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CLARKSTON

Today is Founders Day. On March 16, 1802, the Congress of the United States approved legislation establishing the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, one of the oldest military service academies in the world.

West Point is located about 50 miles north of New York City, on the west bank of the Hudson River. A strategically important location, West Point has been continuously occupied by U.S. troops since Jan. 20, 1778. It was there in 1779 that George Washington set up his headquarters during the Revolutionary War. In 1870, Benedict Arnold was placed in charge of the post and tried unsuccessfully to betray it to the British.

Some of the most famous military figures in U.S. history graduated from West Point, including Ulysses Grant, Robert E. Lee, George Custer and General John J. Pershing.

General Douglas MacArthur served as superintendent of West Point between the World Wars. But it was Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent from 1817 to 1833, who gave the school its high standards for discipline and scholarship.

During his tenure, Thayer trained the cadets as civil engineers as well as soldiers. After graduating, commissioned officers used their engineering skills while working for the government, building canals, roads and railroads needed for the westward expansion of the United States.

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

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Floating freely: Diane Wozniak of Springfield Township flies kites frequently. She says it's fun and relaxing.

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Up, up & away

Kite enthusiasts say hobby lifts spirits

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With its nose to the wind and a quick flick of a wrist, Diane Wozniak's kite begins its ascent.

She makes it look easy because she's had years of practice. The Springfield Township resident has loved flying kites since her father sparked her interest when she was a girl.

"You shouldn't have to run with a kite," she said as she demonstrated the wrist action that magically causes the diamond-shaped plastic with Mickey Mouse's face on

it to rise on the breeze.

"All you have to do is go like this," she said, demonstrating the jiggling motion of her wrist. "There's a name for it, but I don't remember what it's called."

Wozniak said her Dad loved to fly kites, too, but he was a perfectionist. He had to have just the right kite, string and conditions. She just does it for fun.

"Me, I just throw it up," she said. "It just takes your mind away. It's relaxing."

Wozniak, who also is on the Springfield Parks and Recreation Commission, often takes her children, 13-

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Bye-bye Barbie: Anne Marie Wozniak, 13, gets ready to send her kite into the sky.



Size no factor: Stephen Wozniak, 8, has good luck flying a small kite. His mom, Diane Wozniak, says kites can be made any size and out of just about anything.

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Later school start a concern for some

■ Some Clarkston residents are concerned later school start times for middle schoolers would affect their ability to play sports, watch younger siblings and spend time with their families.

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Students, staff and parents gave Al Roberts exactly what he wanted—their opinions.

Clarkston Community Schools District Supt. Roberts presented the draft of a proposal by a transportation task force to the school board at its Monday meeting. The proposal calls for changing the start times of elementary and middle school students next school year.

Elementary schools would begin at 8:15 a.m. instead of 8:50 a.m., and the middle school day would start at 9:15 a.m. instead of the earlier 7:40 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. times now observed.

Roberts had asked for input on the draft. The task force will use this input in drafting its final proposal.

"This is a starting point. We need honest feedback," Roberts said to the approximate 50 community residents in attendance at Monday's meeting. "We need to hear your concerns, different viewpoints, and we need to hear all of them in order to come up with a plan."

Nick Arkwright, a Clarkston Middle School sixth-grade student, took Roberts' words to heart.

He gathered 196 signatures on a petition Monday from CMS students who don't want their middle school start time changed to 9:15 a.m.

Arkwright spoke confidently and clearly, explaining the reasons behind the request to keep their school day the same.

The later start time means middle school teens would get home later in the day.

"That eliminates family time," Arkwright said. "I won't have as much time with my family at dinner time. My first priority is to do my homework."

He also pointed out that the later start and ending times won't allow him enough time for his sport, hockey.

Another person concerned with the sports issue is Cynthia Altman. Her middle school daughter runs track. Altman said students don't return home from away track meets until 8 p.m. She questioned how later school start times will affect them, if they will even be

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Clarkston canines wag their way to dog shows

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They say owners and their dogs resemble each other.

Claudia Jakus and her Afghan hounds don't. But she said their personalities are a good fit.

"Afghan hounds are not a good dog for everyone," she said. "They are aloof and independent. They aren't the kind that like to be pet and fussed over. They are more like cats."

But for the Jakuses, they are the perfect pet.

So perfect that more than 20 years after receiving her first Afghan hound as a birthday gift from her husband, Raymond, the Springfield Township couple is totally involved with the breed.

So involved that Jakus shows Uno, who is almost 6, and puppy Torch at least once a month. They will be fixtures at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog

Show this weekend and hopefully will bring home some first-place prizes.

Uno, whose registered name is Oreia's Priority One, is already a very accomplished young lady. She's a breed champion, a companion dog and has several titles to her name. Jakus is showing her this weekend in the agility competitions.

"Judges look at speed, agility, enthusiasm and more in this category," Jakus said.

Torch, also known as Summerwind Fuels the Fire, will be in the breed competition for Afghan hounds.

"They'll be competing both Saturday and Sunday at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Saturday is the 84th DKC Show and Sunday marks the 85th DKC show. These are recognized in dog circles as one of the largest, all-breed dog shows in North America at which dogs and their owners are accessible to the public when they aren't in competition.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Ready to show: Claudia Jakus entered Torch (left) and Uno, her Afghan hounds, in Detroit Kennel Club dog shows at Cobo Hall in Detroit this coming weekend.



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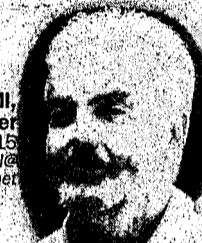
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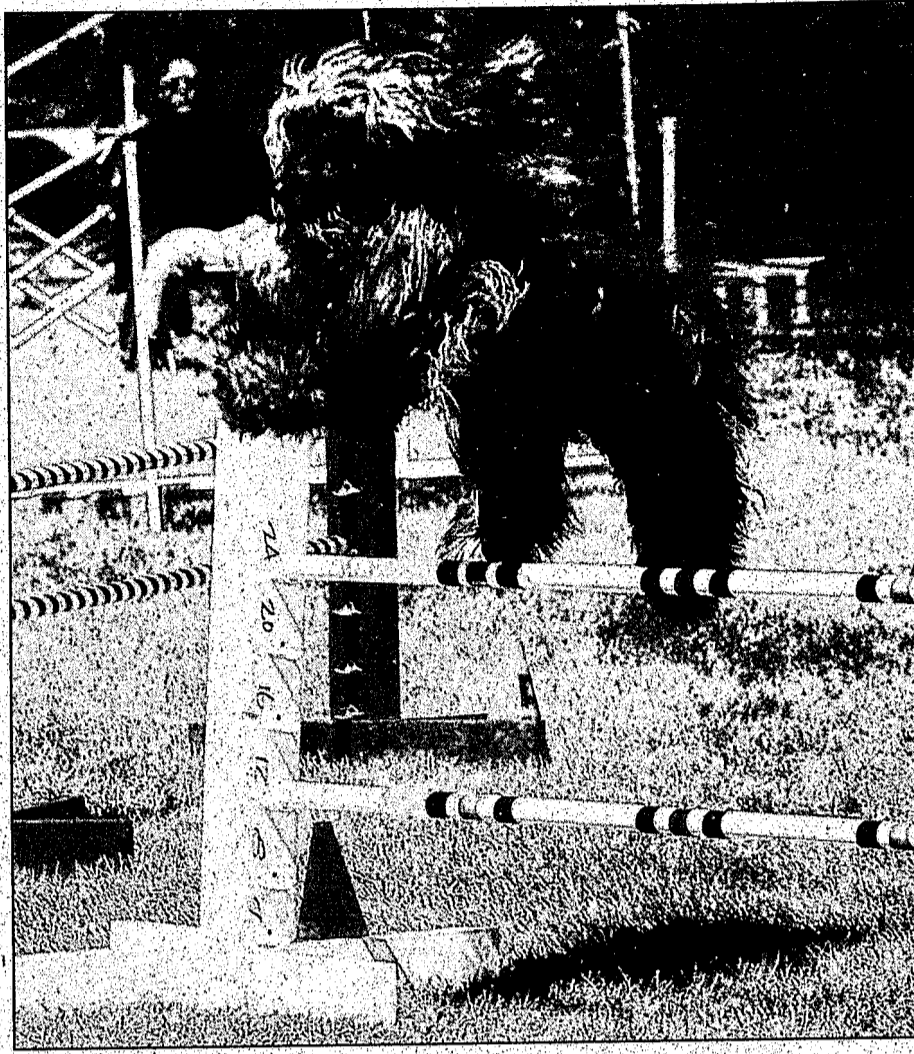
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Up and over: Uno, a 5-year-old Afghan hound, shows her agility skills. Uno belongs to Claudia Jakus of Clarkston.

Canines from page A1

More than 2,000 dogs from nearly 150 breeds are expected to compete for honors.

"It's a fun thing for people to come to," said Jakus, who owns Clarkston Travel Bureau in Clarkston. "We owners like to talk to visitors about our dogs unless we're busy grooming them before a competition. There are all sorts of vendors, experts and demonstrations at the shows for people to enjoy."

If visitors ask her about Afghan hounds, she's honest about describing the breed, including its personality, health concerns and care requirements.

"They are high maintenance," she said. "They have to be groomed every week. They're also a sight hound, which means if they get away from you to chase a squirrel, they won't come back. They also don't retrieve."

But for the Jakuses, they are worth it.

"We call Uno Just Too Cute," she said, laughing. Jakus tried breeding Afghan

'It's such a good place to see a variety of dogs. If a family is shopping for a pet, they can talk to dog owners and breeders and learn about different breeds' temperaments.

Claudia Jakus
 DKC show participant

hounds, but decided she didn't want the responsibility. "Once those puppies are born, they were always mine, even if I sold them. If it didn't work out with the families, I took them right back," she explained.

She trains and shows her dogs herself.

She and Uno, a registered therapy dog, go to Crittenton Hospital one or two times a month to visit patients.

"Although Afghan hounds

aren't cuddly and don't like a lot of petting, they have a stable temperament. Uno makes a good therapy dog because she stimulates a lot of conversation," Jakus said.

She encouraged people to come to the Detroit Kennel Show this weekend.

"It's such a good place to see a variety of dogs. If a family is shopping for a pet, they can talk to dog owners and breeders and learn about different breeds' temperaments. For example, West Highland Terriers hunted varmints in the wild so their natural tendency is to dig. You can't live by water with a Golden retriever or a Labrador retriever and get mad if it goes swimming. These are the types of things people should know before they purchase a particular breed of dog."

Information on hours and tickets for the DKC shows is available by calling the Detroit Kennel Club hotline at (248) 352-7469.

OBITUARY

RENTSCH, BARBARA J.

Barbara J. Rentsch of Clarkston, formerly of White Lake and Manistee, died March 14, 2000, at age 67.

Mrs. Rentsch was a member of Christ of the Lakes Lutheran Church for 35 years.

Mrs. Rentsch is survived by her husband of 50 years, Erwin. She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen (Timothy) O'Connell of Fenton and Brenda (Bud) Aldrich of Clarkston; a son, Daniel of Manistee; daughter-in-law, Diane Rentsch of Rochester;

five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She is also survived by a brother, Ray (Dorothy) Whitney of Kentucky; two sisters, Beverley (John) Jensen of North Carolina and Velma (Bob) Fergeson of White Lake; and many other family members.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, March 17, in the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Christ of the Lakes Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Fire dept. to add 2 thermal imagers

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Independence Township Board members disagreed Tuesday about the Fire Department's need for two additional thermal imaging systems.

Fire Chief Gar Wilson wants to double the number of units and upgrade the two already in use. The cost for the Carins IRIS systems is \$39,000. Although there was debate about the cameras, the request was granted by a 4-3 vote. Supervisor Dale Stuart, Treasurer Jim Wenger and

The cameras are mounted on a firefighter's helmet and allow that person to find trapped people and hot spots.

Trustees Dan Travis and Larry Rosso voted to buy the additional equipment while Clerk Joann McCrary and Trustees Jeff McGee and Neil Wallace voted against the idea.

The cameras are mounted on a firefighter's helmet and allow that person to find trapped people and hot spots that have the potential to flare up again.

"It's been quite an amazing tool. It's saved a lot of people's walls from being torn apart for no reason," Wilson said.

In his presentation, Wilson had several examples of how the imaging systems can mean less property damage and also let firefighters know when an area was safe to enter or too dangerous to go into. It was even used by the Sheriff's Department to locate a victim of an automobile accident who had run into a field. Wilson said the equipment was there and they were able to use it in a new way.

Wilson said buying two more imaging systems will allow one to be on each fire engine. Logistic problems have arisen with only two because currently they are both on the captain's truck. Fire officials said two are needed at each fire for reasons of safety and expediency. Since the captain responds to every fire, most of the time that would mean both helmets would be at every scene. The concern comes when the captain is at one scene, another call comes in and the captain is held up at the first incident.

"I just didn't see an urgent need to get another set right now," McCrary said on Wednesday.

Like Wallace and McGee, she cited the cost of the equipment. She said they could wait until the cost decreased even more. The first units cost \$25,000 each. "It's not something that's used on a daily basis," she said.

Although she thinks the cameras are marvelous devices, she said McGee was right when he said they are most often used after a fire is mostly out to find any remaining hot spots. They are rarely used in a lifesaving situation.

McGee and Wallace both said different managerial tactics could be used to make sure the cameras got where they were needed even if the captain was tied up at another scene.

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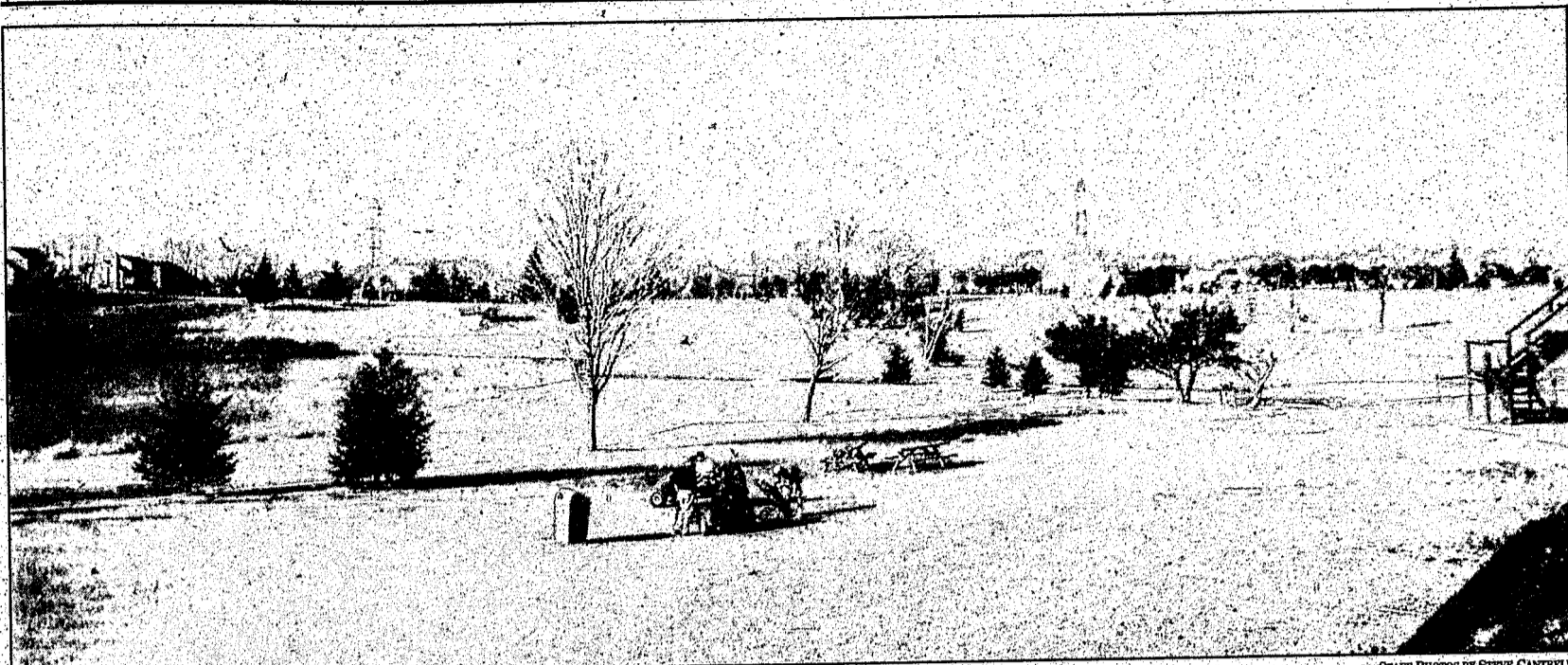
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Waiting for spring: Clarkston Creek Golf Club, on Maybee Road near Sashabaw Road, is busy all summer with golf at reasonable prices. Independence Township is looking at a proposal to buy the golf course.

Consultant: It'll cost \$5 million to make golf course 1st-rate

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Clarkston Creek Golf Club has the makings of a first-rate public golf course, if parties involved in its makeover are willing to swing an approximate \$5 million in short- and long-term improvements.

Sylvan Lake-based Don Childs Associates recently completed an assessment of the golf course and club house operation for Independence Township. The golf course architectural and consulting firm was paid \$2,100 to give the township an idea of what it would be buying if it decides to enter serious negotiations with local developer Joe Loericchio, owner of JLG Properties.

Loericchio wants to buy the golf course and build 121 townhomes on a portion of it. That would entail a reconfiguration of some of the course, including losing the current driving range. He also wants to buy 14 acres fronting on Sashabaw Road, worth at least \$1 million, from the township. He hopes to buy yet another 19 acres next to that from another resident. In that

■ 'The way I look at it is it would still be a golf course. There wouldn't be 630 houses.'

*Tim Kaul
CHS golf coach*

area would be retail and commercial developments. That land also is important because it would provide access to the townhomes.

In turn, Loericchio has proposed selling the golf course back to the township. He would manage it and revenues would be given to the township and could be used to pay back the 15-year loan.

The township wanted the golf course study done to better understand what needs updating, what the ramifications of the housing development would be and how much money is involved. Loericchio has offered to finance some improvements.

The 25-page report was written by Don Childs and his associate Mark Fruehan. It lists improvements such as a modern irrigation system as priority

items. The course now uses a manual system that must be moved around.

Childs met with Loericchio and the report states that many of the items Childs found that needed attention, like an irrigation system, were things the developer plans to address.

Items noted by both the township's consultant and Loericchio's group are renovation of holes 15-18, the addition of cart paths and building a bathroom and rain shelter area on the course. Other improvements recommended by both include expanding the pro shop, improving kitchen facilities and a general spruce up with paint and carpeting where needed. What Loericchio would pay for is something he and the township would have to work out during negotiations.

Outside, landscaping around the clubhouse and expanding the lower patio are suggested as well as improving seating and outdoor deck improvements. Also recommended was tapping into the water and sewer systems and landscaping and resurfacing the parking lot. Both groups also recommended better landscaping around the building and building

a new maintenance building.

The township's consultant would add trees to define some of the fairways, add new tees and a new green on the first hole. The consultant also identified some current safety concerns for players on the course the way it is laid out now and potential problems that need to be addressed if the course is reconfigured. It also includes some bunker renovations, cart storage and staging areas and engineering. Included in estimated costs also is a contingency fund.

Don Childs estimates all the improvements would cost about \$5.2 million, while Loericchio's upgrades would cost \$3.6 million.

One person who knows a thing or two about the course is Tim Kaul. He not only works part-time in the pro shop and plays in two leagues at Clarkston Creek, but is the varsity golf coach at Clarkston High School. The school plays its home matches at Clarkston Creek. As a coach, Kaul said he gets to see a lot of

other area courses.

"The main thing that needs fixing is the water system," he said.

The course greens are normally OK, he said, but the roughs are bad.

Like the township consultants, he is concerned that the back nine holes would suffer in quality because they would be considerably shorter than the front nine with the addition of the townhomes. The report stated that it might even be necessary to decrease the number of housing units to increase the quality and difficulty of the holes.

Kaul said all in all, Loericchio's proposal seems like a good one.

"The way I look at it is it would still be a golf course. There wouldn't be 630 houses."

Losing the driving range won't help the marketability of the course, he said, but expanding the pro shop would make shopping there a much better experience for the golfers. He added, the banquet facilities are nice.

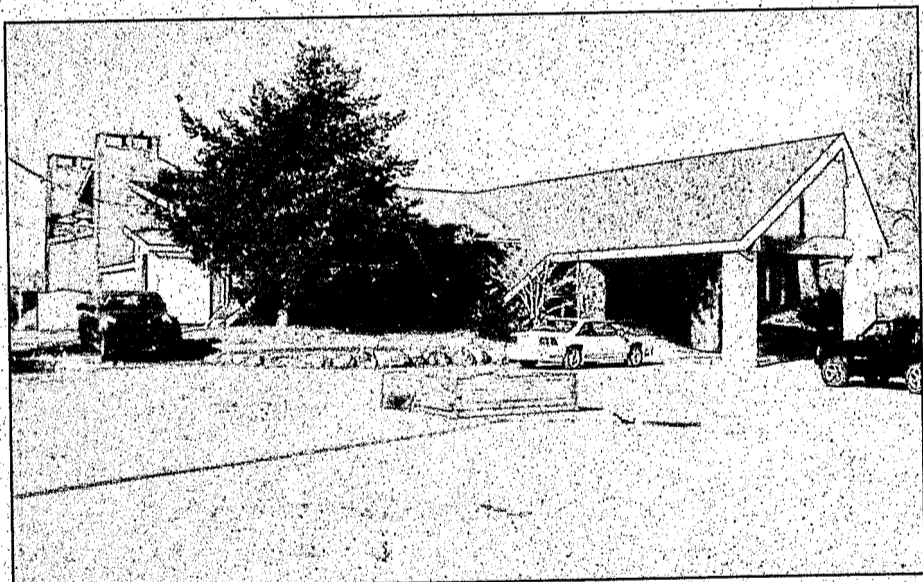
The course is busy, he said, with 30 golf leagues using it.

