripping action of conventional saws. Roto Zip's design has made it one of top selling power tools in the country and one of the first crossover tools for professionals and hobbyists.

■ The spiral saw makes cutting big items easy.

More than two million Roto Zip Spiral Saws have been sold since the Roto Zip Tool Corporation was founded in 1974.

Over the recent holiday season, the Roto Zip Spiral Saw ranked as one of the best selling power tools at Sears, one of the world's biggest home supply retailer.

Now, the Spiral Saw is going high tech. Roto Zip's newest advancement, the Revolution (TM), is the first "smart" Spiral Saw to use a computer chip to automatically adjust power to maintain pre-selected speeds.

Using the same computer technology found in laptops and cell phones, the saw monitors rotational speed to automatically add or subtract power to produce the cleanest cut.

A unique "soft start" feature gradually increases cutting speed up to full power providing additional control. The breakthrough "smart saw" allows both professionals and amateurs to make clean, precise cuts through a variety of materials, regardless of their individual skill levels and work techniques.

The smart Spiral Saw automatically reacts and adjusts to each user's cutting cues.

"With its new computer 'brain,' the Roto Zip Revolution practically comes to life," said Bob Kopras, CEO of Roto Zip Tool Corporation.

Ease of use

"That's important when you have everyone from professional tradesmen to home hobbyists using the same tool in so many different ways."

The Revolution's computer program was designed by Roto Zip's electronic engineers. The program responds to tiny magnets that act as sensors embedded in the body of the saw. The sensors tell the saw to speed up or slow down, based on the control of the user and the friction of the saw's revolving bit.

The saw's soft start feature and multiple speed settings provide additional control to keep the tool from jerking or bogging down, making cutting jobs easier on the user, the saw, and the material.

The saw's shape and body form have also been designed for ease and control. A quick-release handle enables users to saw in a variety of freehand styles and tight workspaces.

Magnets, instead of wires, are used to transfer electric signals from the body of the saw to the handle, allowing it to perform the same functions with or without the handle intact.

And since there are no wires, there are no electronic switches for dust to corrupt, eliminating one of the most common factors in power tool failure.

Roto Zip Tool Corporation

■ The Roto Zip Tool Corporation, a family-owned company, is the pioneer of Spiral Saw technology and a recognized leader in the power tool industry. The company currently offers several models of the Roto Zip(R) Spiral Saw(TM), the newest being the Revolution(TM), as well as accessories including the Zip Mate(TM) attachment, and a series of Zip(R) Bits, Discs and Wheels for use with a variety of the most commonly-used building materials.

■ Roto Zip products are sold in retailers' and neighborhood outlets throughout the U.S. and Canada. They are also available through various catalog companies and television programs such as QVC, TSC, and a nationwide infomercial.

■ For more information, visit the RotoZip Web site at http://www.rotozip.com

■ Read the Real Estate pages every week ■

Mortgage rates take slight dip

Mortgage rates dropped in the Metro Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by www.HomeLoanUpdate.com:

■ 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.29 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, down from 8.31 percent with 0.8 fees and points the previous week.

■ 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 7.85 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, down from 7.91 percent with 0.8 fees and points the previous week.

■ One-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 6.62 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, up from 6.59 percent with 0.8 fees and points the previous week.

■ One year ago the average 30-year was at 7.06 and 1.0 points and fees; 15-yr 6.70 and 1.0 points and fees; and 1-year ARM 5.74 and 1.0 points and fees.

■ Recent speeches and testimony by the Fed have spurred market confidence that it will stay on top of inflation by taking the appropriate actions, thereby stabilizing long-term interest rates, said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

However, at these higher interest rates, borrowers and lenders are also beginning to see signs that the housing market may be cooling down to a more normal, sustainable level.

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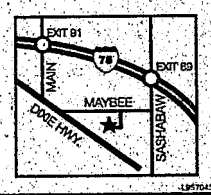

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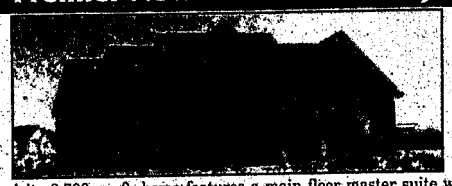

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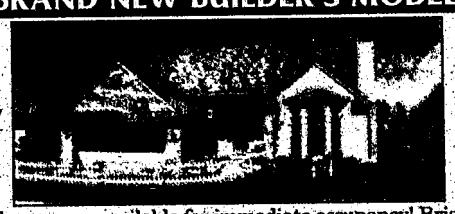