"No, it's not an Indianwood or anything like that, but if they brought in some new sand traps..." he said, the quality would increase.

In the report's executive summary, the consultant says acquiring the golf course would give the township a good municipal course with some improvements.

"Purchase of the golf facility would expand the public recreational services to the township residents and it will provide a delightful piece of open space in an area that is currently seeing rapidly expanding residential development," it states.

The report calls JLG Properties' proposal an "extremely beneficial opportunity to both parties." It also indicates that since the golf course does need some renovations, what the township expects the developer to complete and when must be precisely understood in any purchase agreement.



Familiar meeting place: The banquet hall at Clarkston Creek Golf Club is one of the few places for catered large gatherings in the Clarkston area.

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

Furnishing liquor to underage persons

On March 12, police stopped a vehicle on Maybee Road at Clintonville Road for no license plate. Officers noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. They discovered open intoxicants inside. A 23-year-old Waterford man received appearance tickets for furnishing intoxicants to underage persons and for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. Two males and one female under the age of 21 received citations for consuming and possessing alcohol. They are from Clarkston.

Malicious destruction of property

On March 11, someone threw two chunks of paver brick at a

vehicle for sale parked in a driveway in the 2600 block of Curtis. The bricks broke the driver's door window glass and made a large dent in the side of the vehicle.

Larceny

On March 11, someone put \$5.45 worth of gasoline in a vehicle at the Speedway Gas Station at 6594 Dixie Highway and drove away without paying for it.

On March 10, a 27-year-old Clarkston woman tried to remove \$45.46 in groceries from the Kroger store at 6625 Dixie Highway. Police issued the woman an appearance ticket for larceny.

On March 9, someone pumped \$20.01 in gasoline from the Pine Knob Shell station at 6889 Sashabaw Road and left without paying for it.

Springfield Township

Larceny from vehicle

On March 11, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 11000 block of Big Lake Road. The

person removed 63 boxes of Girl Scout cookies as well as miscellaneous CDs, video tapes and a jacket.

On March 9, someone entered a vehicle in the 1300 block of Northridge. The person removed sunglasses, a wallet, credit cards and a check book.

On March 9, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 11000 block of Big Lake Road. The person removed miscellaneous items including a trailer hitch, car jack, charger, binoculars and other items.

Clarkston Police

No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 18 calls March 9-12. These included 11 medical calls, four personal-injury accidents, two automatic alarms and one public service call.



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Springfield seeks specs for Dixie study, fire truck

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Springfield Township officials will get busy planning for a new fire truck and an engineering study for Dixie Highway after the township board gave the go-ahead for those ideas Thursday.

Supervisor Collin Walls was given a green light to get specifications together for an engineering study of Dixie Highway.

George Mansour of Pace Development plans to put in an extra lane on Dixie Highway in front of his Hills of Kingston development. Approximately 200 feet of roadway would be constructed. The township wants a center turn lane installed on Dixie from I-75 to just north of Davisburg Road. But Walls was told by the Road Commission for Oakland County that Mansour's lane could be ripped out when a future lane project goes through for the entire strip. When Walls asked for an engineering study by the road commission so that would not happen, he was told they were short staffed.

Walls told board members he wants to get specifications for the engineering work to see how much it would cost. If the cost, which could be at least partially covered by grant funds, is acceptable, he is advising that the township pay for the engineering itself. Otherwise any future work by the road commission on Dixie could be delayed.

"My frustration is someone has to get off the dime," Walls said.

He is concerned about safety on the busy main thoroughfare.

The Fire Department was asking for approval for specifications for a new pumper/tanker. It would replace a 1977 model. The department plans to go out for bids on the new truck and bring back a financing package at the May board meeting.

The truck would be housed at Station No. 2 near the corner of Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake Road. It would take water to the scene of a fire but also could be used as a first response unit at the scene of a fire. The

price is estimated at \$170,000. There is \$25,000 set aside in the capital outlay budget for a down payment on the vehicle, according to a memo from Fire Chief Charles Oaks.

Also on Tuesday, the board gave conditional site plan approval for Hummingbird Ridge, a 19-unit detached condominium development.

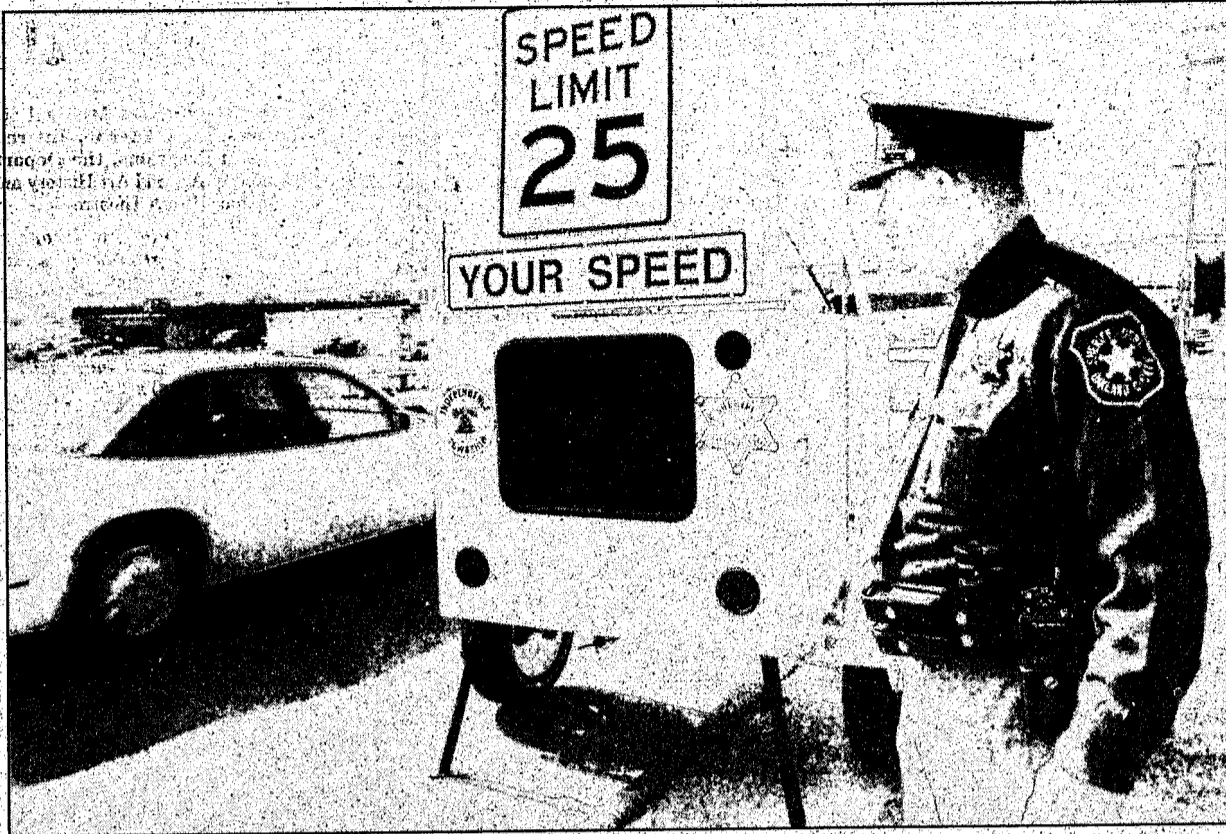
The homes are planned to go up on a 55-acre site on Eaton Road south of Rattalee Lake Road. Board members complimented Holly Land Co. on its environmentally sensitive approach to the development but had some remaining questions on the landscape plan. There were a few other details that needed to be finalized such as marking where shared driveways would go and making sure the open spaces were dedicated to a land conservancy. Approximately 27 acres called Trillium Ridge Park will be dedicated as a conservation easement.

The vote to approve was 4-2 with Trustee Elaine Field-Smith and Treasurer Lois Stiles voting against it. Trustee Margaret Bloom was absent. Field-Smith said it is a dangerous precedent to approve a final plan without a landscape plan that fits the township ordinance. Stiles was concerned because there are no accommodations for fire suppression such as a cistern on the site.

Development can't begin until all the conditions, as outlined by the board members, are met to the satisfaction of Walls, Clerk Nancy Strole and township attorney Greg Need. Walls added that although he voted for the motion, he also thought too many details were left up in the air.

While Hummingbird Ridge ended its journey through the approval process Thursday, another detached condominium development took its first step.

Hidden Ridge received a special land use approval for a cluster development. Developer Steve Riga proposes to build 58 homes on a 165-acre site off Neal Road between Eagle and Ormond roads.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Watch that speedometer: Deputy Mark Darbe of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Independence Township substation, monitors the speed of a passing car using the new Smart Cart.

Slow down!

New Smart Cart will be clocking your speed

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Independence Township has a new tool to help make the township roads and streets safer.

It's called the Smart Cart. It's been in the hands of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation since early January.

Substation Lt. Dale LaBair said he's excited about this shiny white Smart Cart with its radar and statistics packages.

"It will help us identify problem areas in traffic volumes and speeding," he said. "When we have those areas identified, then we'll know where to best use our

■ 'If they (residents) think they have speeding cars on their subdivision road, all they have to do is call us. We'll put the Smart Cart out.'

Lt. Dale LaBair
Independence Twp. substation

resources."

The Smart Cart cost the township \$12,585. It's money well spent, according to the lieutenant.

"This piece of equipment belongs to the taxpayers. If they think they have speeding cars on

their subdivision road, all they have to do is call us. We'll put the Smart Cart out to monitor traffic on that road. We won't get the same results from having a patrol officer sit there all day," he explained.

Independence Township residents and business people can contact the township substation at (248) 620-4968. LaBair expects a lot of requests for Smart Cart, especially in subdivisions.

"We expect to use this every day. We intend to run the wheels off it," he said.

The Smart Cart has a board that displays a vehicle's speed as it drives by.

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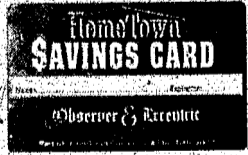
driving too fast on a street by displaying their speed," LaBair added. "You can be sure if you see the Smart Cart that there is a patrol officer near by. And if you speed or run a stop sign or break some other traffic violation, there will be no breaks for tickets."

The substation hasn't used the Smart Cart yet. LaBair said his officers have been learning how to operate it and its sophisticated computer package. Also, he's waiting until the weather is more predictable before it's used regularly.

"I don't want anyone sliding into it due to unsafe roadways from snow or sleet," he explained.

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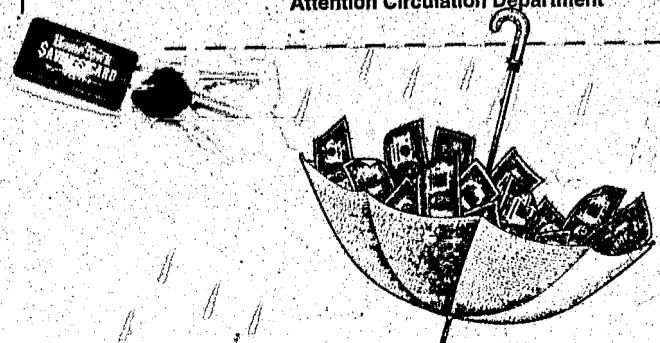
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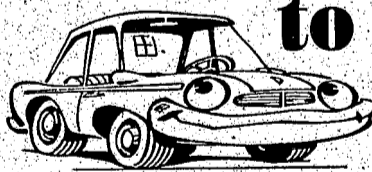
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Flavor of Middle East comes to OU with festival

Oakland University will host the Festival of the Middle East through April 5 with a variety of lectures, films and activities to bring the flavor of the Middle East to campus.

Festival events include:

■ Karim Alrawi's *Chagall's Arabian Nights* at Meadow Brook Theatre from Saturday, March 18, to Sunday, April 9. For information and performance times, call the theater at (248) 377-3300.

■ Film: *Silences of the Palace*, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology, noon, Monday, March 20, in the Archive Room at Kresge Library.

■ "Masculinity in Early Islam," presented by Theresa Rogers, lecturer, Middle Eastern Studies, noon, Tuesday, March 21, in Room 124 Wilson Hall.

■ "Arab Music! Arab Dance!" with Arab musicians and dancers noon Wednesday, March

22, in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center.

■ "The Dissolution of Muslim Marriages in the U.S.," presented by Muner Fareed, lecturer, Middle Eastern Studies, noon Thursday, March 23, in the Lake Superior Room in the Oakland Center.

■ Film: *The Veiled Revolution*, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology, noon Monday, March 27, in

the Archive Room in Kresge Library.

■ TasteFest of Arab Cuisine, noon Tuesday, March 28, in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

■ "Delacroix in Morocco," presented by Louisa C. Ngote, curator of visual resources, Art and Art History, noon Wednesday, March 29, in 124 Wilson Hall.

■ "Arab Storytelling: The Illustrated Book," presented by

Bonnie F. Abiko, associate professor, Art and Art History, noon Thursday, March 30, in 124 Wilson Hall.

■ Film: *Mecca: The Forbidden City*, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology, noon Monday, April 3, in 202 Kresge Library.

■ "Arab Women: Leaders, Fighters and Innovators: My Personal List," presented by Fatma Mili, associate professor,

Engineering and Computer Science, noon Tuesday, April 4, in 124 Wilson Hall.

■ "Challenges to Islam in the 21st Century," presented by John L. Esposito, professor, Religion and International Affairs, director, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, noon, Wednesday, April 5, Gold Rooms A&B in the Oakland Center.

These programs are presented

by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Center for International Programs, the Department of Art and Art History and Meadow Brook Theatre.

All events except *Chagall's Arabian Nights* are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Center for International Programs at (248) 370-2154.

HAVEN awarded \$50,000 grant

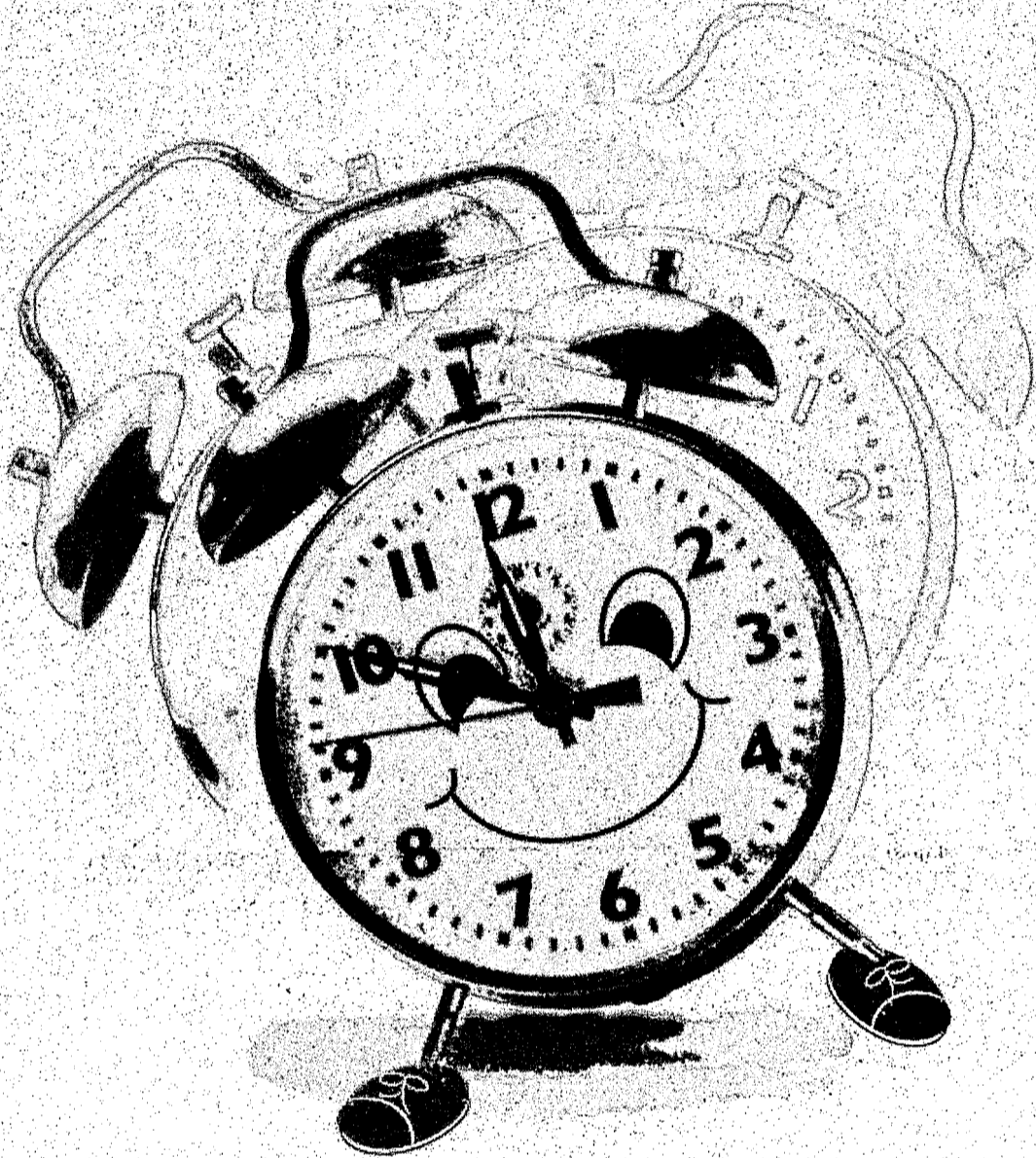
The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan awarded HAVEN \$50,000 to support the agency's administrative leadership efforts.

Committed to providing quality and comprehensive services to those who have experienced abuse, HAVEN conducted an internal management assessment. This assessment was part of a plan to ensure HAVEN's ability to manage the community's need for the agency's services. In less than 10 years, the number of individuals and families reaching out to HAVEN for help has increased 63 percent. Due to this growth of services, HAVEN enhanced the agency's management staff in 1999. This strategy strengthens the agency's future in meeting the needs of individuals struggling with the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

"The grant funds from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan will help ensure that HAVEN is prepared to meet the bold new challenges ahead of the agency," states Hedy Nuriel, HAVEN president and CEO.

The Community Foundation supports a wide variety of activities in education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. The Community Foundation strives to promote diversity and to increase access to programs and services for all residents of southeastern Michigan.

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Quite an honor

OU fills Wilson, Human Relations awards

The 2000 recipients of Oakland University's most prestigious student honors — the Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and the Human Relations Award — have been announced.

Mychal Thom of Monroe and Shawn McLernon of Rochester Hills won the Wilson awards, and Michelle Guy of Farmington Hills won the Human Relations Award.

The Wilson awards are presented annually to an OU senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the university community. They recognize students for outstanding academic achievement, commitment to improving campus life and concern for social problems. A university committee of students, faculty and administrative staff selects finalists that it recommends to OU President Gary D. Russi; then Russi chooses the winners.

Thom is an exceptional student athlete who has been a star player on Oakland's basketball team for four years and captain for two. He majored in biology and served on the Honors College Council, the Search Committee for Provost, a telecommu-

nicator for admissions, a diversity panelist, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, Student-Athlete Advisory Council, Tetlin Alaska Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

"Mychal has consistently exemplified high scholarship, outstanding leadership, and remarkable responsibility," said Barry Winkler, professor, Biomedical Sciences. "Individuals as immensely talented as Mr. Thom come along only once in a while."

McLernon majored in elementary education and was a member in many campus groups including being president, Golden Key National Honor Society, founder, Silver Key Club, member, Student Association for Teacher Education, member, OU's Chapter of Student Against Destructive Decisions, member of CARE and many others. She also was involved in other groups such as OU's Handicapped Support Services, Teaching and Learning Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, Student Congress Scholarship Committee, Student Congress Disciplinary Committee and the Creating the Future Task Force.

"Shawn is comfortable working with individuals and groups

from diverse backgrounds and ages," said Jean Ann Miller, assistant director, Student Activities and Leadership Development. "She eagerly embraces new opportunities and does not shy away from challenges."

The Wilson Awards are an integral part of the annual graduation ceremony, this year on May 6, at which winners are presented with an individual plaque and \$500. OU adds the winners' names to a bronze plaque on campus.

The Human Relations Award is also an annual honor. It recognizes with \$500 a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community.

Guy majored in communications in OU's College of Arts and Sciences. She worked to improve race relations and multicultural understanding as members of the Association of Black Students, United Fronts, Student Congress, Student Advisory Board, Multicultural Advisory Board, Fuerza and Student Life Lecture Board. She also worked as a resident hall director and peer mentor leader.

"Michelle has demonstrated

successful student leadership abilities and is well recognized by her peers, OU faculty and staff, for her generosity of time and effort to assist others and enrich them multiculturally," said Miller. "She has undeniably made significant contributions promoting interracial understanding and good will."

'Empty bowls' fund-raiser set

The Baldwin Church and Center will host an "empty bowls reception" 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Baldwin Church & Center, 212 Baldwin, Pontiac.

The purpose of this event is to raise hunger awareness as well as funds for the Baldwin Family Kitchen.

Food will be donated by local restaurants. Entertainment will begin with Leo Kennedy MacInnis, who will lead a sing-a-long on the piano. Their singer-writer Kristy Hanson, who studies with University of Michigan School of Music, will perform.

As a token of remembrance, each participant will receive a handmade ceramic bowl to symbolize the empty bowls of hungry people everywhere. Tickets are \$30. Call Maureen Bryant at (248) 332-6101.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ The American Red Cross needs volunteers for a variety of services. Anyone with at least six hours to give can help with blood services (non-direct contact), transportation, office work and computers and emergency services. Call the Oakland County office at (248) 334-3575 for details.

■ The Senior Companion Program seeks volunteers 60 years and older to become Senior Companions. A Senior Companion spends time weekly socializing with older adults in Oakland County. Benefits include the opportunity to receive non-taxable money,

mileage and meal reimbursement, 33 days of paid time off and much more. For further information and assistance, contact Maggie at (248) 559-1147.

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

mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, contact Beth DeBano at (248) 559-1147.

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

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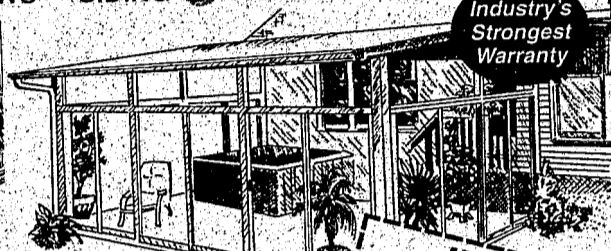
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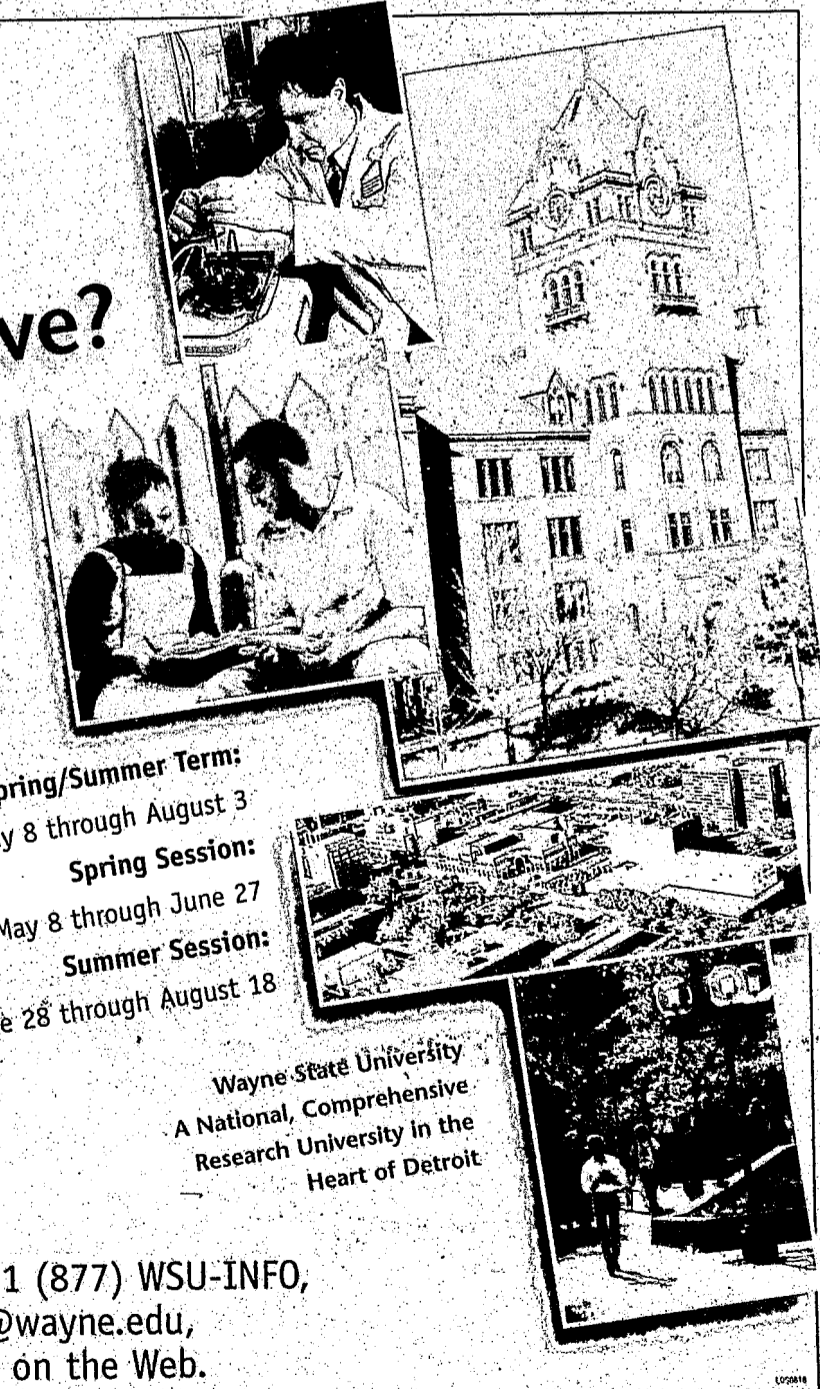
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Kites from page A1

year-old Anne Marie and 8-year-old Stephen, on her kite-flying expeditions. Her husband, Michael, isn't as enthused.

"I've told him to (go fly a kite)," she said, laughing. "But I don't think he's ever picked one up."

Rick Hargraves' passion for kite flying is different but just as genuine as Wozniak's. Hargraves, 45, of White Lake Township owns Bullseye Dart-N-Kites, 5924 Highland Road, in Waterford Township. He is into the sport of kite flying, which means he flies two-string stunt kites in competition.

"When I was a kid, the kites that were available were a paper diamond that rolled up in a 29-cent package," he said.

They don't make paper kites anymore, but Hargraves has designed and manufactured his own kites.

"When a person becomes an advanced kite flyer, you find there aren't always the kind available that work for you," he said.

Although he admits it was more trial and error than knowledge of aerospace dynamics, Hargraves has designed several models to suit his kite-flying style. Some of them are flown by other people, too.

He enjoys competitions. The closest event sanctioned by the American Kite Association happens during the second weekend in August at Milford High School. A group of kite flyers regularly gets together on Saturdays at Indian Springs Metropark, he said. Another prime place for flying is the north athletic field at Oakland University.



Flying family: Diane Wozniak (left) and her children, Anne Marie and Stephen, like to spend time together flying kites.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Tucker said any park with some open space is good, including Shiawassee River Basin Preserve off Davisburg Road near Ormond Road. A free kite workshop sponsored by Springfield Parks and Recreation is planned

there from 3-5 p.m. May 2.

Hargraves bought Bullseye when it was just a dart store five years ago. He had the chance to buy out a kite business and since he is an avid kite flyer, the opportunity for opposite seasonal products was too good to pass up.

A stiff wind is usually too good for Wozniak to pass up. She keeps kites in the trunk of her car.

"You never know when a good wind will come up. I fly them from my boat because there are not wires over the water."

She flies them off her pontoon

and off her dock to pass the time while the kids are playing in the water. She even flies kites during the season when the snow is usually the only thing floating in the sky.

"Winter's great for flying kites," she said.

Drunk driver, 28, convicted in fatal crash

An Oxford man, convicted of second-degree murder in the drunken driving death of a Troy police officer's daughter, faces up to life in prison.

The accident took place in Independence Township.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien will sentence Paul Douglas Werner, 28, on March 27 for second-degree murder and three other charges related to the accident that killed Stephanie Steele, 22, last July.

Werner's blood-alcohol level was twice the legal driving limit in Michigan when he drove the wrong way on I-75 and struck Steele's car head on. Her boyfriend, Michael Pagel, was severely injured in the crash.

Steele was a Troy Police aide and her father, Phil Steele, is a veteran officer in the department.

"We're appreciative the jury was able to look at the evidence and come to the conclusion they did," said Lt. Steve Zavislak, Troy police public information officer. "No matter what the result of the verdict, it still doesn't bring Stephanie back. It has really had a devastating impact on her family. But it also really affected our police department. She left a legacy of being a good person, a compassionate person."

"Hopefully the verdict will send a message that drunk drivers will be held accountable for their actions," he added. "The bottom line is Paul Werner made a conscious decision to get behind the wheel and drive. We make decisions and we have to suffer the consequences."

Assistant Prosecutor Mark Bilovic argued that Werner knew he had an alcohol problem that impaired his ability to drive and increased the risk of death.

"He admitted on the stand that he was going to drink until he got wasted," he said, recalling Werner's testimony about his activities before the crash.

Bilovic said the defense argued that Werner didn't commit murder because he was too drunk to know what he was doing when he crashed into Steele's car.

"Being too drunk is not a defense for second-degree murder," Bilovic said.

He pointed out that Werner crashed his car into landscaping rocks on a front lawn, narrowly missing a house, just three weeks before the fatal car accident.

"He was ticketed and his driver's license was suspended. There was a case pending on it when this (fatal accident) happened."

Bilovic said sentencing guidelines suggest a minimum 20-year prison sentence to a maximum life. Werner must serve a minimum sentence before he's considered for parole.

He will serve concurrent sentences for driving on a suspended license, causing death while operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and causing serious injury while operating a vehicle under the influence.

Werner's attorney was unavailable for comment.

Bilovic said Werner may appeal the conviction.

Millard named to NACo committee

Oakland County Commissioner Frank H. Millard Jr. was recently named a member of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee by NACo President C. Vernon Gray.

Millard was first elected to serve as a county commissioner in 1990. A Republican, he represents the city of the Village of Clarkston, the southwest corner of Independence Township and the western half of Waterford.

In addition to NACo, Millard has been an active leader as chairperson of the Board of Commissioners' Public Services Committee, which is liaison to Oakland County's sheriff, prosecutor and the circuit and district courts. Currently, Millard also serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee.

Previously, Millard chaired the Jail Task Force (1998) and E-911 Committee (1999).

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Way to go! School proposal rolled out well

Clarkston school administrators have proposed new start times for elementary and middle school students.

We don't know what readers think of the proposal.

However, we do know what we think of how school administrators have handled the proposal so far: We like it.

■ We commend the administrators for opening up the process, genuinely encouraging community feedback and making it easy for the community to respond. They didn't have to do it this way.

Instead of ramming through new start times, which impact thousands of families in the district, school officials sent a letter to parents and met with reporters for local papers. That way, parents were alerted in advance that the school board would be discussing the proposed time changes Monday night.

In talking to reporters, administrators emphasized that the start times are simply proposed — that they won't make a recommendation to the school board until they have

a chance to survey staff, students and parents and to hold a public hearing.

"Our biggest concern is the schedule adjustment this would require for our staff and the community," Supt. Al Roberts said, reiterating that the proposal is not a "done deal" and that administrators desire feedback.

Then Roberts provided his e-mail address, which the Clarkston Eccentric printed Sunday, so that parents could send him their opinions on the proposed new start times or any other suggestions they may have.

(School officials hope new start times solve the problem of long bus rides and enhance learning for middle and elementary schoolers.)

We commend the administrators for opening up the process, genuinely encouraging community feedback and making it easy for the community to respond.

They didn't have to do it this way. Administrators could have put together a plan and submitted it to the board for approval without any public input. Of course, that method would likely have resulted in many complaints.

While the process may take a little longer by inviting the public to ride along, the road to determining new start times will be a lot smoother in the end.

Action needed on gun safety

If you thought the shooting of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in Mt. Morris Township would get the discussion of gun control flowing, look no further than the Michigan Legislature for proof you were wrong.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, House Democrats tried to bring measures they'd proposed in November up for discussion. They were quickly shot down by Republicans, with House Speaker Charles Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) accusing Democrats of "manipulating" the process.

Apparently the Speaker doesn't feel stopping discussion because Republicans are fearful their anti-gun control stance will be used against them at election time is manipulative.

While nearly every lawmaker who could find a microphone decried the tragic events in Mt. Morris Township, many of them disappear when someone calls for tangible action.

Children are killing children, and still no substantive discussion on gun control takes place. As the Mt. Morris case moved into the finger-pointing stage, each side of the gun debate got busy marshalling its troops.

Gun control lobbyists are frantically shouting, "See! It was only a matter of time until something like this happened," while gun rights activists are equally frenetic with their assertions that this crime would have happened with or without gun laws.

The sad truth is, given the circumstances in which the 6-year-old shooter was forced to live, the latter is probably closer to the truth. Living among people who traded drugs and guns like children trade baseball cards made a loving, stable life nearly impossible for this young boy.

But that doesn't mean gun control lobbyists are completely wrong. In fact, incidents like these — happening with ever-increasing frequency — bring home the need for more stringent control in a way most events can't. Our children are dying; how much more important

can we make the issue to people?

Among the measures being bandied about are child safety locks, a ban on imported high-capacity ammo clips and outlawing gun ownership by young people. The proposals made by Michigan Democrats include banning guns from public places — churches, schools, sports arenas and bars.

President Clinton wants background checks for people who buy guns at gun shows. It's the pivotal issue between Clinton and the Republicans.

We don't believe any of those measures are unreasonable. Of course, opponents will argue that all you're doing is taking rights away from the responsible gun owners and making things easier for the criminal element. That may be, but you've got to start somewhere.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, gun rights supporters and gun control activists seemed to agree on one thing. Whatever controls are placed on the ownership of weapons will be useless without responsible actions by those entrusted with their possession and care.

The more irresponsibly gun owners act, the more stringent the controls need to be. Hopefully, the message is getting through. Three dealers — Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority — have agreed to provide trigger locks for guns sold at all of their metro Detroit stores starting March 15.

Of course, it took a \$400 million lawsuit against nearly two dozen gunmakers and 10 dealers, after an undercover sting operation revealed illegal sales to minors and felons. But at least there's some measure of safety, no matter how small, that came out of the case.

We're all for rational, impassioned discourse. But without a real effort toward improving safety, all the talk rings hollow. It's time to get something done, before we have to bury another child.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think seat belt use should be mandatory?



"No. I think that's a personal choice."

Scott Weaver
Waterford



"Yes. Too many people die in car accident just because they don't use their seat belts."

Ryan Lucken
Clarkston



"Yes. I do."

Sara Dickle
Clarkston



"I don't particularly like it. I don't know it saves that many lives."

Joe Chamberlain
Waterford

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LETTERS

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We are very proud of the work of Deputy Locher and R.O.C.K.O. and are grateful to be able to protect the citizens of Oakland County with such a unique service. Thank you again, and I look forward to reporting to you in the future of R.O.C.K.O.'s progress.

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Oakland County Sheriff

Guns aren't the problem

Never missing an opportunity to dance on top of recent tragedies to promote their self-serving political agenda, Bill Clinton, Al Gore and the forces of "gun control" — or should I say "reasonable gun safety legislation" — are once again stirring the pot.

It takes a mind deluded with utopianism and devoid of reason to suggest that any mere law will compel a crackhead or other negligent parent to put a trigger lock on their stolen gun, or force a homicidal racist to get a photo license before buying a gun, much less register the ones he already illegally possesses.

The truth is that Clinton, Gore and their lower political lackeys in the Michigan Legislature, like Democratic Reps. Laura Baird and Gilda Jacobs, only care about appearing to be "doing something." They are using the eager media spotlight to promote themselves by exploiting public hysteria. The truth is that their schemes simply punish responsible gun owners, while often making conditions safer for criminals.

The truth is that decades of social liberalism have replaced child discipline with the feel-good pop psychology of "self esteem," replaced criminal justice and punishment with violent criminal "rehabilitation," and replaced fathers with welfare checks. It wasn't long ago in this country that children in rural communities commonly brought firearms to school in the morning to take hunting after school. Why weren't there any school shootings back then? The answer is clear, and it has nothing to do with guns.

Doug Drake
Auburn Hills

A cry for help

It's easy to point a finger, but difficult to take the blame. Especially when accepting responsibility requires us to question the values of our entire American society. While the parents of little Kayla Rolland shed tears of anguish over the loss of their daughter, parents shake their heads and wonder how such a senseless tragedy could have occurred, secretly finding a sense of relief in believing that it could never happen in their community, and certainly not to their children.

Meanwhile, Congress and the president collaborate their energies in an effort to construct new gun control policies, and pat themselves on the back, believing their involvement is a more-than-adequate response to the death of one little girl.

But how many more Kaylas will have to die, and how many more disturbed 6-year-olds will have to make headlines for murder before our country realizes the true issue at hand?

We're not dealing with a stone-cold killer. In fact, the boy who shot Kayla Rolland knows little more about the world, or the crime he committed, than the pain and anger which fills his small body.

The gun should not be the focus in this murder. It was nothing more than the medium through which a scared 6-year-old boy decided to tell the world he hurt inside. President Clinton believes that a child trigger lock on the gun would have prevented this crime entirely. It is unsettling to think that the leader of our country is so naive as to believe that a lock on a gun would have extinguished this boy's danger to society.

The realization must be made that it could have been any weapon. It was not an unquenchable curiosity about a gun which drove this boy to kill; it was the emotional distress he felt as a result of an unstable home life. It is clear that this child is nothing more than a product of his environment. Instead of squandering valuable time and resources on child trigger locks or background checks for weapons, Congress should be striving toward implementing programs that will teach parents how to be parents. There is no better gun control than a mother or father who teaches their child respect for firearms.

Let us not focus on lenient gun control policies, but rather recognize that it is our responsibility to acknowledge cries for help, and understand that the abuse and neglect of any human being can be dangerous to society.

Holly Stockton
North Farmington High School

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POINTS OF VIEW

Bullfights aren't for those with weak stomachs and kind hearts

I spent the last week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. I was taking an early spring break with my family. We experienced many new cultural traditions, one of which was a Spanish bullfight. My mother thought it would be interesting to see a bullfight because we don't have them in the States. To see one you have to go to Mexico or Spain. Now, I see why.

Once we entered the plaza we sat in a bleacher-style arena, listening to a band play, waiting for the first bull. There were vendors walking around selling chips, peanuts, beer, pop and cotton candy. It was much like a game at Tiger Stadium. The bullfight began traditionally with the band playing a glorious, yet mournful ballad. Immediately following was the grand entrance of the toreros (matadors). After the matador and the young bull were announced by placard to the crowd, the bull was released into the ring, starting the first of four fights. The matador made a few passes with his cape to determine the spirit and movement of the bull.

Shortly after that, men riding blindfolded horses entered the ring. They used long steel-tipped lances to stab the bull, causing severe blood loss. (It sounds and was very gruesome, trust me.) This stabbing weakened the bull's neck, causing it to drop its head so the matador could later insert a sword over the horns, killing the bull. They then placed banderillas, "decorative sticks" with metal-barbed points, in the neck and back of the bull. Then the "real" show started. The bull was enticed with a small red cape. (Although the bull is colorblind, it is attracted to the cape's movement.) The matador was trying to make his passes with his feet firmly planted, and with the bull very close to him. Sometimes a little too close! After the bull started to tire, the matador stuck a long steel sword through the bull; it was inserted over the horns. This caused the bull to die.

At every event, four matadors and four bulls go through the ancient tradition. Some people don't have very strong stomachs and can't stand to watch this happen four times. I'd say 25 percent of the audience got up and left after the



JAIME GREEN

first bull and matador went head-to-head. One of the Mexican locals told me that some matadors don't like Americans attending the shows. The Americans have a tendency to cheer for the bull. Personally, I feel as though bullfights are absolutely disgusting. It all seemed so inhumane. The bull can't get up and walk out of the ring; he can't cry "mercy" like in arm wrestling. He's stuck there, dying.

As inhumane as it all seems, the matadors don't attempt to punish or vanquish the bull as in prize fighting. The matador tries to bring out the best qualities of the animal during the performance: the bull's nobility, grace and strength. In the Hispanic culture this is seen as an art form, rather than a sport. The mastery of the matador's own fear and his ability to dominate the bull with his intelligence and a piece of cloth is an accomplished work of art.

Obviously, my opinions and the bullfighting tradition don't quite match. My only words of advice: if you go to Mexico, and you have a weak stomach, stick to the tacos, not the bull fights.

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Liquor status due to many factors

A friend of mine likes to make his martinis with imported Beefeater gin. When he buys Beefeater at his local wine and spirits retailer — or any other wine spirits retailer in Michigan, for that matter — he pays \$16.79 a fifth. So when he flies on business to Madison, Wisc., where the market for booze is open to competition, he buys a couple of bottles at \$14.49 each and tucks them into his carry-on. He's violating Michigan law, of course, but who's gonna catch him.

Another friend of mine is passionate about fine wine. One of his favorites is Screaming Eagle, a cabernet sauvignon made in California that has achieved cult status among connoisseurs. He can't get it in Michigan because wine wholesalers don't stock it, and retailers who might want to offer it are forbidden by state law to buy wine directly from the wineries.

So he orders his Screaming Eagle wine on the Net from California. It's shipped directly to him in Michigan... in a plain brown wrapper, of course, because that's against Michigan law, too.

How come there's no price competition to buy booze in Michigan? Simple. State law gives the Liquor Control Commission the authority to regulate the sale of distilled spirits. In practice, that means the Commission sets the uniform price for virtually every bottle of booze sold in Michigan. And because there is no market competition, prices in Michigan are far above those in Wisconsin or Illinois.

And my friend who gets his Screaming Eagle off the Net is violating the same state law that says that the only place Michigan retailers may get their wine is from Michigan wholesalers. And if wholesalers don't want to carry cult wines because demand is slim, that's just too bad for consumers.

How could such an absurd situation develop? History in part. Continued avarice by the State of Michigan in part. And entrenched and powerful lobbies in part.

My father used to tell me stories about Prohibition. He and his friends used to drive to the banks of the Detroit River down by Trenton to meet a rumrunner, who smuggled wine and booze across the border from Canada. So when Prohibition ended in 1933 and each state was able to choose whether to become a "control" or "license" state in the sale and distribution of alcohol, Michigan chose control.

Unlike some states, Michigan's version of control did not involve monopoly state-owned and run retail liquor stores. But the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) orders and buys spirits from suppliers and sells them to retail liquor stores, while private wholesalers supply retailers with beer and wine. This is the cele-



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brated (and arcane) "three tier" system of alcohol regulation in Michigan, in which no maker of wine, beer or spirits may sell directly to retailers or the public.

Make no mistake. The State of Michigan, through the LCC, does very well out of this controlled, anti-competitive system. Net income to the state from the purchase and wholesaling of all spirits and the establishment of uniform prices was \$105 million for the fiscal year just past.

Although no numbers are available, the wholesalers who by law are the only sources for beer and wine distribution are also very profitable. To maintain a monopoly achieved by state law requires vigilant lobbying. And, surprise, one of the strongest lobbies in Lansing is the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, whose notorious "Red Room" is the site for many of the fund-raisers that infest the legislature with special interest money.