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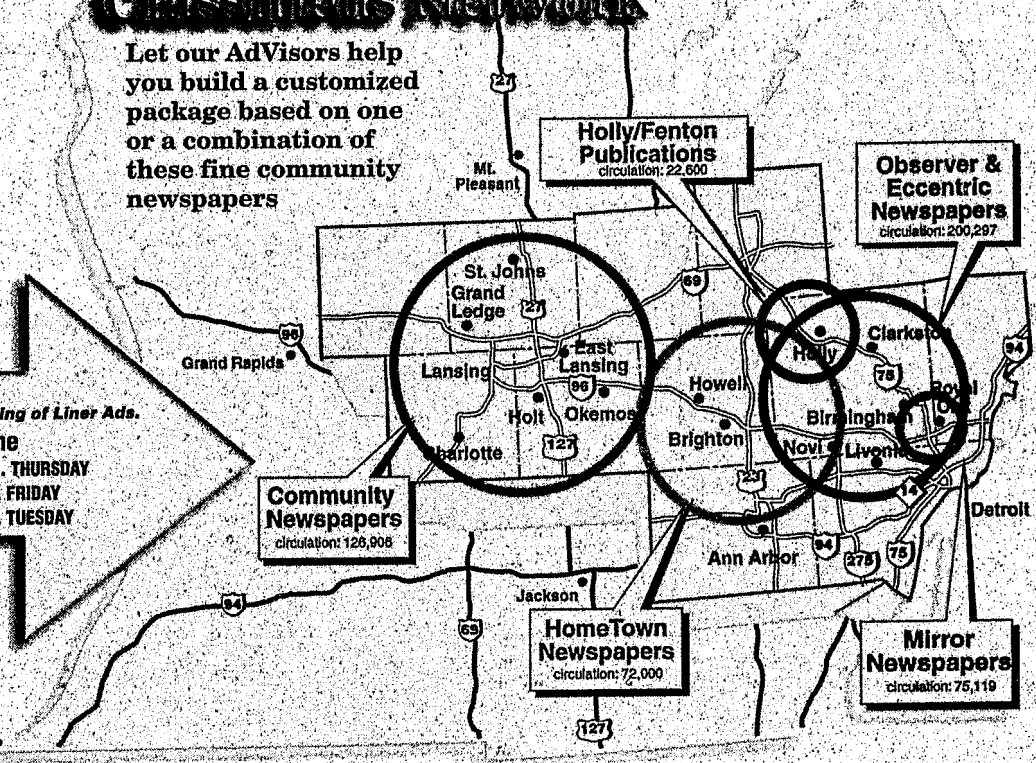

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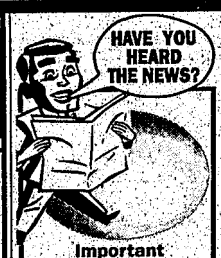

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(S/Maple, E/Adams)
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BIRMINGHAM - Sun 2-5, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, split double lot, 1509 Holland, 248-642-4567

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OPEN SUN. 1-5
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28638 FARGO
South-8 Mile/East-Middlebelt. Contemporary home has open airy look, cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, dining room, 2 car garage, deck & fenced yard. Updates: furnace, air, roof, sprinklers, carpet & new landscaping.
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REMERICA
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Rochester Hills - Open Sun. 1-4. 2738 Steamboat Springs, N/Walton, W/Brewster. Spacious brick colonial, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, island kitchen with Pergo floor, dining room, family room with fireplace. $279,900. (248) 375-5810

ROCHESTER HILLS - Sun. 2-4. CHARMING custom built 3 bedroom, 2½ bath brick ranch. Oak floors. Large treed lot. Newly remodeled. Near Oakland University. $229,900. 248-375-5118

SHELBY TWP - By owner. Magnificent, all brick, custom built, 3 bedroom ranch, 2700 sq.ft. plus 900 sq.ft. rec room in finished basement, fireplace in master suite & great room, loaded w/extras, immediate occupancy. $279,900. (810) 781-8450 Open Sun., March 12, 2-5pm. 53744 Luann Dr (NE corner 24 Mile & Van Dyke)

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305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

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W. BLOOMFIELD - Open Sun 1-5. 4 bedroom Colonial, fantastic yard. 4782 Hardwoods Dr. Orchard Lk./Walnut Lk. $289,000 248-682-6502

WEST BLOOMFIELD
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Open House, 3-12, 2-5PM
6784 West Knollwood Circle. 5500 sq.ft., custom home on 1.33 acres, 5 bedrooms, 5½ baths, "au pair" suite, updated kitchen & baths, view online at www.hn-ol.com; listing MI 330 Negotiable seller; $749,900.
248-851-2518

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

BEVERLY HILLS Open Sun 12-5. 16942 Madoline. N/13, W/Pierce. By Owner. 3 bedroom/1½ bath ranch. New white kitchen, hardwood, finished basement. Birmingham Schools. 248-646-0058

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS
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PRESENT HOME

What is happening to the market value of your existing home? Will it increase or decrease in value? How much of a change will occur in its value this year? If you bought one of the first homes in a new subdivision, as an example, your home's value may not move up substantially until the builder has finished selling all the other homes in your subdivision. Typically, it is difficult for an existing homeowner to compete for buyers against the builder who can offer custom feature and decorating to each customer. Perhaps your home has risen in value steadily over the past few years, but the rate of appreciation may be slowing down. It's value may have been growing at the rate of 7% or 8% a year and has slowed to 3% each of the last two years.