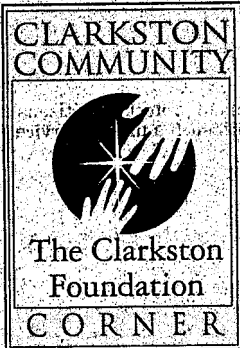
History. Avarice. Powerful lobbyists. Ho hum. Situation normal. The state makes lots of money off a regulated non-competitive market, while the beer and wine wholesaler lobby is too powerful to let the legislature ever take away its monopoly. And the ordinary consumer is left out in the cold.

As Jacqueline Stewart, the former L. Brooks Patterson staffer who is now the Chair of the LCC, told me: "If Michigan hadn't been a state bordering on Canada with a history of smuggling during Prohibition and if there wasn't so much profit in it for the state with such a strong lobby supporting it, I very much doubt if a confirmed free market governor like John Engler would have tolerated the situation."

It's sad, but that's political reality in today's world.

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June deadline seen for proposal on farm land taxation

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Efforts to address urban sprawl in Michigan — a topic that has been on the lips of area residents and planners for as long as 20 years — need to get under way by this June, according to David Skjaerlund, executive director of the Rural Development Council of Michigan.

That's because one piece of it, a major piece, needs to go on the ballot this fall in the form of a Constitutional amendment. Skjaerlund was referring to Gov. John Engler's proposal to change the way farm land is taxed. Engler has proposed that property taxes be applied to farm land based, rather than on market value as it is assessed today, strictly on its use as agricultural land.

The purpose is to take the financial pressure off farmers, who are sometimes forced because of high property taxation to sell to developers. Those developers buy it up for new homes. It is part of the process that fuels sprawl.

Many other urban sprawl initiatives are in the works, like encouraging "smart growth" alternatives in local communities, passing legislation allowing for the sale of "development rights" on working farms, spurring regional cooperative planning and redirecting growth back toward central cities, but many of those proposals can be enacted without need of rewriting the state Constitution.

And many can be adopted by local communities themselves.

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That was the idea behind The Ultimate Land Use Conference Feb. 28 and 29 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, Skjaerlund explained. Over the two days, 21 speakers addressed an overflow crowd of more than 550, mostly municipal officials and community planners, on a variety of subjects related to urban sprawl.

State legislators were there in sparse numbers — only six registered. But township and city officials there in abundance.

"It is at the local level that many of these initiatives will have to be implemented, by the local officials and the local planners," Skjaerlund said. "What the state has to do is determine the rules of the game. What we want to do is make sure they (local officials) are all on the same page and encourage their cooperation."

To that end, 24 organizations from across the state pitched in to host the land use conference, the first of its kind. The roster of sponsoring organizations

included groups as diverse as Michigan's Environmental Council, the state Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Economic Developers Association.

Speakers at the conference emphasized farmland preservation, because as Dr. Tom Daniels, of the University at Albany, State University of New York, pointed out, government not only has to take financial pressure off agriculture, it needs to make family farming a profitable enterprise if it expects farmers to stay on and work their lands. Daniel explained to the conference how New York's program allowing for the purchase of development rights works.

Under the program proposed by Engler, development rights could be purchased from working farms. The farmers retain the title but could only use the land for agricultural purposes.

Purchases of development rights might be made by local governments,

for the purpose of preserving that farmland. But Engler has also proposed that those rights could also be purchased by others, who would be able to move those development rights to another location and be allowed to develop it to an intensity beyond what would otherwise be acceptable in the law. "Receiving zones" might include so-called "brownfields" in central cities, but under the governor's proposal, development rights would have to be used in areas that already have the infrastructure available to support such development.

Peter Katz, President of Urban Advantage, a design firm that is a proponent of "New Urbanism," talked about that style of development.

Typical subdivision development involves large lots, placing homes on lots ranging in size from one to ten acres. That style of development just contributes to sprawl, he said, because it is consumptive of land that no longer can support agriculture. While it does preserve greenspace, he said, it is not public greenspace.

"We have greenspace, but we don't know what it's there for," he said.

Katz further argued that the traffic congestion suburbs experience is not the result of inadequate size on major roads, it is the result of the way subdivisions are typically laid out.

"In subdivisions, all roads lead to dead ends," he said. By contrast, the grid pattern of older city residential streets helps improve the traffic flow in those towns.

Katz advocates designing subdivisions

based on the model of small American towns prior to World War II. They feature mixed uses including different housing types, small retail stores at the center of the community and lots of walkways.

The problem with most New Urbanism designs being used today is that they are too large, Katz said. If these neighborhoods are more than a quarter mile across, residents will just get in the car to drive to where they are going. Planners tend to put too much retail at the center. These designs are intended for small shops. Too much retail draws more traffic than the street designs can handle.

West Bloomfield Planning Director Tom Bird was present at the conference and gave the sessions generally positive reviews. But he had some frustrations too. One item presenters failed to give was a set of criteria by which planners can judge the quality of a New Urbanism development.

"They all come in and insist their plan is so good," he said. "Their interest is making money but they tell you your interest is the same as theirs. It isn't."

Bird said New Urbanism designers tend to look at greenfields for their projects, or to redevelopment in central cities. "They consider suburbs, if you are already developed, a lost cause. I don't accept that," he said.

Although New Urbanism is an unusual concept for many suburbs, whose residents are so used to large lot development, Bird said he believes residents will accept that style "as long as it retains and promotes property values."

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CAROLYN WALKER

*There's a time —
 and place — for
 rude awakenings*

Mrs. X arose from bed to face this particular Monday much as she had faced every other Monday in her life: With the hope that it would bring a promising and productive week.

Outside her bedroom window she could see that the sun was up and, on this day, the sun was happy. It smiled across a broad blue sky and a lightly frosted landscape.

Mrs. X took a moment to appreciate what she saw. There were birds in the trees. And eager morning joggers on the sidewalks below her room.

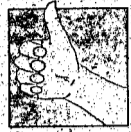
Mrs. X loved those days when spring emerged early.

Gathering her housecoat about her, she wandered the few steps toward her children's bedroom, humming happily under her breath. "Time to get up," she said to them, using a tone of voice that was somewhere between a whisper and a coax.

She could remember the good old days when her mother used to bellow her out of bed. She remembered, too, a private vow that she took way back then. It was one in which she promised she would never awaken a living thing without a certain sense of dignity.

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School experts give Clarkston parents an 'A'



■ Parenting is a tough job, but most Clarkston parents are making the grade.

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Parents, you're doing a good job of parenting!

That's the opinion from three experts who work with Clarkston school children every day.

Instead of talking about what parents are doing wrong, two Clarkston Community Schools counselors and one principal have the opposite to say.

They're basing their opinions on the interest and involvement they see from parents in their children's schools.

Here's what counselor Karen Engel said about parents of students at Sashabaw Middle School, where she's worked for 28 years.

She's discovered parents are very active school volunteers and are involved in their children's after-school activities as well.

"When parents are visible in the schools, that's a positive thing for the kids," she added.

Another good sign is that so many parents seem to take a real interest in talking to their children's teachers. "I set up many conferences between parents and teachers during the week. I like that parents are very pro-active if they think there is a problem."

Another thing parents are doing right, she said, is showing their concern about who their child's friends are.

"Parents are very concerned about who their kids are hanging around with," she said. "They want to get to



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Good parenting: Muriel Shelswell and her son, Ben, share a moment at Sashabaw Middle School West.

know the kids and the kids' parents."

Judy Medlin is a counselor at Clarkston High School. She's worked for Clarkston Community Schools for 26 years, 18 of those as a classroom teacher.

She said her students let her know they have good parents.

"They don't come out and tell me

that, but I can tell," she said. "I know that's true when a student tells me she or he has already discussed something with mom and dad and they suggest the student come in and talk to a counselor about the issue," Medlin explained.

"Also, everyday I get calls from parents asking for advice on how to handle

situations with their children," she continued. "That shows their concern and their interest."

She advised parents not to be overly concerned about how self-help books say parents should handle certain situations.

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Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll — 2nd Quarter, '99-'00

Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll — 2nd Quarter, 1999-00 School Year

6th Grade
 Abbott, Amy
 Alexander, Matthew
 Appel, Robert*
 Arkwright, Nicholas
 Arnold, Heather
 Ashby, Lynn
 Avery, Kristina
 Babcock, Christina
 Balbak, Matthew
 Bailey, Eric
 Bailey, Katherine
 Barnes, Kristine*
 Beattie, Thomas
 Bennett, Sara
 Bennink, Natalie
 Beno, Jenna
 Benson, Justin
 Binasio, Andrew
 Bland III, Coburn*
 Bokuniewicz, Erin*
 Bokuniewicz, Lindsay
 Bollman, Shawn
 Borchers, Anna
 Bourdon, Chad
 Brady, Mark
 Briceland, David
 Brown, Jonathan
 Brown, Kaitlin
 Brown, Ross
 Buchi, Erica
 Bukoski, Jill
 Cadeau, Donald
 Cesario, Nolan
 Chaffee, Carrie*
 Chalker, Taylor
 Clayette, Jamie
 Clegg, Lane*
 Compagnoni, Courtney
 Conley, Chelsea*
 Cooley, Scott
 Craft, Marcus
 Croll, Robin
 Cross, Adrienne
 Curdy, Blake
 Dabrowski, Marina
 Daukas, Jessica*
 Davenport, Sarah
 Davis, Frank*
 Davis, Gregory
 Dedow, Lauren

Demonaco, Phillip
 DeVault, Nicholas
 Donahoo, Sean
 Doty, Ashley
 Dougherty, Evan*
 Duncanson, Caitlin
 Dunford, Paige
 Edmunds, Janelle
 Elias, Lauren
 Emerick, Kathryn
 Faciolola, Allison
 Facello, Paige
 Fisher, Brent
 Fogleman, Amanda
 Fogleman, Sara
 Galbreath, Sarah
 Garcia, Sarah
 Gauche, Scott
 Glaler, Kellee*
 Giroux, Amber
 Giroux, Marc
 Gohlke, Geoffrey
 Graham, Kristen*
 Grech-Cumbo, Louis
 Grusniok, Christy
 Halka, Joshua
 Hallman, Dayna
 Hartz, Casey
 Hedtler, Nicholas
 Henderson, Courtney*
 Hoffman, Erin*
 Horn, Nicholas
 Houston, Katherine
 Hresko, Michael
 Hubbard, Kristin
 Huber, Scott
 Hughes, Travis*
 Hurley, Rachel
 James, Eric*
 Jaruzel, Aaron
 John, Alexander
 Johns, Steven
 Kaminski, Lauren*
 Kelly, Nohra
 Kirby, Nicole*
 Kleber, Gabrielle*
 Kleindler, Kathryn*
 Kotcher, Christopher*
 Koval, Leah
 Kraus, Kimberly
 Kuhta, Laura*
 Kupe, Laura*
 Lurie, Ryan
 Luddaroute, Jason
 Lalberte, Daniel
 Lawrence, David

LeVasseur, Kathleen
 Lewy, Nicholas
 Livezey, Jesse
 Lulbrand, Nathan*
 Lulbrand, Nicholas*
 Maesch, Erik
 Maler, Nichole*
 Martinez, Elizabeth
 Maxwell, Anne
 McDonald, Zachary
 McGinnis, Natalie
 McGregor, Daniel*
 McIlrath, Patrick
 McIsaac, Stephen
 Meoia, Nicholas
 Mercado, Kristen
 Merkle, Jason*
 Mikola, Kathleen
 Miller, Rachel
 Mispelon, Laura
 Morgan, Samantha
 Morra, Courtney
 Mozer, Caitlin
 Neynabar, Kayla
 Nichols, Andrea
 Olson, Kenneth
 Opie, Megan*
 Orlando, Kelly
 Petersen, James
 Pierce, Emily
 Pierotti, Dominic*
 Quinn, Robert
 Rankin, Sarah
 Razi, Sam
 Reas, Rebecca
 Rehm, Lindsay
 Reid, Jessica
 Reinke, Ryan
 Rodebach, Collin
 Ronk, Robert
 Sabbag, Ian*
 Sasse, Michael
 Schmidt, Leah
 Schornak, Ian
 Schram, Jacqueline
 Schudlich, Amber
 Schwarze, Casey
 Schweitzer, Kirklin
 Sedlak, Katherine
 Shader, Brett
 Shably, Lauren
 Shaw, Ashley
 Shepanek, Brian
 Sickman, Lisa
 Skipton, Alayna*

Smith, Derek
 Snelling, Andrew
 Spkol, Megan
 Sorise, Nicholas
 Sorrentino, Michael*
 Spetz, Kyle
 Sprits, Jonathan
 Swartz, Anthony
 Tereau, Blake*
 Tigue, Alyssa
 Timm, Marie*
 Tucker, Leah
 Ullrich, Matthew
 Vanchina, Nicholas
 Vanderheyden, Stephen
 Vermeulen, Alyssa*
 Voorheis, Keith
 Wagner, Jeremy
 Ward, Danielle
 Washington, Mark*
 Weiss, Gretchen
 Welch, Sean
 White, Eric
 Whiteford, Nicole
 Wilburn, Alisse
 Williamson, Kelly*
 Wilson, Jaclyn*
 Wylie, Caitlin
 Zettel, Ashley
 Zito, Benjamin*

7th Grade
 Abbott, Heather
 Aenlle, Jennifer
 Aldrich, Emily
 Alexander, Patric
 Andary, Lyndsay
 Asbury, Charles
 Ashby, Samantha
 Badalamenti, Sienna
 Bailey, Christina
 Baker-Dew, Blake
 Bedor, Aaron*
 Bergquist, Trey
 Beuter, Chad
 Blauvelt, Erin
 Bonk, Meghan
 Booth, Emily
 Boulos, George
 Bowman, Heather
 Briceland, Adam
 Browe, Amanda
 Brown, Theron
 Calaman, Anthony
 Carnwath, Glenn
 Chalmers, John
 Clark, Matthew
 Clark, Robert
 Coin, Alyson
 Compagnoni, Angela
 Cooke, Marie
 Craig, Matthew
 Crandell, Maren
 Dearing, Stacey
 Demster, Steven
 Devault, Joseph
 Douglas, Kevin
 Dresselhouse, Lewis
 Drew, Lissa
 Dunlavy, Leanne
 Eastman, Elizabeth
 Eghballan, Susan
 Ellsworth, Holly
 Engelhard, Kira

Essian, Melissa
 Esterline, Heather
 Evans, Constance*
 Findora, Erica
 Flaughner, Brad
 Foote, Tyler
 Fuller, Lauren
 Gardner, Robert
 Gehlfe, Brandon
 Gerrits, Adam
 Giroux, Madonna*
 Gleyre, Danielle
 Gorz, Elizabeth
 Goulding, Caroline*
 Gunckle, Paul
 Hall, Meghan
 Harroun, Andrew
 Hassett, Chelsea
 Hendershot, Alicia
 Hendrix, Jeremy
 Hendry, Sarah
 Herron, Bradley*
 Hickey, Laura
 Hillinger, Elizabeth*
 Hipshier, Ashley
 Hoffman, Mathew
 Holody, Michael
 Hooton, Lauren
 Hosner, Taylor*
 Howse, Jennifer*
 Johnson, Nicholas
 Julian, Katherine
 Julian, Sarah
 Kaminski, Jaclyn
 Karnes, Steven
 Kerr, Anna*
 Kessler, James
 Keusch, Nicole*
 Khan, Kaya*
 Klein, Brooke
 Klockow, Kathrine
 Koch, Christa
 Kouri, Jillian*
 Kovacic, Bethany
 Kraus, Nicole
 Kretz, Katherine
 Kuhn, Jason*
 Kwak, Young*
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 Walkowski, Kyle
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 Zamora, Julianne
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Beno, Jacob
 Bigger, Brian
 Binasio, Heather*
 Blake, Rheannon
 Blanchard, Jennifer
 Bland, Jacqueline*
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 Boskee, Kelly
 Bozeman, Trevor
 Bramble, Ashley
 Bramble, Lindsey
 Brennan, Cortnee
 Bucinski, Megan*
 Cable, Brett
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 Chester, Elizabeth
 Chojnowski, Holly
 Clark, Emily
 Clavette, Jenna
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 Crane, Andrew
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 Cummings, Griffin
 Curry, Heather
 Curtis, Annemarie
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 Cziwye, Annette
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 Dougherty, Kelly*
 Doyle, Ashley
 Dudek, Matthew
 Dushaw, Elizabeth*
 Elliott, John R.
 Elmore, Michele
 Emerick, Taryn
 Englund, Melissa*
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 Fell, Colleen
 Felt, Colleen
 Ferguson, Bess
 Fleishans, Aaron
 Fluggitt, Jaime
 Fuller, Devin
 Garland, Mark
 Gauche, Nicole
 Gauthier, Eric*
 Giroux, Heather
 Giroux, Suzanne
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 Krass, Brian
 Kuhta, Maureen*
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 Land, Jeremy
 Leuterio, Ronald*
 LeVasseur, Alex
 Linenger, Kendra
 Linenger, Kyle
 Mackinnon, Matt
 Maesch, Sarah
 Mahrie, Sarah*
 Mangus, Kennet
 Marchelletta, Ashley
 Martin, Daniel
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 Pawlik, Brendan
 Phebus, Adam
 Pierotti, Vincent
 Pruenete, Matthew*
 Przybylski, Mallory
 Raab, Rachel
 Regiani, Angela
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 Romack, Matthew
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 Schultz, Amanda
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 Sickman, Kyle
 Sinclair, Courtney
 Smith, Alexandra
 Smith, C. Justin
 Smith, Matthew
 Smith, Paul*
 Sorise, Anthony
 Spencer, Daniel
 Spurlock, Faith
 Stapp, Katherine
 Strnad, James
 Strnad, Paul
 Sweeney, Kyle
 Szurpicki, David
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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clarkston Middle Bug honor roll, 2d quarter

Clarkston Middle School
2nd Quarter
BUG (Bringing Up Grade-point) Honor Roll
1999-00 School Year

6th Grade 0.5
Klein, Cassandra
Kurtle, Ryan
Leung, Jason
Milobar, Rachael
Nanosh, Nathan
Pejsa, Brian
Robinson, Robert
Schudlich, Amber
Washington, Mark
Whitenton, Meghan

6th Grade 1.0
Carroll, Adam
Keesling, Alex
Martus, Christina
Wilson, John

7th Grade 0.5
Asbury, Charles
Bastien, Lawrence
Beauchamp, Brandon
Callahan, Danielle
Chapman, Joshua
Davis, Misty
Gardner, Robert
Miller, Christopher
Noveck, Jacob
Proffitt, James
Sparks, Jessica
St. Peter, Rachael
Wertheimer, Nicholas
Weston, Ali

7th Grade 1.0
Cicinelli, Bryan
Gerrits, Adam

8th Grade 0.5
Baird, Scott
Beno, Jacob
Blake, Rheannon
Brennan, Cortnee
Chandler, Justice
Chevillet, Kyle
Fell, Colleen
Golden, Jacob
Kendrick, Jennifer
Kouri, David
Peters, Adam
Phebus, Adam
Reis, Allison
Rieman, James
Tinetti, Kurt
Turner, Trevor

8th Grade 1.0
Deering, Amy
Martus, Ryan
Rogers, Kyle

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THURSDAY, MAR. 16

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 16-APR. 13

VISUAL BASICS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
6-8 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 5275 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Cost: \$125. For further information, call (248) 674-0993.

MONDAY, MAR. 20

JOINT PTA MEETING
7 p.m. Clarkston Middle School Auditorium, Clarkston. Clarkston Middle School will host a joint PTA meeting with Sashabaw Middle School. Featured speaker will be Kelly Kanigowski, student assistance coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools. All parents of middle school students for the year 2000-2001 are invited.

WEDNESDAYS, MAR. 22-MAY 3

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

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, APR. 4-13

BUILDERS PRE-LICENSE CLASS
6-10 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, March 31, to Clarkston Community Education. To register, call (248) 674-0993 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THURSDAY, APR. 6

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m. Independence Twp. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in; no registration, for men and women recently widowed, all ages, refreshments served, all area residents welcome, free of charge. For further information call (248) 625-5231.

FRIDAY, APR. 7

BLOOMFEST 2000
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cobo Expo, Detroit. Bus trip to Bloomfest 2000. The Springfield Branch of WNF&GA is sponsoring a bus trip to the Bloomfest Flower Show in downtown Detroit at Cobo Expo. Cost of \$18 includes bus and admission to the show. Departs Clarkston and returns to Clarkston. Lunch on your own. For more information or reservations, call Springfield Garden Club (248) 620-9281.

SUNDAY, APR. 30

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

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

BAYPOINTE'S SINGLES
7-9 p.m. BayPointe's Singles meet in a home in Clarkston. The group offers Bible study, fellowship and sharing about how to cope with daily life. Call Dave

for more information at (248) 620-1774.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB
9:30 a.m. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. Affiliated with Woman's National Farm & Garden Association; this group offers gardening advice, fellowship, field trips, speakers and much more. Meet people in your community who share the same interests. Call Mary Bertolini at (248) 620-9281 for general information or membership.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m., Independence Township

Library, Clarkston. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLDA 1-888-784-LYME.

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

EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)
6:15-7 p.m. Weigh-in. Meeting to follow until 8 p.m. Oakland Woods Baptist Church, 5628 Maybee, Clarkston. \$20 registration yearly fee/\$4 dues per month. For further information, contact Nelda Good at 673-1167 or Kay Vandermeer at 625-9135.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON
7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads. New Clarkston chapter welcomes new members. International club promotes communication and leadership skills. For more information and to RSVP, contact Barry Cair (248) 877-6271 or Ann Blizzard (248) 893-1820 or visit club at www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7232.

EVERY SATURDAY

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING
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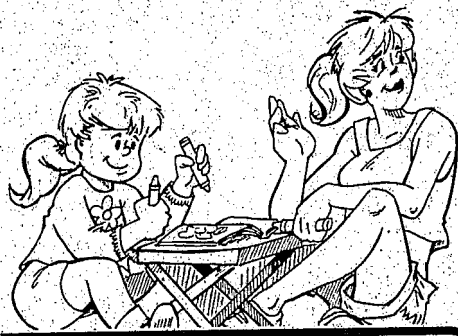
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Daryl L. Fougnie and Adrienne M. Trager have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 1999 semester.

Fougnie is a sophomore majoring in music. He is the son of Gary A. and Theresa J. Fougnie of Clarkston and a graduate of Lake Orion High School.

Trager is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Aaron Z. and Victoria D. Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Students named to the Dean's

List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. To qualify, students must take at least three units in graded courses and successfully complete four units.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

Marisha E. Meleski, a student at Case Western University, has made the Dean's Honors List for her academic performance in nursing and Spanish

during the fall 1999 semester. Meleski is a Clarkston resident.

Curtis Gadson of Clarkston has qualified for the Honor Roll for the fourth card marking period at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake. Curtis is a junior at St. Mary's Preparatory, an all-boys college prep school.

Carin Lloyd, a junior at Ohio Wesleyan, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1999 semester. Lloyd, a Clarkston High School graduate, is the daughter of Eric and Pamela Lloyd.

NOTABLES

Dave Lombardo of RE/MAX Real Estate Consultants in Clarkston was announced as the 1999 Broker/Owner Rookie of the Year at the RE/MAX Celebration 2000 Awards Banquet Feb. 11.

Lombardo has made great

strides with his franchise. RE/MAX Real Estate Consultants has grown to 18 well-qualified and experienced agents since June of 1999. Additionally, seven agents from this office placed in one of the four clubs awarded by RE/MAX including

Marilyn Moir at the platinum level (commission earnings of \$250,000-plus for the year). Additionally, Moir placed among the Top 12 Sales Associates for the year.

RE/MAX Real Estate Consultants is at 7164 N. Main St.

Parents from page B1

'Talk to them—in the car from one activity to another, at dinner time, while you are walking the dog or cleaning the house. Whenever. Talk to them.'

Martin Chaffee
Bailey Lake Elementary principal

he said. Some parents have taken books home to wrap in cellophane for the school's new media center, for example.

"I believe one of the key things parents can do is instill the value of education in their children and I see them doing just that. They're also providing their children with a wide range of experiences, from taking them on trips to visiting museums. People don't realize how important those experiences are," he added.

He thinks the most important

things parents can do is talk to their children.

"Talk to them—in the car from one activity to another, at dinner time, while you are walking the dog or cleaning the house. Whenever. Talk to them. Ask them questions. That's all really important," he added.

But many times parents discover their conversations with their children are one-way streets. Children answer in monosyllables, particularly if asked the standard question, "What did you do in school today?"

And the standard answer often is "nothing."

Medlin had a suggestion for how to get around that pat answer.

"Ask more specific questions," she advised. "Ask what they did hour by hour in school. Did they take any tests? Get any quizzes back? What did the teacher lecture about? Open up the conversation by keeping the questions short and to the point."

Walker from page B1

Few things are worse, she told herself, than a rude awakening.

Despite her hopes, Mrs. X knew from experience that it would take more than a gentle prodding to get her son out of bed. At least on a school morning. It always amazed her how the same child who would bolt from his bed at the crack of dawn on a Saturday or Sunday would languish under the covers on a school day.

She knew, too, that behind the closed door, her daughter would already be up. Clocks could, conceivably, be set by the girl's system of regularity. She had always followed the adage "early to bed and early to rise" and was always eager to greet the day.

Marveling at the difference between her children, Mrs. X peeked into her daughter's room with a soft-spoken "better get dressed." Then she hustled herself back to her own room to do the same, herself.

The entire prodding and dressing process took 40 minutes, like always.

Being as it was a Monday morning, Mrs. X also knew she would have to set the trash cans out at the curb. Preparing to do so, she went down the stairs only to be greeted by her son, who had commenced a laundry search for clean socks.

"Tim just ralphed," he said, pointing a lazy finger toward a disgusting cat spot on the kitchen floor. Mrs. X felt her pulse quicken and her stomach briefly turn. Interruptions such as these could have long-reaching effects, she knew. She would

have to stop and clean the spot, then triple-wash her hands, which would delay the garbage trip to the curb, which would delay the preparation of breakfast, which would delay the gathering of school gear and coats, which would, ultimately, delay the car pool.

Mrs. X knew there would be a domino effect for the rest of the week. Gathering her wits about her and hurrying her way through the cleaning task, she scolded the cat and rushed toward the curb with the garbage in an effort to save what she could of her imminent future.

She arrived there just in time to see Yvonne, vibrant and composed, jogging by with her dog. Yvonne's blond hair was well-groomed and it shined under the sun's smile. "Hi," she called to Mrs. X with a broad smile and a wave.

It was 8 a.m. Mrs. X took a moment to envy Yvonne's energy level — knowing full well that she had two active toddlers at home — then she considered the fact that rude awakenings may be an inevitable part of life.

"Keep those rude awakenings out of the bedroom," she thought, "and at the curb where they belong."

Carolyn Walker lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston. She is a staff writer for the Waterford Eccentric. She may be reached by e-mail at cwalker@oe.homecomm.net

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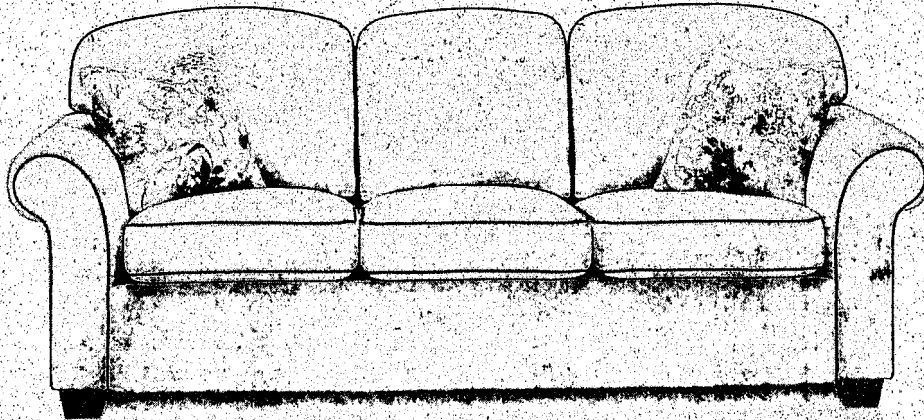
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Class of 1955
A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

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Class of 1965
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CLARKSTON

Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

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Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Nov. 25. Contact (313) 768-0656 or e-mail leannaroberts@cs.com

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

Class of 1990
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Class of 1990
The class of 1990 will host a reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Westin (Southfield) on Aug. 4; banquet at the Westin on Aug. 5; and picnic on Aug. 6 (TBA). Call Crystal Towns at (810) 662-5557 or e-mail Cat2504@aol.com

TROY HIGH

Class of 1975
A 25th year reunion has been planned for Friday, June 16 at the San Marino Club in Troy. For information contact Richard (248) 627-4829 or Linda (248) 585-4392.

WATERFORD

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July 8 at the Holiday Inn Select in Auburn Hills. (248) 634-0773, (248) 391-3703 or (248) 969-2755

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Class of 1980
Aug. 19 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press #1 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net
Classes of 1955-70
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BRIGHTON

Class of 1980
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Class of 1950
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CLINTONDALE

Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

CRESTWOOD

Class of 1970
Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

DEARBORN HIGH

Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

DENBY

Class of 1950
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DETROIT COOLEY

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DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY

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Class of 1949-51
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7661

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Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/1-hjustice/index.htm

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Class of 1950

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DETROIT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Class of 1950 (classes of 1949 and 1951 also invited). Reunion is scheduled for May 20. Contact Kathleen Cottrell Jenkins at (248) 685-0734 or Barb Smith at (734) 722-1874.

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Class of 1950
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FERNDALE

Classes of 1929-1958
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Class of 1970, 71 & 72
A reunion is planned for Saturday, April 1 at The Warren Chateau Hall in Warren. To attend and mailing list call (313) 837-5880.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crownie Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nossek, (248) 474-5006.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23

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Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

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Class of 1950 and 1951
A 50th reunion is slated for May 21 at the Stephenson Haus. Call Marian (Armstrong) Papin at (810) 751-6831, (810) 293-4075 or (810) 751-1598.

HENRY FORD TRADE

Class of 1950
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January-June classes of 1950-51
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January Class of 1950
June 4 at the San Marino Clubhouse. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

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June Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

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LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22. Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail murraytir@northville.k12.mi.us

MERCY

Class of 1950
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NOVI

Class of 1980
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PONTIAC
January and June classes of 1940
Sept. 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn Hills.
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PONTIAC CENTRAL
Class of 1960
Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.
Call (248) 391-4347 for information.

ROME HIGH
Class of 1990
10 year reunion, Nov. 25 at Elly's Banquet Hall in Washington, Mich. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

ROMULUS HIGH
Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 26.
For further information contact Gail (Howie) Curaba (734) 697-1763; Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar (734) 699-3139 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.

ROMULUS HIGH
Class of 1990
10 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Marriott Hotel, Romulus.
Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

ROYAL OAK
Class of 1950
A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy.
For information call Dick Beer (248) 391-1549; Chuck Kirkpatrick (248) 549-5726; Bev (Sharp) Gibbs (248) 391-2532; or Helen (Vandall) Dusenbury (248) 549-5205.

SHRINE HIGH SCHOOL
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ST. HEDWIG
Class of 1955
A reunion is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16.
(734) 675-8244 or (313) 295-2373

ST. JUDE ELEMENTARY
Class of 1965
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 254-3498

ST. MARY OF REDFORD
Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for July 29 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus (Livonia) at 7:30 p.m. with a more formal dinner and dancing Saturday, July 30 at Hawthorn Valley (Westland) at 6:30 p.m.
For details call Dan DiPonio (734) 591-3237; Amy Fix-O'Brien (517) 351-9284; or Jamie Sloan (248) 391-0607.

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TAYLOR TRUMAN
Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Roma's Banquet Hall in Garden City.
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Contact Jessica (Merritt) Corkery with names and addresses of classmates. Call (313) 541-7745 or e-mail ejcorkery@aol.com

THURSTON HIGH, REDFORD
Class of 1990
10 year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Roma's Banquet Hall in Garden City.
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TRENTON
Class of 1990
Sept. 9 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.
(248) 366-9493, press #3

WAYNE
Class of 1950
Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion.
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Dig out those walking shoes; WalkAmerica coming up!

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

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

Money raised will help save babies through community programs such as Healthy

Baby Services, which provides free rides to prenatal visits for mothers without transportation. WalkAmerica is the No. 1 fund-raising event for the March of Dimes.

"Nearly everyone has been touched by the March of Dimes and its mission of saving babies," said John

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

The March of Dimes is rely-

ing on the support of Metro Detroiters to reach their goal of \$2 million in 2000. Individuals as well as teams are encouraged to sign up for WalkAmerica.

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Nature gets her way in north Oakland's 'Mud Season' — you don't!

Mud season oozed its way into northern Oakland County. I am not talking about the kind of mud that throws little specks of moist dirt on a Lexus in Bloomfield sending the terrified driver squealing off to the nearest car wash. Nor am I philosophizing on mud splatters that goop up the running boards and image of the muscle-bound driver of a powerful pickup truck cruising Waterford.

I am talking about great linear gobs of soft, oozing, sucking roadway mud with the consistency of pancake batter. Roads have closed. My road in Brandon Township has closed. And my Subaru Outback — a vehicle with a rugged go-anywhere reputation — almost failed the extremely soft crossing down where the road passes through the marsh. Almost does not count. She made it! Countless other vehicles did fail. Tempers flared. For the past week or so I have become accustomed to a near endless parade of bright orange — and heavily mud splattered — Oakland County Road Commission trucks and road graders rumbling by my house. Loads of crushed stone are dumped. Graders scrape away. Mud keeps oozing. The red-winged blackbirds on the cattails at the road shoulders keep singing. And I have cheered for the mud. I first fell in love with mud season



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

back in my Vermont hippie days. (Vermont mud season swallows cows.)

Oakland County mud season has brought peace to many Brandon Township roadways, perhaps some roadways near you as well. Speeders can't speed. Horses pass in safety. Walkers walk. Quiet season is here. Mud season is a mellow season that transforms winter into spring. But mud season is the season Realtors hate because they can not show houses without having a lot of uncomfortable mud questions to answer. Mud season is a matter of perspective. I have heard words and phrases such as "this is a disaster" from neighbors and inconvenienced travelers that must detour a mile or so around the diagonal orange and white road clo-

sure barricades. To understand "disaster" and put our mud season in perspective, you need only look to the wire service reports out of flooded Mozambique and think about our mud season at the same time. Muddy corpses are draped in cloth and left above ground north of the Mozambican capital because their ground is too soggy for burial. One thousand bodies and counting. Our road graders keep working. Our roads are drying. No bodies.

Military transport planes fly food to 800,000 homeless Mozambicans as African rivers keep rising. A few Oakland County motorists are a few minutes late for dinner, a bit hungry.

More than 13,000 humans are plucked from treetops and roofs by helicopters as waters rise. One Mozambican survivor gives birth in a tree. A wrecker yanks a low-riding late model car out of Oakland muck on the same day. The well-dressed driver is annoyed. Her shoes are dirty. Perhaps late for a nail appointment?

I think you get the picture.

Mud season is a fact of life if you live in an area that has winter and spring and has earthen roads constructed in low wet areas. Don't blame the road commission drivers for the closures. They did the best job they could to get the roads open. You try making pancake

batter solid by pouring in pebbles. Nature gets her way during mud season. Frost comes out of the ground, water pools above the frost line and the roads transform to mud quagmires. And if the road, like my road, cuts through a wetland, the roadway takes on a consistency of thick pea soup.

Blame yourself for mud season frustration. If you move to the northlands of Oakland County and build in the wetland and lowlands of the land, come spring, you get mud and your car best not have low clearance. Oh, your builder

forgot to tell you that fact. How surprising. But then again, Realtors do not show many houses up here in mud season. And I bet California Realtors don't show homes when brush fires rage.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger and naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and writes on nature's way for the Eccentric newspapers. The Oakland County Road Commission has reopened Granger Road after dumping tons and tons of brushed rock. Jonathan must now wait another year for mud season. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com.

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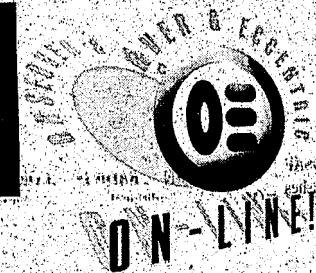


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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

All-Area Basketball Meeting

The Eccentric All-Area Boys Basketball Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, at the Birmingham Corporate Office, located at 805 E. Maple.

The office is located one-quarter mile east of the Woodward on the north side of the street, next to Kroger. The meeting will take place in the second floor conference room and will start at 7 p.m.

Each varsity coach from the area is encouraged to bring his team's statistics, as well as copies of the all-league teams. If a head coach can't attend, a knowledgeable assistant is encouraged to take his place.

Schools included in the Eccentric coverage region include: Auburn Hills Avondale, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Eton Academy, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Roper, Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist, Oxford, Oxford Christian, Lathrup Village Akiva Hebrew, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Rochester Hills Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Southfield, Southfield Christian, Southfield Franklin Road Christian, Troy, Troy Athens, Troy Bethany Christian, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Lakecrest Baptist, Waterford Mott, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, and West Bloomfield.

Call your local sports editor for further details.

All-Area Hockey Meeting

The Eccentric All-Area Boys Ice Hockey meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, at the Birmingham Corporate Office, located at 805 E. Maple.

The office is located one-quarter mile east of Woodward on the north side of the street next to Kroger, and the meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room at 4 p.m.

Schools included are Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Unified, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Unified, Clarkston, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Southfield Unified, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and West Bloomfield.

For further details, call Eccentric sportswriter Brad Monastiere at (248) 693-4900.

Middle School Hockey Clinic

The Clarkston hockey program will help sponsor a middle school hockey clinic, to be held at Lakeland Arena in Waterford March 24-25.

Any players in sixth through eighth grades are welcome at the clinic, which will be run by players and coaches from the Wolves, the two-time league champions. Space is limited, and reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Information flyers are available at the middle school offices. For more information, please contact Jack Leech at 394-0513.

Baseball Tournament

The North Oakland Baseball Federation will be sponsoring its 14th Annual Heritage Invitational May 26-29.

All games will be played at the Suburban Softball complex in Rochester Hills. Tournaments will be held for age groups 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under.

For more information, please contact Rich Hynes at 623-6538.

Spring Call

The Eccentric Sports Department is seeking varsity spring schedules and coaches directories from high schools in its North Oakland region, which includes Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake

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Shooting for the stars

Clarkston's Ryan Marino has developed into one of state's most feared perimeter threats

BY DANIEL STICKRAD
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When it comes to the best sports movies of all time, Ryan Marino and Dan Fife have a difference of opinion.

"I really like 'Hoop Dreams,'" said Marino, a senior guard from Clarkston High School, with a smile. "Coach (Dan) Fife, really likes 'Hoosiers.' But I didn't care for that movie all that much."

Well, Marino and his coach may not agree on which movie is supreme, but they do share the same views when it comes to basketball and the way it is played at Clarkston, a state powerhouse which has won over 30 Class A district titles in the past 40 years and is playing this week in the regionals for the 10th time in the past 11 years.

After coming off the bench early in his junior campaign, the 6-foot-1 Marino has not only developed into Clarkston's leading scorer and go-to guy on offense, but has emerged as one of the state's most respected — and feared — outside shooters, much to his coach's liking.

"I haven't really updated our records in recent years, but Ryan is definitely up there in a lot of (offensive) categories, especially for records in games and in a season," said Fife, who has coached Clarkston the past 18 years and played for the Wolves in the late 1960s. "Maybe not for a career because he has only played two seasons on varsity. But he is definitely one of the best shooters I've coached."

Indeed, Marino is averaging around 22 points a game this season for the 16-7 Wolves, which included over 60 three-pointers and a free-throw percentage of close to .810. And that was against one of the state's better schedules.

Besides playing in the rugged Oakland Activities Association Division I, which boasted two games apiece against Pontiac Northern, Rochester Adams, Ferndale, Southfield-Lathrup, Troy and Pontiac Central, Clarkston matched up against Detroit Redford, Davison, Flint Northern, Rochester and Troy Athens — most of which have enjoyed fine seasons.

Clarkston was scheduled to meet Pontiac Central in the regionals last

(Wednesday) night in the regional semi-finals at Macomb Dakota, but results weren't available at press time.

"In all honesty, Ryan Marino has earned everything that he has accomplished," said Fife. "He's a kid that's worked his tail off to get to where he is today. He's a very coachable kid. If we yell at him in a game or practice, he's not one of those kids that goes and sulks and pouts. He's back in the game or in practice working on whatever needs to be corrected or improved on. He has gotten better and better each year."

For Marino, he says it's a thrill just to put on a Clarkston uniform, but also admits that he plays with a purpose.

"When I was in elementary school, I went to (Waterford) Our Lady of the Lakes, but then I transferred into Clarkston because of what type of basketball program they had here," Marino recalled. "I saw what they did and what a successful system they had. I knew I wanted to be part of that. It drew me to it."

Being the go-to person doesn't bother the sharp-shooting Marino.

"I don't mind being the go-to person," he said. "The guys on my team look for me and I don't want to let them down. My teammates do a great job setting screens and getting me open. Believe me, I give credit to my teammates and thanks to my coaches for having faith in me."

Marino has developed in the ranks of a Clarkston program that boasted dozens all-state players, including Tim McCormick (Houston Rockets), coach Dan Fife (Michigan), his three sons, Dugan (Michigan), Jeremy (Niagra/Grand Valley State), Dane (Indiana), and Tim Wasilk (Grand Valley), among many others.

However, in many preseason lists of the Top 100 prospects in the state of Michigan, Marino was nowhere to be found. Being left off that list lit a fire under Marino that is still burning.

"It kind of hurt me a little bit," he said. "I had a very good junior year and over the summer I outplayed a lot of guys on those lists — guys I know that I

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PHOTO BY DON KNOSKA

Letting her fly: Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino gets ready to let loose a short-range jumper in a recent Class A district game against Oxford. Over the past two years, Marino has developed into one of the state's most deadly shooters, especially from the perimeter.

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Top 'Cat: Oxford senior Eric Ghiaciuc (above) lifts his arms in joy after winning the Division II 275-pound state title — the school's first-ever in wrestling. In the photo top right, Ghiaciuc wrestles his opponent, Dan Heintz of Grand Rapids Catholic Central, who he defeated with a convincing 14-1 triumph.



Oxford's Eric Ghiaciuc wins first state title to lead area performers

BY DANIEL STICKRAD AND JIM TOTI
STAFF WRITERS

In his stellar athletic career at Oxford, Eric Ghiaciuc has had many moments in the spotlight. As a three-sport star — he rotates his time between football, wrestling and track & field — he has cracked the top 10 in many of the school's record books and the Division I football recruit has received numerous post-season awards.

However, among all of those accomplishments, there is one that he will always call his own. Ghiaciuc (50-1) claimed Oxford's first-ever individual state wrestling crown Saturday at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Individual state finals, winning the Division II 275-pound crown as he defeated Grand Rapids Catholic Central's Dan Heintz 14-1 in the championship match.

"It feels awesome," said Ghiaciuc, who will play football at Central Michigan next year, immediately after his title-clinching match. "I can't

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Rising stars



Future Stars: The Lake Orion Youth Wrestling Club has had its fair share of success as of late. Numerous individuals racked up medals at the Mayville and Flint Kearsley tournaments on the weekend of Feb. 6, including nine champions, six runner-ups, and three third-place finishers. They are: **Front row (l-r)** Alex Antosh (2nd place), Sean Meadows (1st), Billy Baumann (2nd), Joe Boswell (1st), Mike Heath (2nd), Mike Nelson (1st), and Jacob Arnold (1st); **middle row (l-r)** Trevor Rocheleau (1st), Jack Boswell (3rd), A.J. Pratt (1st), Jake Varilek (1st), Phillip Antosh (3rd), Josh Upton (3rd), Jake Pratt (1st), Josh Villareal (1st); **back row (l-r)** Coach Karl Basigkow, John Findlay (2nd), Rocky Rocheleau (2nd), Ian Rocheleau (2nd), Coach John Varilek; (Not pictured is Curtis Antosh).