NEXT HOME

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305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield

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306 Brighton

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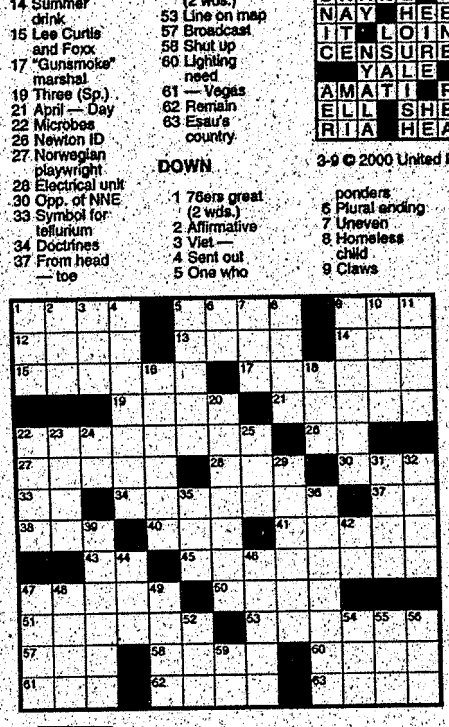

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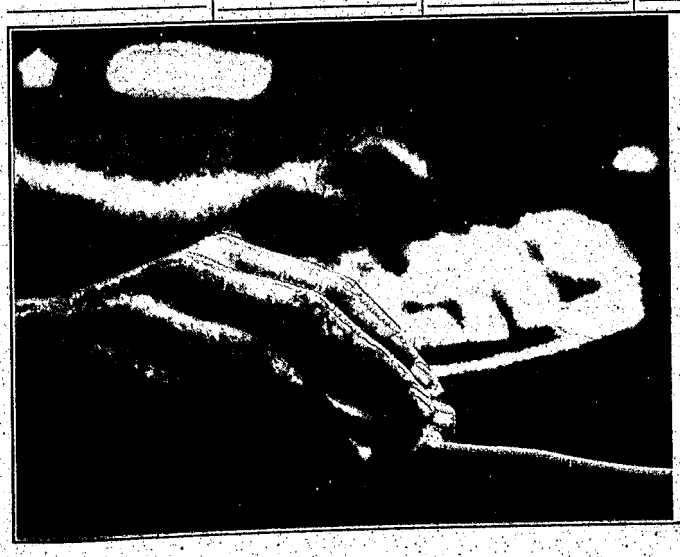

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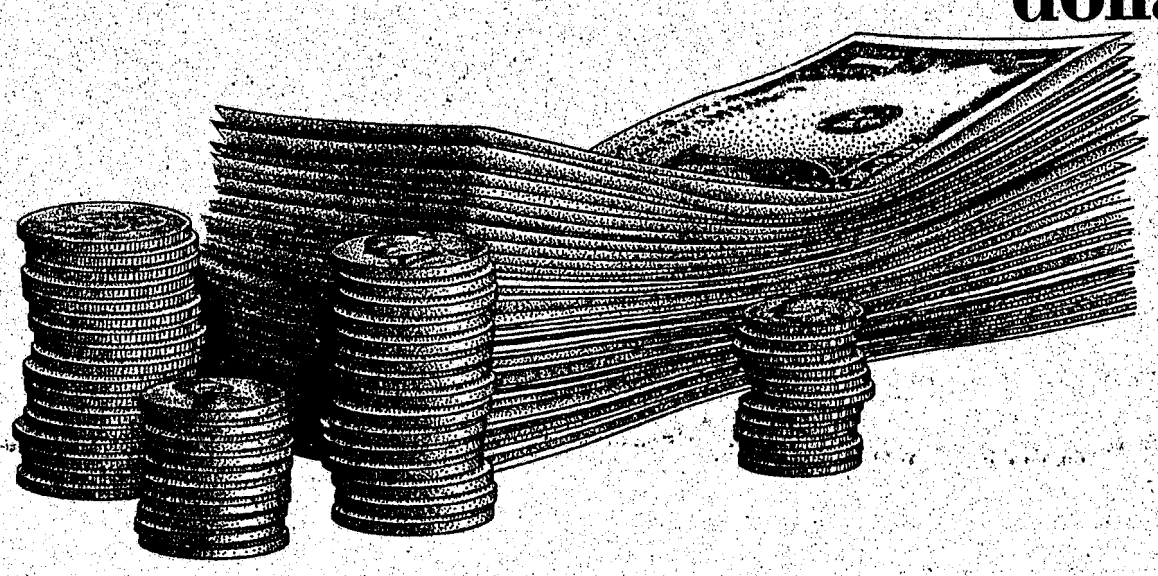