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describe it. It's great honor. It's a milestone.

Ghiaciu was pinned in his state championship match last year with just 13 seconds remaining in the third period, but has just lost once since, and that came in the finals of the Oakland County tournament in mid-December.

"Last year Eric wrestled not to loose and I think he was very nervous out there," said Oxford coach Paul McDevitt. "This year he was very loose and you could tell. He didn't care about losing, he was just having fun. This was his dominating tournament in his career. He was just killing people. I don't think anyone came within 10 points of him."

Ghiaciu was one of two Eccentric-area performers to claim state titles this weekend at Joe Louis Arena, the other being Birmingham Seaholm senior Jim Gotshall (44-0), who defeated defending state champion Scott Pushman of Fenton 6-4 in the Division II 125-pound title bout.

"This is the happiest day of my life," expressed Gotshall following his triumph over Pushman. "I've been wanting this for so long and worked so hard for this. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

"All the training and hard work I've put in before the season, during the season, finally paid off." Gotshall went on. "A lot of people don't know what it takes to win."

Two other area performers reached the finals, as Oxford junior 189-pounder Willie Brey-

er lost 8-3 to Scott Philburn of Fowlerville, and Clarkston freshman Clint DeGain (38-5) lost to Flint Carmen-Ainsworth junior Zamaior Pittman in the Division I, 152-pound finals, 17-5.

"My goal this year was to just make it to the state meet and possible medal," admitted DeGain, whose older brother, Pat, the defending 189-pound champion, missed the state tournament with a torn abdomen muscle. "I wasn't sure how well I would do, but I got to the finals and I am really proud of that. Pittman is a great wrestler and I respect him very much."

"But this does leave me hungry for next year."

McDevitt sees a similar pattern in Breyer's career as in Ghiaciu's career.

"Only a handful of guys get to win their last high school match," said McDevitt. "Although Willie Breyer lost his match today, he still has one more chance. He was fourth last year and second this year. He's a competitor just like Eric and I'm sure he'll be gunning for the title next year. Most of the top wrestlers in his weight class are seniors."

Several other area competitors advanced to Saturday's medal rounds in both Division I and Division II.

In Division I, Troy's Nick Best was fourth at 103, Walled Lake Western's Tim Bragg placed sixth at 112, Omar Yousef of Rochester Adams claimed seventh at 119, Birmingham Broth-

er Rice's Brian Sullivan took seventh at 125, Adams' Mike Holtz was sixth at 130, Waterford Mott's Chris Avery took seventh at 171 — the Corsairs' first medal winner since 1979 — and Rochester's Jesse Navarre was eighth at 189.

In Division II, Oxford's Charlie Myer was fifth at 130, Angelo Vettese of Auburn Hills Avondale placed sixth at 140, and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Matt Urey was third at 171.

Like his teammate Breyer, Oxford's Myer still has a season to redeem himself.

"He was shooting to place in the top three and I think he is a little disappointed, but placing fifth is still nothing to be ashamed of," offered McDevitt. "He still has next year to finish in the top three and I know he is capable of doing that."

Lake Orion had four state qualifiers, but no one from that quartet advanced to the championship rounds. Mike Quigley (119), Ricky Kallis (130), Steve Walter (152) and Brian Patrick represented the Dragons.

A total of 17 other Eccentric-area wrestlers qualified for the state finals, among them were Oxford sophomore Scott Pyke, who entered the state finals with a 22-23 record.

"I think Scott proved that anything is possible if you work hard enough at it," said McDevitt. "He really put a lot of time to get here, even though he struggled during a large part of the (regular) season. He peaked at the right time."

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am better than. But even though we play in the OAA Division I, which is easily on of the top five league in the state, and even though we won a district last season, people still overlooked me."

Although Marino may have been overlooked by many prep writers and scouts at the beginning of the season, that is not the case now. Since scoring 23 points in the Wolves' season-opening win over Oak Park in mid-December, Marino has been on a roll. Twice he has scored over 30 points this season — he scorched the nets for a career-high 39 against Ferndale and scored 32 against Rochester — and has rarely been outmatched, especially on the offensive end.

"Coach Fife has spent a lot of time working with me, especially over the summer," he said. "And I think I've become a better all-around player because they really taught me a lot."

Marino is known for his beautiful but quick release on his perimeter shots, but he is equally comfortable with a head and shoulders fake and penetrating the lane. He also knows when to dish the ball off and is quick to get back and play defense.

Some college coaches have taken note of what was once

one of the state's best kept secrets, Division III Albion and Division II Lake Superior State and Saginaw Valley State have shown some interest, as well as Division I Davidson. Fife thinks that by the end of the season, Marino's stock could rise and he feels that his latest star has the ability to play Division I college basketball.

"He's the ideal kid to play at that level because he shoots so well," Fife offered. "If you can't shoot at his level by the time you graduate from high school, then you will probably never be able to shoot at the college level. And college coaches always want a good shooter in their line-up."

"I think Ryan might be the perfect fit somewhere. He might seem a little small, but if a Division I school redshirts him for a year and puts him in the weight room, then I think he could grow into a fine college player. He does a lot of things very well."

Marino, who also plays baseball at Clarkston, has aspirations to play basketball at the collegiate level, but at the present time, he is concentrating on finishing his prep career in style.

"Getting some type of all-state award would be nice," he admitted. "But we really want to finish strong. This team

doing well is what is really important. We didn't win the league the last two years and that was very disappointing. That was one of our goals, but we lost a couple of game that we shouldn't have."

And the feeling of finishing empty handed has kept Marino quite focused at the task at hand.

"Some might laugh, but we have Breslin (Center) in our minds," said Marino, noting the site of this year's Class A state finals at Michigan State University. "A lot of the guys from this Clarkston team played on the same AAU team and we beat some great teams over the past year or so. We know if we can play at our best, then reaching the (Final 4) is quite possible."

"It's kind of funny. After Dane (Fife) and the seniors in his class graduated, everyone thought that Clarkston was going to be weak," he continued. "But us seniors talked about that this past summer and we decided that this was our final chance and we want to prove ourselves."

Regardless of how far Marino and Clarkston advances into March Madness, Marino has proven himself in many ways. And he is living his hoop dreams — well, at least in the early chapters.

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For additional information, check out the ODSL website at www.oysl.org or call (248) 391-3117 or (248) 652-9909.

ODSL registration

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League (ODSL), Oakland County's only co-ed soccer league, is accepting registrations for the Spring 2000 soccer season.

Open registration is now in progress and runs through April. Due to limited enrollment opportunities, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer in Lake Orion, the RARA office in Rochester, the Rochester Hills Public Library, Soccer World and the City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department across from Oakland University.

The ODSL is a division of the Oakland Youth Soccer League and organized for player transitioning to the premier/travel level of soccer with one or more years of youth soccer experience. Players will enjoy the game by having fun, learning from making mistakes and being trained by experienced soccer instructors.

The ODSL utilizes small-sided soccer games, which reduces team sizes, while increasing the opportunities for each player to touch the soccer ball. The ODSL will strive to develop technical skills, team participation, commitment, discipline, confidence and good sportsmanship in each

Coaching vacancies

In Birmingham Marian High School athletic officials are looking for a junior varsity girls softball coach for the upcoming spring season beginning March 13. For information, call Athletic Director Jane Kudej at (248) 644-1954 or send resume to Kudej at 7225, Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

In Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School is seeking assistant track coaches, with experience in field events. All interested applicants should call Lahser athletic director Jim Szur at (248) 339-3247.

In Birmingham-Detroit Country Day has openings for a number of coaching jobs for this spring, including a middle school boys lacrosse head and assistant coach; a high school women's lacrosse varsity assistant and junior varsity assistant; a middle school girls lacrosse assistant; and a middle school boys and girls track and field head and assistant coach. For more information, call Detroit Country Day School at 646-7717.

In Bloomfield Hills Andover High School athletic officials currently are accepting applications for a junior varsity baseball coach. Interested applicants should contact athletic director Marty Simmonds at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road,

Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48302, or call (248) 645-4808.

Saturday tennis nights. A night of Saturday Tennis is scheduled for this month at the Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club in Southfield.

The date is March 25 beginning at 7 p.m. All players are welcome to show up and for \$16 they can meet new players and make new friends while playing uninterrupted in doubles or mixed doubles competition.

The night's other features include flexible self-scheduling, a minimum of two hours court time, sandwich buffet, salad and snacks and special pricing for large groups.

There will be a bonus lottery each night with a chance to win free court time and guest passes at Franklin, among other things.

For information, call Marilyn at 879-1673, or Al at 646-4277.

Roll in the Dome

The Pontiac Silverdome again is a happening place for in-line skaters.

From now through April, in-line skaters will be allowed to skate around the Silverdome's main walkway. There are 112 sessions of skating available over the next five months.

Skaters are asked to enter at the West Gate Skating on the Third Level. The fees are as follows: \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with ID; \$5 for seniors 55-over; \$5 for Pontiac residents; and \$4 youths 12-under. Skate rental is available with pads for \$5. Safety gear rental is \$2.50.

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112 POUNDS: 1. Brooks Cozart (Howell) dec. Jordan Earle (East Kentwood), 9-5; 3. Andy Coleman (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) technical fall Brad Cusamano (Utica), 22-5; 5. Craig Shutch (Rockford) dec. Tim Bragg (Walley Lake Western), 10-3; 7. Shawn Newton (Davison) dec. Teig McLellan (Bay City Western), 10-7.

119 POUNDS: 1. Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Ronald Thompson (Plymouth Salem), 4-2; 3. Craig Trombly (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) dec. Eric Neil (Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse), 5-3 (OT); 5. Jack Scott (Holt) dec. Ben Sutton (Lansing Eastern), 5-3 (OT); 7. Omar Youssef (Rochester Adams) dec. Cody Nicholson (Grandville), 13-9.

125 POUNDS: 1. Scott Walker (Flushing) dec. Ryan Nowitzke (Monroe), 6-4; 3. Chase Metcalf (Davison) dec. John Mervyn (Livonia Franklin), 4-2; 5. Ethan Smith (Traverse City Central) dec. Mitch Wade (Romulus), 9-3; 7. Brian Sullivan (Birmingham Brother Rice) dec. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem), 9-4.

130 POUNDS: 1. Ryan Churella (Novi) dec. Reginal Torrence (Northville), 7-6; 3. Toby Dickson (Charlotte) dec. Greg Brescol (Temperance Bedford), 6-2; 5. Jason Cox (Grand Haven) dec. Mike Holtz (Rochester Adams), 6-2; 7. Leigh Johnson (GR Forest Hills Central) major dec. Saman Marzban (Ann Arbor Huron), 18-4.

135 POUNDS: 1. Justin Sinclair (GR Forest Hills Central) dec. Joe Whitman (Davison), 16-12; 3. Chad Johnston (Bedford) pinned Jacob Pattenau (WL Western), 4:28; 5. Dennis Hunko (Sterling Heights Ford) pinned Jeff Wheeler (Detroit Catholic Central), 4:11; 7. Kyle Leasak (Monroe) dec. Kellen Klosowski (BC Western), 8-1.

140 POUNDS: 1. Joe Zolnai (Holt) pinned Leif Olson (Brighton), 1:30; 3. Scott Norrpn (Romeo) dec. Tommie Harris (Roseville), 7-5; 5. Chad Rouah (Davison) major dec. Dave Jennie (Flint Carman-Ainsworth), 11-3; 7. Chad Neumann (Northville) dec. Josiah Boyer (Bedford), 4-0.

145 POUNDS: 1. Tyler Hubert (Grand Ledge) dec. Kevin Henneman (Anchor Bay), 10-8 (OT); 3. Tim Markel (BC Western) dec. Dan Scappaticc (Northville), 8-3; 5. Tim Zeits (Traverse City West) dec. Randy Sulaver (Dearborn), 6-5; 7. Jimmy McFall (Davison) major dec. Adam Grealish (GR Forest Hills Central), 13-3.

152 POUNDS: 1. Zemaio Pittman (Carman-Ainsworth) dec. Clint DeGain (Clarkston), 17-5; 3. Imad Kharbush (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Mike Chandler (South Lyon), 6-3; 5. Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice) dec. Louis Musinski (Saline), 10-8; 7. Andrew Flowers (L. Eastern) dec. Justin Zink (Bedford), 10-5.

160 POUNDS: 1. Mitch Hancock (DCC) dec. Matt McCartney (Roseville), 15-7; 3. Brad Anderson (GR Forest Hills Central) dec. Wyatt Gauci (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 9-5; 5. Ryan Schingeeck (Pinckney) dec. Chris Schuyler (Saline), 5-1; 7. Jason Ford (Traverse City Ford) pinned Landon Greene (Wyoming Rogers), 4:09.

171 POUNDS: 1. Jon Phillips (Davison) dec. Rick Bolhuis (Jenison), 7-5 (OT); 3. Matt Stepanovic (GR Forest Hills Central) dec. Ben Barlow (Saginaw Heritage), 7-1; 5. Tom Dickson (Charlotte) dec. Darrell Brault (Roseville), 8-1; 7. Chris Avery (Waterford Mott) dec. Ryan Rogowski (DCC), 6-5 (OT).

189 POUNDS: 1. Charles Thompson (Romulus) dec. Mike Neil (L'Anse Creuse), 5-3; 3. Dan White (Battle Creek Central) dec. Dave Anderson (Midland Dow), 5-2; 5. Chris Ristau (Holland) dec. Adam Borashko (Novi), 3-0; 7. Bobby Everett (Saline) dec. Jesse Navarro (Rochester), 5-1.

215 POUNDS: 1. Brian Cheyno (Grand Ledge) dec. Nick Sloan (Novi), 11-5; 3. Brad Mochlig (SH Ford) dec. Bryan Schlitz (BC Western), 4-2; 5. Jim Schmidt (Bedford) dec. Jeremy Landatta (Jenison), 10-5; 7. Chad Mosher (Monroe) dec. Jared Beno (Sterling Heights), 5-4.

275 POUNDS: 1. Andy Iszler (Grand Ledge) dec. Nick LaPear (Davison), 6-3; 3. Charles Perez (Midland Dow) dec. Mike DeLorge (Carman Ainsworth), 4-3; 5. Peter Stewart (Traverse City Central) major dec. Juan Costilla (L. Eastern), 22-8; 7. Eric VanderHors (Grandville) pinned Tony Henry (WL Western), 2:42.

DIVISION II

103 POUNDS: 1. Greg Seeber (Lakewood) dec. Phil Schaffer (Mount Pleasant), 6-4; 3. J.P. Morgan (Ferndale) pinned Jeff Marsh (Dexter), 4:28; 5. D.J. Sutherland (Wayland Union) dec. Brandon Kinney (Haslett),

8-7; 7. Shawn Clay (Petoakey) dec. Tony Greathouse (Mason), 6-1.

112 POUNDS: 1. Lambros Kottalis (Fenton) dec. Nick Emery (Cedar Springs), 12-1; 3. Ryan Bokas (Gaylord) dec. David Schlaud (Lapeer West), 10-8; 5. Bryan Shores (Mount Clemens) forfeit; 7. Rich Cross (Clio) default Ian DeRath (Mason).

119 POUNDS: 1. Chris Edwards (Jackson Northwest) dec. Jason Fellows (Lapeer West), 14-8; 3. Phillip Plowman (Lakewood) major dec. Jon Simmons (Farmington), 12-3; 5. Dan Duncan (Adrian) dec. Bill Devine (Fowlerville), 9-6; 7. John Evans (Mount Pleasant) dec. John McKay (Lowell), 6-5.

125 POUNDS: 1. Jim Gotschall (Birmingham Seaholm) dec. Scott Pushman (Fenton), 6-4; 3. Clint Montgomery (Warren Lincoln) dec. Robert Morales (Petoakey), 12-6; 5. Jesse Render (Lapeer West) default John Mendez (Lowell); 7. Eric Clemence (Three Rivers) dec. Noah Cowden (Mount Pleasant), 2-1.

130 POUNDS: 1. Jason Borrelli (Mount Pleasant) dec. Joe Fortier (Grand Rapids Northwest), 10-4; 3. Jamie Nowakowski (Warren Fitzgerald) dec. Ben Guiles (Mason), 7-6; 5. Charlie Myer (Oxford) dec. Billy Domako (Fenton), 5-2; 7. Noah Wilson (Marshall) dec. Dan Dunbar (Fremont), 10-5.

135 POUNDS: 1. Rory Medina (Lapeer West) dec. Matt Cataline (Eaton Rapids), 15-7; 3. Tito White (Benton Harbor) dec. Nick Boughton (Sturgis), 4-3; 5. Jamie Kahgee (Petoakey) forfeit; 7. Todd Maines (Caledonia) dec. James Bippas (Portage Northern), 4-0.

140 POUNDS: 1. James Kish (Lapeer West) dec. Marc Mroz (Sparta), 6-4 (OT); 3. Caleb O'Boyle (Lowell) pinned Jon Freese (Swartz Creek), 1:23; 5. Jason Wolf (Stevensville Lakeshore) default Angelo Vettese (Auburn Hills Avondale); 7. Ged

Strzynski (Ludington-Pentwater) dec. Tom McGarey (Warren Lincoln), 3-2.

145 POUNDS: 1. Adam Hopkins (Greenville) pinned Jeff Steavens (Mason), 1:00; 3. Steve Mosely (Mount Morris) major decision Israel Rosales (Middleville Thornapple Kellogg), 10-2; 5. David Ludders (Sturgis) dec. Adam Harrington (Stevensville Lakeshore), 9-4; 7. Sam Cooper (Fruitport) pinned Josh Baltrusait (Caledonia), 3:37.

152 POUNDS: 1. Kevin Meert (Plainwell) pinned Shane Steckroth (Hartland), 3:42; 3. Jeff Brown (Hazel Park) dec. Joe Funsch (Clio), 11-5; 5. Jeff McDonough (Zeeland) dec. Chad Reil (Thornapple Kellogg), 14-10; 7. Tony Harmer (Lakewood) pinned T.J. Forward (Lowell), 4:11.

160 POUNDS: 1. Roger Kish (Lapeer West) dec. Omar Ortiz (Fremont), 11-7; 3. Kevin Lee (Fruitport) dec. Derek Egeler (Chelsea), 2-1; 5. Derreck Keasley (Hazel Park) dec. Joe Reddy (Sparta), 5-4; 7. Dave Coville (Portage Northern) pinned Jeff Parmeter (Cedar Springs), 4:57.

171 POUNDS: 1. Josh Bocks (Ionia) dec. Mike Lewis (Wyoming Park), 7-2; 3. Robert Aikens (Holly) dec. Matt Ulrey (Orchard Lake St. Mary's), 9-5; 5. Shawn Veitch (Lakewood) pinned Jim Shurlow (Fenton), 3:16; 7. Leith Killy (Tecumseh) major dec. Joe Weakley (Marshall), 11-3.

189 POUNDS: 1. Scott Philburn (Fowlerville) dec. Willie Breyer (Oxford), 8-3; 3. Jake Slater (St. Mary's) pinned Joe Yurisich (Battle Creek Harper Creek), 1:55; 5. Dwight White (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix) default Matt Vanderhyde (Sparta); 7. Pat Leu (Mason) dec. Kevin Hunt (Mattawan), 9-4.

215 POUNDS: 1. Bill Stouffer (Lowell) pinned Ross VandenBerg (Grand Rapids Christian), 1:58; 3. Joseph Gatny (Ypsilanti) dec. Nick Vanover (Adrian), 8-4; 5. Matt Twomey (Seaholm) major dec. Rick Huntington

(Portage Northern), 10-0; 7. Jordan Gill (Swartz Creek) pinned Matt Sutton (Eaton Rapids), 2:00.

275 POUNDS: 1. Eric Chiaciuc (Oxford) dec. Dan Heintz (Grand Rapids Catholic Central), 14-1; 3. Jon Herstein (Fenton) dec. Caleb Grummet (Lowell), 8-0; 5. Giuseppe Agrusa (Saint Clair Shores Lake Shore) dec. Nate Dawson (Chelsea), 4-2; 7. Neil Szuch (Carleton Airport) pinned Gabe McCarthy (Hastings), 2:02.

Girls Gymnastics

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TEAM RESULTS — 1. East Kentwood, 148.475; 2. Holland, 143.900; 3. Brighton, 143.325; 4. Northville/Novi Unified, 143.150; 5. Rochester Adams, 143.050; 6. Hartland, 141.375; 7. Troy, 140.475; 8. Portage Unified, 140.200; 9. Adrian, 140.125; 10. Holt, 137.375; 11. Rochester, 136.075; 12. Parma Jackson County Western, 133.075.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS DIVISION 1

ALL-AROUND — 1. Katie Taylor (East Kentwood), 38.300; 2. Angela Cosgrove (Grand Rapids Union), 38.125; 3. Kristi Schluckbier (Vassar), 37.650; 4. Kristen Kochajda (Troy), 37.600; 5. Kim Matte (Brighton), 37.450; 6. Katy Luxton (Rochester Adams), 36.975; 7. Katie Braine (Northville/Novi), 36.875; 8. Kara Magnusson (East Lansing), 36.900; 9. Megan Samhat (Northville/Novi), 36.875; 10. Nancy Kiddy (Holland), 36.850.

UNEVEN BARS — 1. Lauren Simpson (Lansing Unified), 9.625; 2. Kristi Schluckbier (Vassar), 9.550; 3. (tie) Missy Thompson (East Kentwood), Kristen Kochajda (Troy), 9.500; 5. Katie Taylor (East Kentwood), 9.450; 6. Angela

Cosgrove (Grand Rapids Union), 9.400; 7. Kenzie Nargong (East Kentwood), 9.325; 8. Katy Luxton (Rochester Adams), 9.175; 9. (tie) Melissa Bailey (Holland), Michelle Glynn (East Kentwood), Marina Clegg (Adrian), 9.150.

VAULT — 1. Kristen Kochajda (Troy), Katie Taylor (East Kentwood), 9.700; 3. Missy Thompson (East Kentwood), 9.550; 4. Angela Cosgrove (Grand Rapids Union), 9.500; 5. (tie) Nancy Kiddy (Holland), Kara Magnusson (East Lansing), 9.450; 7. Katie Braine (Northville/Novi), 9.350; 8. Kristi Schluckbier (Vassar), 9.300; 9. Jennifer Garcia (Adrian), 9.275; 10. (tie) Marina Clegg (Adrian), Megan Samhat (Northville/Novi), 9.250.

BALANCE BEAM — 1. Kristi Schluckbier (Vassar), 9.650; 2. Angela Cosgrove (Grand Rapids Union), 9.625; 3. Katie Taylor (East Kentwood), 9.600; 4. Katie Luxton (Rochester Adams), 9.575; 5. Kim Matte (Brighton), 9.550; 6. Kimmy DeGrandchamp (Rochester), 9.400; 7. Katie Braine (Northville/Novi), 9.350; 8. Megan Samhat (Northville/Novi), 9.300; 9. (tie) Aisha Bowe (Ann Arbor Pioneer), Nancy Kiddy (Holland), 9.250.

FLOOR EXERCISES — 1. Ashley Baarda (Portage), 9.700; 2. Angela Cosgrove (Grand Rapids Union), 9.600; 3. Kim Matte (Brighton), 9.575; 4. Katie Taylor (East Kentwood), 9.550; 5. Megan Samhat (Northville/Novi), 9.525; 6. Aisha Bowe (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 9.500; 7. (tie) Amanda Tobin (Cadillac), Ashley Dobbis (Brighton), 9.375; 9. (tie) Nancy Kiddy (Holland), Katy Luxton (Rochester Adams), Kristen Kochajda (Troy), 9.300.

DIVISION 2

ALL-AROUND — 1. Jeanine O'Brien (Hartland), 36.925; 2. Amy Schmidt (Grand Ledge), 36.650; 3. (tie) Denay Kipley (Holly), Erin Sturm (Hartland), 36.600; 5. Keillm Maxwell (Grand Ledge), 36.225; 6. Sarah Robinson (East Kentwood), 36.175; 7. Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Plymouth Canton), 36.100; 8. Megan Hassett (Traverse City), 35.775;

9. (tie) Kacie Cantley (Troy), Laura Swafford (Midland), 35.500.

UNEVEN BARS — 1. Jeanne O'Brien (Hartland), 9.400; 2. Megan Hassett (Traverse City), 9.225; 3. Amy Driscoll (Plymouth Canton), 9.200; 4. (tie) Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Plymouth Canton), Shlela Orosey (Rochester Adams), 9.100; 6. Megan Mason (Trenton), 9.050; 7. Amy Schmidt (Grand Ledge), 9.025; 8. (tie) Cindy Clement (Portage), Katie Gustavson (Holland), Rebekah Hills (Edsel Ford), Laura Swafford (Midland), 9.000.

BALANCE BEAM — 1. Erin Sturm (Hartland), 9.600; 2. Denay Kipley (Holland), 9.350; 3. Sarah Robinson (East Kentwood), 9.300; 4. Jeanne O'Brien (Hartland), 9.225; 5. (tie) Amy Schmidt (Grand Ledge), Kristin Ulewicz (Farmington), 9.200; 7. (tie) Alaina Suart (Parma Western), Kelly Baldwin (Rochester Adams), 9.150; 9. (tie) Lindsay Clipner (Portage), Jessica Dean (Grand Rapids Union), 9.100.

VAULT — 1. Kelli Maxwell (Grand Ledge), 9.300; 2. Amy Schmidt (Grand Ledge), 9.275; 3. Megan Hassett (Traverse City), 9.250; 4. Kendra Harring (Holland), 9.200; 5. Monica Fink (Northville/Novi), 9.175; 6. (tie) Shlela Orosey (Rochester Adams), Danielle Courtier (Rockford), Denay Kipley (Holland), Jeanne O'Brien (Hartland), Laura Swafford (Midland), Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Plymouth Canton), 9.150.

FLOOR EXERCISES — 1. Jessica Gladys (Rochester Adams), 9.375; 2. Kendra Harring (Holland), 9.350; 3. (tie) Denay Kipley (Holland), Alaina Suart (Parma Western), 9.300; 5. (tie) Danielle Courtier (Rockford), Erin Sturm (Hartland), Colleen Balagna (Hartland), 9.250; 8. Andi Neuman (Holly), 9.200; 9. (tie) Amy Schmidt (Grand Ledge), Megan Hassett (Traverse City), Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Plymouth Canton), Stephanie Hammer (Rockford), Jeanne O'Brien (Hartland), Colleen Johnson (Hartland), 9.150.

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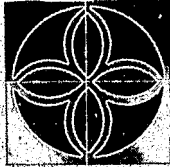


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 Educated SWPF, 49, 5'5", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys gardening, snowmobiling, traveling, and watching sports, seeks companionship with a SWM, 45-57. Ad# 1030

SPIRITUAL PARTNER
 Pretty SWCF, 45, 5'4", 127lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes camping, fishing and canoeing, seeks a SCM, 37-50, who has God in his life. Ad# 1005

READY TO COMMIT
 Upbeat SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys art, crafts, travel, and reading, seeks an honest, supportive SWM, 58-65. Ad# 1037

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
 Attractive SBPF, 43, 5'7", who enjoys cultural events, sports and dining out, seeks a handsome SBPM, 38-50, 5'10", with integrity, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1035

LET HER KNOW SOON
 Sweet SW mom, 28, 5'3", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, romantic nights and dancing, is looking for a loving SWCM, 28-38, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1031

UP FOR SOME FUN?
 Intelligent SWF, 20, 5'5", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys snowboarding, dancing and acting, seeks a SWM, 22-25, who has a great personality. Ad# 1029

A LITTLE ROMANCE
 Fun SWF, 22, 5'7", 180lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who likes watching sports, going to movies and writing poetry, seeks an honest SWM, 25-30. Ad# 1027

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
 Call this SBPF, 38, who likes singing, going to church and her career, and who seeks a SBPM, 40-50, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1017

IN PURSUIT OF YOU
 Very outgoing, semi-retired SWF, 58, would like to meet a SWM, 55-90, who likes sports, trips to the sunny South and dining out. Ad# 1009

LEAVE YOUR NUMBER
 Easygoing, shy SW mom, 35, 5'5", 145lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys craft shows, sports and hiking, is looking for a SWM, 33-40, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1034

WILL UPLIFT YOUR SPIRITS
 Slender SWF, 55, 5'7", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves cooking, baking, laughing, and collecting a variety of things, seeks a sweet, communicative SWM, 46-66. Ad# 1010

ZEST FOR LIFE
 Sincere, attractive SBPF, 40, 5'8", 126lbs., who enjoys cooking, gardening and working out, is searching for a tall, handsome and educated SCPM, 38-50, N/S, with no dependents. Ad# 1023

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
 This shy and friendly DWCP mom, 42, 5'2", who enjoys reading, movies, music and antiques, is looking forward to meeting a SWCM, 40-44, to spend quality time with. Ad# 6432

ABOVE AVERAGE
 Friendly SWJF, 60, 5'4", 130lbs., who enjoys movies, socializing and fine wine, is seeking a SWJM, 50-75, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7777

NATURE'S BEST
 You'll love getting to know this outgoing SWCF, 39, 5'8", who loves skiing, hiking, canoeing and sunsets. If you're a SWCM, 34-45, who loves nature, give her a call. Ad# 1573

SPIRITUAL PARTNER
 I'm a pretty, fit, non-demonial SWF, 45, who believes we are all spirits and knows the lessons of life, God wants us to have, if you are a SM, who shares the same beliefs, call now. Ad# 9872

GIFT FROM GOD
 Friendly, kind-hearted and romantic describes this SWCF, 43, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, whose interests music, quiet times and good conversations, is looking to meet a SCM, 40-50, who loves the Lord, animals and laughter. Ad# 1230

FOR FOREVER
 This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad# 4455

A COMMITMENT
 Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad# 1024

GOOD COMPANY
 Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad# 9438

NEW HORIZONS
 Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

JUST US
 SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2814

FOCUS HERE
 This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1706

HEART OF GOLD
 Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation, and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad# 1237

BIG-HEARTED
 This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST
 Make a new friend by calling this DWG mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad# 8191

STILL SEARCHING
 Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad# 4444

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
 This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
 Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DW mom, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad# 7764

FAITH & HOPE
 An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
 She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium-build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56, Ad# 5614

IS IT FATE?
 This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 2345

CIRCLE THIS
 Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWCM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
 Pretty DW mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easy-going, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

BORN-AGAIN
 This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62, Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
 Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

VIVACIOUS
 Active, energetic DWCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBPM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

TO THE POINT
 SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

LOVES THE LORD
 Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

LIFE GOES ON
 This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

DEDICATED
 She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad# 1980

HERE SHE IS...
 This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?
 This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
 Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

HEAVEN SENT
 This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

SHARE MY FAITH
 This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
 Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

THE BEST THERE IS
 Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

CHRISTIAN VALUES
 Attractive and fun-loving WWCWF, 59, 5'3", 120lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys animals, camping, long drives, dancing and more, is looking to meet a family-oriented SCM, 60-90, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1050

IN GOD I TRUST
 Fun-loving WNAF, 59, 5'3", 120lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys long drives, outdoor activities, dancing and more, is looking for a family-oriented SWM, 60-90. Ad# 1049

LETS START ANEW
 Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a good Catholic, down-to-earth SWM, 51-61, Italian preferred. Ad# 1992

A TREASURE
 Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

UNION LAKE HOMEOWNER
 Honest, upbeat Catholic SWM, 46, 5'7", N/S, who enjoys computers, home improvement projects, traveling, and dining out, would love to meet an educated SWF, 34-48, N/S, who has a positive attitude. Ad# 1036

GO WITH THE FLOW
 Outgoing SBM, 38, 5'11", 200lbs., who likes watching movies at home, dining out and dancing, seeks a SF, 21-38, to have fun with. Ad# 1021

INTERESTING TO TALK TO
 Shy but friendly, this SWM, 29, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair, hazel eyes and glasses, who enjoys playing guitar, exercising and animals, seeks a SWF, 23-34, who likes laughing a lot. Ad# 1001

CHECK HIM OUT
 Up for anything, this SWM, 18, 5'9", 210lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, is searching for an outgoing SF, 26-30, who has a good head on her shoulders. Ad# 1033

MAKE THE TIME
 Good-looking, thoughtful SW dad, 40, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, cooking and motorcycling, is looking to meet a caring SW mom, 35-42, to have fun with. Ad# 1032

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS
 Considerate SB dad, 30, 6', 210lbs., with short hair, a goatee and brown eyes, who enjoys coaching football, bowling and cooking, seeks an honest, outgoing SA/WF, 24-40, to experience life with. Ad# 1028

STARTING OVER
 Easygoing DWPM, 49, 5'5", with blond hair and blue eyes, is looking to have some fun with a SWF, 42-55, who likes dining out, going to movies and taking walks in the park. Ad# 1025

HAVE FUN TOGETHER
 Easygoing SWM, 52, 175lbs., with brown hair, who likes bowling, watching TV and going for walks, is looking to meet a SWF, 42-52, who has similar interests. Ad# 1019

PLEASANT PERSONALITY
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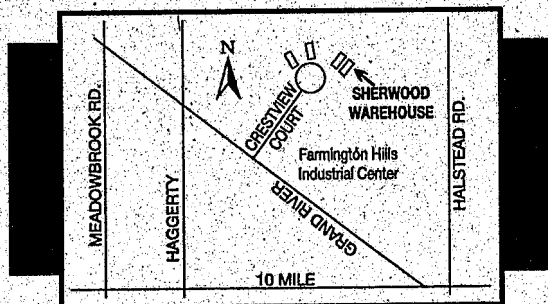
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JOE GAGNON

A few weeks ago I interviewed the service manager of an appliance repair business who sent out a technician to an older lady's home to fix her dishwasher. The service man adjusted the springs which hold the door

open. These springs were replaced the day before by another service company.

He asked to see the service invoice for the previous day's repair and discovered the homeowner paid \$263 to replace these two springs. Normally such a repair from that service man or any other reputable service company would equal about \$80, quite a bit lower than \$263.

This story is just one example of many I hear every year in the state of Michigan. In the past 20 years, I've listened to many thousands just like it. Consumers have little recourse that is proven successful in getting restitution.

Although we have state regulations to govern most other industries, there isn't a blessed thing to restrict a ripoff company from operating in the appliance repair business. Some companies have ripped off consumers for more than 30 years and even the stack of complaints prompt little action by our elected representatives in Lansing.

It was 15 years ago when the appliance repair industry was featured on the front pages of newspapers and the Appliance Doctor was standing in a room at the State Capitol. I pleaded on consumers' behalf and good ethical service companies to put some restrictions on these ripoff companies, but it never passed. I did it all over again, two more times, and each time it never passed. This week, as you read this, I expect to be in Lansing again, fighting on behalf of consumers. This time I have two big guns helping me convince the politi-

cians that the Appliance Repair Act is good for consumers. Sens. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, and George Hart, D-Dearborn, have your interest at heart but the big question in my mind remains, can they do it?

Each time this bill went before committees, it was passed with much enthusiasm, but when it came to a vote in the state House, it was nixed. I understand a letter was placed on each representative's desk the day of the vote asking that they oppose this legislation. Whoever wrote the letter must have a lot of influence or maybe they represent a lobbying group which has a lot of control of the politicians themselves.

Either way the people we elect to represent constituents and their concerns didn't give a hoot about what was good for consumers who need appliance repair. Will it change this time?

By the way, the good guys in the appliance repair industry are not fighting the passage of this new law. It stands to reason that if they are not, then who is? If I charged consumers two and three times more than what is normal for repairs, I might fight this new law, as well. I might join an organization which has a lobbyist in Lansing to make sure things go my way.

But the small, good, honest, hard-working service companies don't want to belong. They don't need it. They have their own reputations to live by and they have helped thousands of consumers with a job done equal to the amount of money spent.

This story is too big for this little column I write. It should be on the front page of every newspaper in America. It should be fully investigated.

The fraud industry is thriving in this country. Is it any wonder why?

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

at home calendar

■ The third annual Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 with any of the event's ads or listings, \$7 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is

good for all days of the show. The elegant outdoor show and sale - all indoors - will feature antiques and accessories for the home, the garden and personal adornment from 90 exhibitors.

■ The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, March to November. New members and guests welcome. Call (248) 646-7675.



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Garden party

Springtime settings: Items from Jacobson's spring home and garden catalog are perfect for entertaining guests. Decorative luster acrylic drinkware comes in four colors - buttercream, periwinkle, emerald and amethyst - and three sizes and retails for \$5 each. Whimsical leaf placemats by Swedish Accents are \$12 each. Tulip napkin rings of silk-screened canvas by Vynll Concepts are available in pink, yellow, green and lilac and are \$4 each; they are shown layered in pairs for added color.



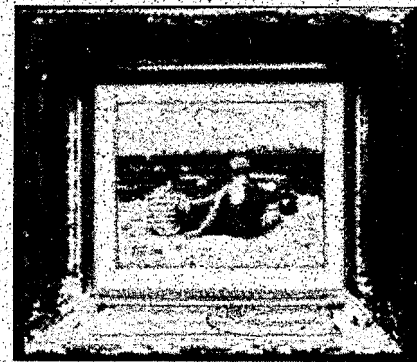
Oil for one

Art works: La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, will host an original oil painting show and sale Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Customers will be able to choose from more than 100 paintings at the store, or commission an artist to create a beautifully framed painting based on a favorite photograph. An art designer will be on hand to answer questions and take orders. Commissioned paintings can cost as little as \$250 for a small work. Partial proceeds from all commissioned paintings sold at the store during The Community House Antiques Festival in Birmingham (Friday-Sunday, March 17-19) will benefit The Community House. La Belle Provence will donate one commissioned painting to the antiques festival preview party silent auction, taking place on Thursday. The highest bidder will have a framed 30-by-34-inch oil painting made from his or her favorite photo. The value is approximately \$750. For information, call La Belle Provence at (248) 540-3876 or The Community House at (248) 644-5832.



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Rabbit rave: Spring is in the air at The Silk Warehouse, 301 Walnut Blvd. in Rochester. These are some of the store's latest bunnies. Made of paper pulp, they are great gift ideas for bunny collectors or cute accents for sunrooms and porches. The bunnies range in size from 9 to 19 inches and are priced \$8.50 to \$40. Call (248) 650-2450.



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■ English Gardens conducts free weekly seminars for the public at its five locations, including 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Royal Oak/Troy store, 4901 Coolidge, between 14 Mile and Maple (call (248) 280-9500), and 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple (call (248) 851-7506). Scheduled topics are "Selecting Trees and Shrubs" by Michael Boron or Candy Rosowski, March 16; and "Shade Gardening" by Bev Dixon or Heather Tomlinson, March 21 and 23.

■ Dolls & Bears in the Park, a show and sale of doll- and bear-related items, including original pieces by artists and collectibles, will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow. Antique dolls will be appraised for \$2. Call (248) 651-0622.

■ The Community House Garden Club meets the third or fourth Monday of the month at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Speakers begin 7 p.m. Membership is \$30 annually; non-members and guests pay \$6 per meeting. The next meeting is March 20, at which George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy and Telly's Gardens in Brighton will speak on "What's New For 2000." The club also offers sharing plants and ideas, off-site special events and socializing. Call (248) 644-5832.

Sign up now for rose convention

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Everything will be coming up roses Saturday, March 25, at the 2000 Millennium Spring Great Lakes Rose Convention and Workshop, hosted by Roses-West Rose Society.

Pat Hibbard of Novi, Roses-West president, and Bunny Skran of Saginaw are co-chairs of this important event, which takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, I-275 and Six Mile in Livonia.

Cost for the day is \$26 and includes lunch (choice of London broil, honey sesame chicken, white fish or vegetarian platter).

You must register in advance to attend - deadline is absolutely Wednesday, March 22. Call Hibbard at (248) 449-4626. Sign-in at the event will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

The programs promise to educate as well as entertain.

"You will hear all you need to know about rose growing from the experts," Hibbard said.

Many poets and writers have praised the rose and its many symbolic connota-

tions, and still the fascination with the flower continues. Hybridizers are constantly seeking to improve the plants and introduce new cultivars.

District director George Hartley of Royal Oak will introduce the keynote speaker, John Mattia, a horticultural judge with the American Rose Society in Shreveport, La.

Mattia will present his program in two parts as he shares "Growing Great Roses" 9:10 a.m. and continues 1:30 p.m. Gorgeous slides will accompany his speech as well as hands-on exhibiting techniques.

Mattia is one of the top rose growers in exhibition and hybridizing and has won numerous national awards. He is director of public affairs at Southern Connecticut State University.

Other experts presenting programs include Gary Barlow and Lew Shupe of Ohio, whose subject will be "Arrangements," and Dot and Bill McMahon of Kentucky, who will speak about "New Horizon Roses and Rose Shows."

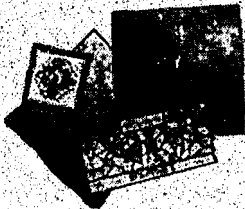
There will be a lot to see and learn at this meeting, as well as chances to participate in a luggage raffle and silent auction and to win a door prize.

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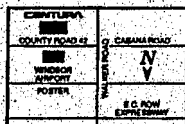


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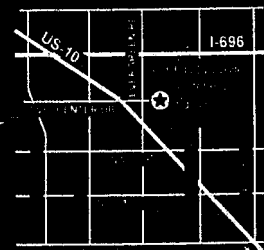
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MARTY FIGLEY

Water gardening is growing by leaps and bounds.

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another dimension into the experience.

These charming gardens can make one forget the stresses of the day.

Water gardens can be focal points, accent a small garden or patio, or remedy a situation where growing conditions aren't the best for regular plants. A water garden can be designed to fit into any garden scheme from large to small. If there is room for only a small container, the rewards are still great.

Charles Thomas, this country's leading authority on the subject, has written "Water Gardens," a book that is full of good, sound advice. For instance, here

are some things to keep in mind when planning a water garden to ensure that the water will be clear:

Generally, water in larger gardens tends to stay clearer than it does in smaller ones. Pool depth between 18 and 24 inches is ideal. Deep water helps maintain clear water because it favors cooler and more stable summer temperatures.

Koi enthusiasts prefer ponds that range from 4 to 5 feet deep. In coldest zones, at least part of the pond needs to be 3 feet deep to provide extra winter protection for hardy water lilies.

Plants also help keep water clear. Water lilies and other floating leafed plants shade the water, thus slightly reducing the temperatures and blocking light that algae need to grow. Submerged plants compete directly with algae for nutrients, also controlling their growth.

Pumps and filters are important. When attached to a fountain or waterfall, a pump adds movement and sound to a water garden. In the process, it adds oxygen to the water, which fish and

other pond residents require. A variety of filters can be used with a pump to filter out suspended matter and to break down toxic ammonia fish waste.

This is just a tiny bit of information you will hear when you hear Thomas speak 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets are \$10 for Cranbrook Auxiliary members and \$15 for non-members. For tickets, make a check payable to Cranbrook House & Garden Auxiliary and mail it to P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills 48302-0801. Seating is limited, so make your reservations today. Questions? Call (248) 645-3147.

Thomas, chairman emeritus of Lilyponds Water Gardens, is a member of the third generation of the Thomas family devoted to growing water lilies.

He will share design principles, construction techniques and plants selection, as well as information about aquatic life. His exquisite slides will show the beauty and diversity of the many plants that grow in water gardens.