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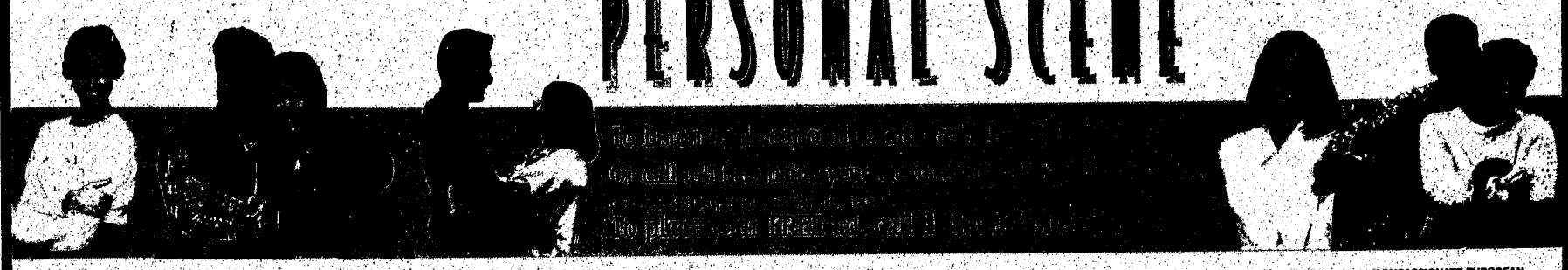

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1878

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel; quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1889

SMART AND SASSY
SWF, young attitude, pretty, sensuous, and compassionate,enjoys arts, music, dancing, shopping and so forth, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'8", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking an honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social-drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 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, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black- and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship, possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1876

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

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM for romance, monogamous LTR. ☎1776

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

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 39, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 38, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎9304

KISSES AND KINDNESS
Attractive, energetic SWF, late 30s, physician, with passion, values, humor, creativity, seeks sincere, warm, lasting union with an affectionate, well educated, successful gentleman. ☎1696

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

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

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

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

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, socks highly successful SWM, 60-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

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

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, blonde/hazel, likes biking, tennis, camping, outdoors, dancing, animals. Seeking honest, considerate, family-oriented man for possible LTR/marriage. ☎1887

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
DWPF, 40, 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

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1886

FOXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1770

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

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

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

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel enjoys all music. Seeking a tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1183

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, nual and fun conversation. ☎1502

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested 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

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1931

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 54, feel/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM; 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

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, honest SWM, 40-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-7. Find 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, attractive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1789

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companionship of professional gentleman; for romantic dining, dancing, theater. Possible LTR. ☎1788

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks a 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, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

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

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

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1700

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

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 59, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

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

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

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

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 45-58, 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, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

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. ☎1178

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 SF, no kids, seeks a gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race, age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

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

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

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

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

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

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests; N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1874

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1648

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

TALL AND SLIM
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

FORTH RIGHT AND FAITHFUL!
Handsome professional DWCM, 39, 5'10", 160lbs, with brown/dark brown, enjoys travel, skiing, golfing and dining out. This gentleman seeks an attractive, fun-loving and family oriented SWCF, 29-36, for dating. Potential LTR. ☎1870

CASINO COMPANION WANTED!
Pick a winner! Soft-spoken gent, SWM, 46, enjoys attending the new casinos, and nearby attractions. Looking for Lady Luck to join in the fun! Seeking adventuresome SWF, age open. ☎1869

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

BRIGHTON AREA
SWM, 42, 6'10", slim, N/S, never-married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a slim, healthy non-smoker. For more details please call. ☎1868

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

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

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

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

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

SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS
DWM, 57", medium build, H/W proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interest, open to pleasures, shared by healthy, alive partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, LTR. ☎1799

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

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 57", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 150lbs, blond/blue, goalie, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

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

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. ☎1306

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

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

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

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

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 5', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

MAKE ONE MORE CALL...
don't give up now. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals; tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

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

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

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 25-35ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, 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. ☎1376

MAKE IT HAPPEN
DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, humorous, no dependents, seeks an earthy, active S/DF, age unimportant, combine interest, have some fun, possible LTR, all reply's answered. ☎1689

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'1", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes romance, country life. Seeking charming, country attractive lady, under 40, for friendship 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

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

ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
a creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks a 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 an intelligent, personable, shapely, humorous lady. I'm 63, N/S, 6', with many interests and talents. ☎1830

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. ☎4968

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

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

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

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

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

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'6", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, enjoys 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 children, 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 honest, 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

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 65, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

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

WHO BEING LOVED IS POOR?
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