Thomas will be happy to answer any

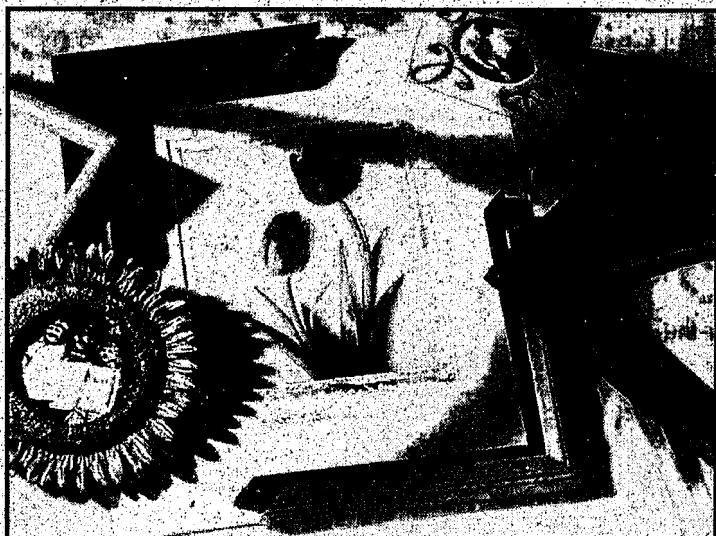
questions. His books, "Water Gardens" and "Water Gardens," written with Jacqueline Heriteau, will be available for purchase.

Soil testing

Michigan State University Extension and cooperating retailers are again offering soil testing, Saturday, March 25, through Sunday, April 9. For the testing, you'll take two cups of soil to a participating retailer. Each test is \$12.

Obtain separate tests for different areas of your property, such as lawn, garden and shrub bed. Each sample should consist of six sub-samples taken from a 4-inch depth and mixed together. It takes about two weeks to process each test, after which you'll receive a fertilization program for your specific soil and gardening situation.

For a list of retailers, check the Metro Detroit Landscape Association Web site at <http://www.landscape.org> or call your local county extension office: Oakland, (248) 858-0880; Wayne, (313) 833-3268. Or, call the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority at (248) 288-5150.



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Backyard bond project has win

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Water wonder: Larry and Joann Yost of Rochester Hills were able to add a pond to their back yard while keeping the natural beauty of the site. The property now features two waterfalls; a rose arbor and a variety of flowers and plants.

Larry and Joann Yost wanted a pond in the wooded back yard of their Rochester Hills residence, while keeping the natural beauty of the site. Designer Dave Davidson came up with gold.

Davidson's plan for the property works in harmony with existing features, has delighted the Yosts and visitors to their mini paradise, and has won awards.

"We're very happy about it. (So is) everybody in our neighborhood," Joann Yost said.

"It's absolutely beautiful."

As a result of the project, which was done last year, Davidson, a

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Davidson: Pond bringing nature

ner for English Gardens, was honored at the Metropolitan
Landscape Association 1999 Environmental Improvement
Program in December.

Davidson received a Gold Award for Design and
Environmental Improvement in the Residential Landscape
Construction Over \$50,000 category.

In January, Davidson was recognized by the industry awards
committee of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association
at the Great Lakes Trade Exposition in Lansing. His project was
highly displayed during all three days of the exposition.
"Everything came together," Davidson said in an interview at
English Gardens office in Walled Lake.

The project was a lot of fun."
The pond — which measures 30 by 75 feet — the site
includes two waterfalls, and a wide variety of
flowers and plants.

The waterfalls can be seen from the existing patio
and from every window at the rear of the house, and
will be able to be viewed from a sun room that is
being planned. Night lighting within the pond
accents the waterfalls, dolomite stone steppers
across the pond, and water plants.

A person can move along a stone path that has
three access points from the patio and goes all the
way around the area.

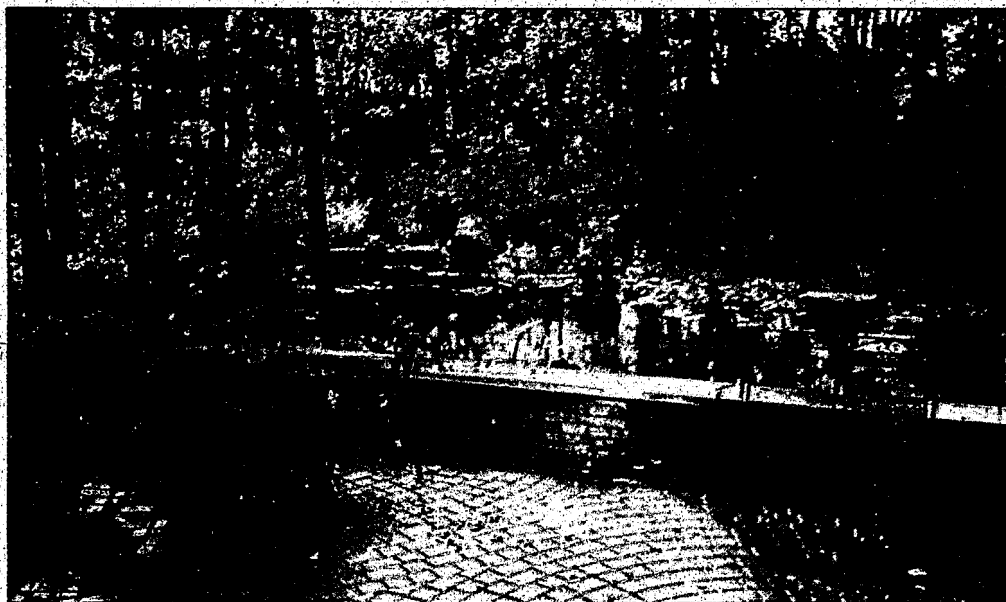
Throughout, a beautiful balance is maintained
between the natural loveliness of the area and what
was added in the project. Native and landscaped
elements are separate but work together. The land-
scaping blends into the natural wetland terrain at
the back of the property.

Many perennials for spring and summer color are
featured. Geraniums, daylilies, hostas, coral bells,
zebra grass, sumac, sedum, ajuga, astilbes, English
ivy, Japanese iris, Russian sage and black-eyed
Susans are some of the flowers and plants. A rose
bed was on the site; now climbers grow along an
iron arbor.

"The site always determines what's going to be
used," Davidson said about the plants and flowers.

Among factors considered are soil, shade, fra-
grance, garden theme, what colors the clients like
and the amount of time the clients want to devote to
their particular garden.

Spectacular views: The waterfalls can
be viewed from the existing patio and
from every window at the rear of the
house, and will be able to be seen
from a sun room that is planned. A
stone path provides access to the mini
paradise. Night lighting accents fea-
tures. Dave Davidson of English
Gardens (above, right) was honored
for his design. (staff photo by Tom
Hoffmeyer).



The Yosts liked the site's beauty, with its oak and maple trees
and adjoining wetlands with ducks, frogs and deer. Larry Yost got
the idea for a pond when he was looking through a garden maga-
zine and saw a photo of a pond with one waterfall.

The project took about 45 days from initial design to installation.
Permission had to be acquired from the builder.

"We're not destroying... anything already existing there," Joann
Yost said.

A 30-inch drop in grade from the patio to the wetlands made one
challenge, which was solved by building an earthen mound on the
down slope side as the pond perimeter. This is also a barrier against
spring flooding.

Boulder walls retaining soil and biofall boxes were built to 36
inches above the water level, making the retained soil areas appro-
priate for plantings.

The property will be a beautiful location for a social event in
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month.



Garden designer Dave Davidson of
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- Serves 4
- 1 tablespoon finely minced celery
- 1 tablespoon finely minced onion
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 cups lobster stock*
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- Salt and white pepper

Dash of freshly ground nutmeg
1 cup diced lobster meat

In a skillet, sauté celery and onion in butter until vegetables are soft, but not brown. Sprinkle with flour and mix well. Add lobster stock and cream and stir until thickened. Season to taste with salt, white pepper and nutmeg. Add lobster meat and heat through.

*Minors makes condensed lobster stock. It is at Quarton Market and the Gordon Food Service stores (they may have to order it for you; call ahead).

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- Serves 2
 - 12 oysters on the half shell
 - Rock salt (to stabilize the shells)
 - 1 large white mushroom; chopped fine
 - 1 teaspoon minced onion
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1/2 cup warm milk
 - 1/4 cup cooked oatmeal
 - Salt and pepper
 - 1 tablespoon minced parsley
 - 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 tablespoons melted butter
- In a skillet, sauté mushroom and onion in 1 tablespoon butter until soft, but not brown, about 10 minutes. Add flour gradually, stirring as you go, to blend smoothly. Add milk and stir until thickened. Add oatmeal and stir well. Season with salt and pepper; stir in parsley. Place oysters on rock salt (enough to hold them in place) on an oven-proof tray or platter.

Place under 400 degree F. broiler and heat for 4 minutes. Remove from broiler and cover each with the prepared sauce. Sprinkle each oyster with Parmesan cheese and a few drops of melted butter. Return to the broiler and cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes.

at home calendar

■ The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village will present a special, free program, "Planting for a Season of Color," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road. Master gardener Nancy Szerlag will give a program on annuals,

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He arranges design solutions

BY MARY KLEMIC
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He says he likes the simplicity of Danish furniture.

She says she thinks "Danish should have stopped at pastry."

She says she wants different colors all over.

He says he'd like to be "consistent" with color.

He says his wife thinks the TV should be in the garage.

She says it's simple: She has good taste, he doesn't.

Different couples, similar situation: He and she can't agree on what should be done about a room or furnishings in their residence. And they take their he-says-he-wants-this, she-says-she-wants-that plight to Michael Payne.

Payne is the star and host of HGTV's "Designing for the Sexes." On the program, a couple presents their dilemma and Payne helps them reach a solution that suits them and makes for great design as well.

He visited the Michigan Design Center in Troy last Wednesday night to share some success stories from the TV show in a public lecture. The couples described above were among those featured in clips from the program.

Payne's humorous presentation was a delightful reminder that solving problems is what interior design is all about.

"Most people don't have the ability to look at a space and just see it in its different modes ... When a good designer is talking to a client he or she should be able to paint word pictures," said Payne, an in-demand interior designer in Los Angeles. "It's really a vision of what a room could be."

"You must never ever forget whose home it is. It is not the designer's. I'm not designing for me, I'm designing for the client. They have to live there."

"Ask them, 'What do you want? What do you see?'"

It's important to be open, to listen to each party, Payne said. And people working with an interior designer should tell the truth.

"The whole idea is ... I always want to end up with an interior where both partners are completely happy. They walk into a space and feel completely comfortable."

"Designing for the Sexes" is "entirely real, not scripted," Payne said. The criteria for people to be on the show are that they are a couple, have reached a decorating impasse, and have realistic expectations (for example, they can't plan on completely tearing up a kitchen for \$3,000).

Projects may take from about six weeks to three or four months (kitchens are the most complex).

"The couple has come to a complete impasse, come to a situation where they just can't get anything done because they can't agree on what to do," Payne said.

"I'm very, very careful to give voice to both parties. It's all about compromise."

Compromise involves finding an alternative for each party, Payne said. By doing so, "you do oftentimes end up with something better than either of you wanted in the first place," he said.

MDC general manager Susan Zinger introduced Payne as "the best listener ... most diplomatic person on TV." Some of the predicaments and solutions from past episodes that Payne showed were:

■ He liked being able to look directly through windows to the outside. She wanted the windows covered to give a feeling of privacy. What was done? Draperies were put on double rods - one set very sheer that still allowed views of the outside, one set heavier that was pulled closed at night.

"She felt she got exactly what she wanted and he was totally happy, too," Payne said.

■ He and she had different ideas of color. "I like the colors," was her reaction to a Kilim rug. "It's a little busy" was his. What was done? A rug with red and gold squares on a cream background was selected. The pattern was bright as she liked, not too busy for him.

■ He liked his 61-inch TV. She didn't want to lose space for her collectibles. What was done? The TV was enclosed in a cabinet; her pieces had plenty of display space on the surrounding shelves. ("The monolith has been minimized," she said.)

■ He had the feeling she would like to get rid of his drum set. The drums were in a small room that seemed cluttered. What was done? A closet was removed, making space for his drums and enabling her to put in a lounge area at one end of the room.

One of the best ways to reach a solution is to take the couple shopping, Payne said.

"Having a designer bring options is presumptive," he said. "There's nothing like being there - handling fabric, touching tiles."

How does Payne encourage someone to go? "I really encourage it to the degree that I will remind him that he is going to be spending a lot of time in this space and I really value his opinion," he said. "He can tell me in words, but he can't tell me nearly as well standing in

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front of something."

Among Payne's other comments:

■ "I think you should feel bold with paint. Just remember, it's only paint. If you make a mistake you just paint over it."

"I think color is so incredibly exciting," Payne sees colors in the garden that are "mind-bogglingly beautiful." "I look and say, 'I call myself a designer?'"

■ The MDC, which is located at 1700 Stutz, is a "fabulous design center. There are marvelous, marvelous things here to see and explore. You'll see things that you've never seen before."

■ Has he ever thought of taking "Designing for the Sexes" on the road? "It would be absolutely wonderful." People should lobby for it by writing HGTV. You can also write HGTV for design plans presented on the show. Payne may write a book in the future.

Payne's presentation opened the doors to a special month of design at MDC. This includes IdeaHouse @ MDC, which will be featured March 25-31.

IdeaHouse will be a combination of two different living spaces presenting work by area design firms to meet different lifestyles. The public will be able to tour IdeaHouse and MDC showrooms. Design seminars will be presented at the grand opening.

celebrating family

Lots to do in crazy season



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Rise and shine to summer. Scratch that. Spring? Almost, but not until March 20. The roller coaster of a weather ride your family is experiencing this time of year is still called winter.

Rather than dread seasonal transition temperatures, make the most of them with family activities that lend themselves to what nature dictates.

One week's tropical breezes can be blown away by arctic-like freezes, even when the calendar designation says spring. That's when indoor excursions are still tops on your family's "To Do" list. Just because the snow melted, don't write off the activities you've been meaning to try but thought you ran out of time to do.

Ward off chilly breezes at the theater. Take your aspiring actors and theater lovers to a Saturday Youtheatre performance. Enjoy a laser show at Cranbrook

Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. Experience an IMAX Theater show at Greenfield Village or the Detroit Science Center.

Test your skill at a local golf dome. Go rock climbing on an indoor wall. Have a friendly game of laser tag or whirlyball. Jump on the court for an indoor tennis match or basketball game.

There's nothing like a cozy evening nestled up by the fireplace with a warm bowl of homemade soup or chili, or a cup of hot cocoa. The novelty of this winter pastime tends to wear off in mid-season. It's forgotten until a teaser of a heat wave slithers in and you wish your family could have just one more fireside chat. Now is the perfect time to seize the opportunity.

Change the indoor slate to outdoor exploration. This is the perfect time of year for the entire family to sample some of nature's candy at a maple syrup demonstration. Area metroparks, farms and nature centers have these events that enable you to taste the sweet sap of the maple tree. Help tap a tree and witness the collected sap being boiled down to pure maple syrup.

Maybe your family never got the chance to try local cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. You can still enjoy the cool, fresh air by bundling up, putting on your hiking boots and driving over to your nearby metropark. Explore the nature center. A brisk walk on the trail is a good form of exercise and a fantastic way to appreciate the great outdoors.

The winter-to-spring seasonal change provides a bounty of activities just waiting for you. Take advantage of them now.

■ Maple syrup demonstrations - Every weekend in March at Kensington Metropark in Milford (call (800) 477-3178); Saturday, March 18, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center at 3325 Franklin Road in Bloomfield Hills (registration by phone only through the Recreation Department at (248) 433-0885).

■ Youtheatre (call (313) 963-2366).

■ Cranbrook Institute of Science Lasera shows are 7 and 9 p.m. Fridays, and 2 and 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call (248) 645-3200.

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See 'simply' through the viewfinder



MONTE NAGLER

I've frequently mentioned in my column the importance of thinking in terms of "making photographs" rather than just taking snapshots.

One good way to accomplish this is to see "simply" through the camera.

That is, begin to look through the viewfinder and withdraw simple elements from the whole that in themselves make exciting, dramatic photographs. Start to see pictures within the picture.

For example, the view of the majestic mountain across the lake will make a beautiful landscape shot, but don't overlook the simplicity of that single wave breaking against the shore.

Offentimes, a simple, small area of a building such as an ornate doorknob or an ivy-covered window ledge can create a photographic composition much stronger than the whole.

The Burgundy area of France provided my wife, Mickey, with many overall street shot possibilities. Yet isolating



Simply wonderful! Just a single flower on the steps. Yet the simplicity in Mickey Nagler's photograph easily conveys the flavor and charm of Burgundy, France.

only the simple elements of a single flower on textured stone steps produced

for Mickey a photograph of strength and charm, as shown here.

How about photographs of people? Can you look "simply" through the viewfinder and see pictures within the picture? Certainly! How about a shot of just the hands of an elderly person or perhaps the foot of an infant? There is special, personal impact in these types of subject.

Keeping it simple enables you to con-

centrate on the important subject matter and will often emphasize textures and tones in your print. Simplicity will often give your pictures a new perspective not obtainable by shooting the whole.

Remember, you're making photographs, not taking snapshots. The idea is to let your "simple" photograph be a complete picture in itself while at the same time convey the flavor and essence of the whole.

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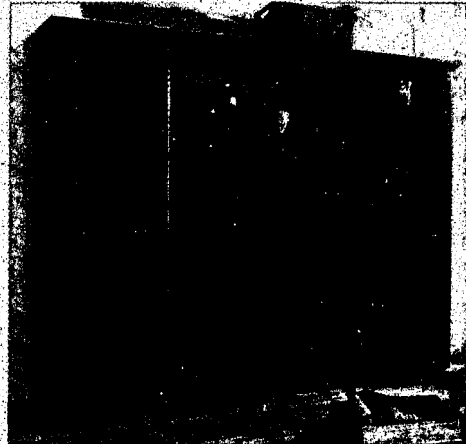
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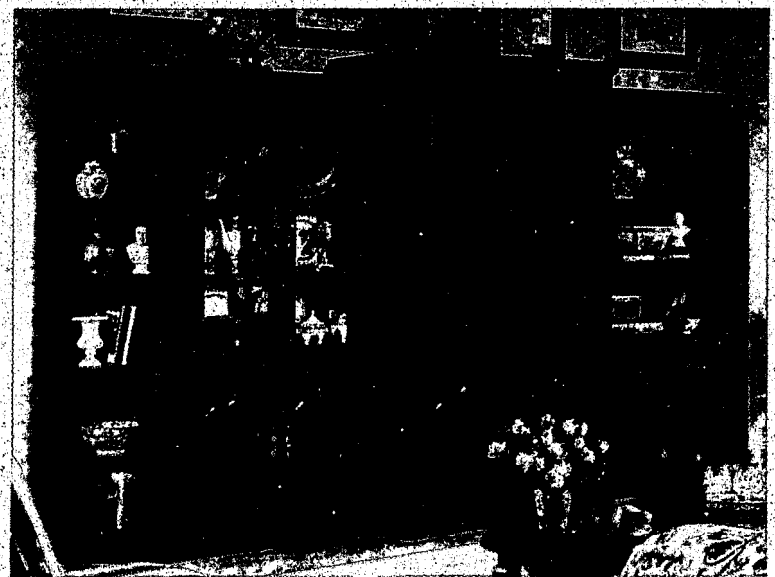
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

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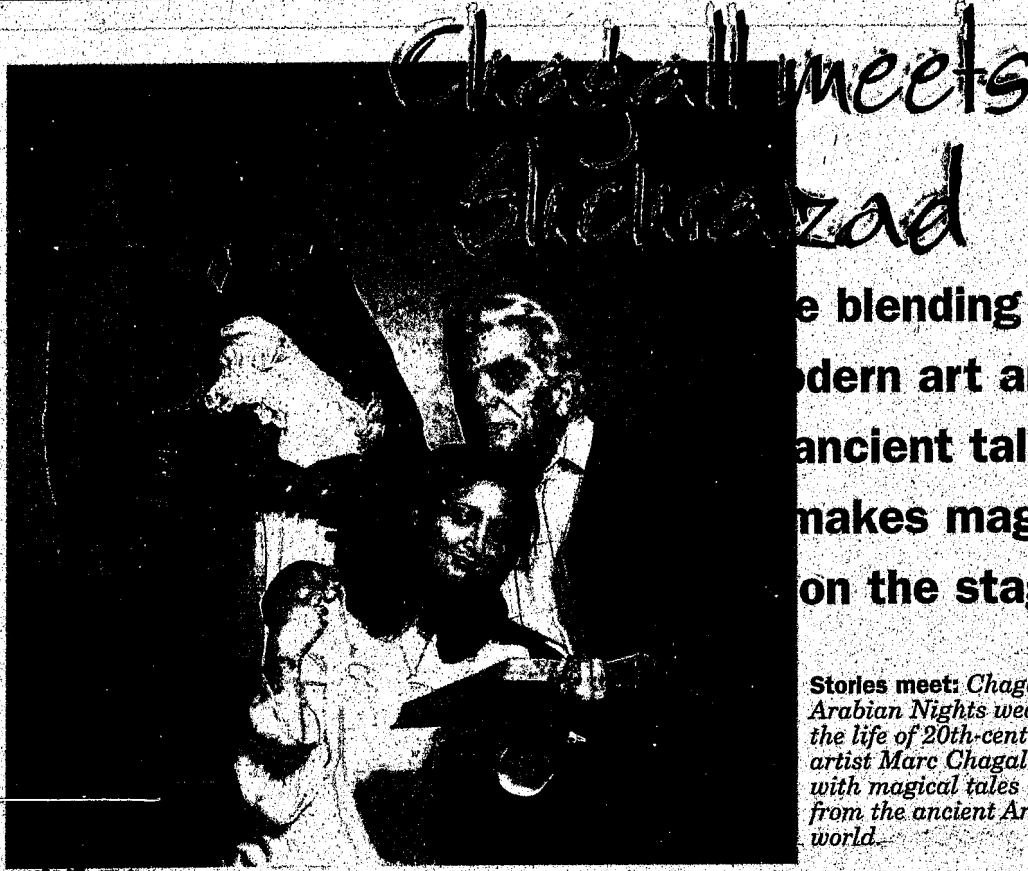
Mama's Coffeehouse, a folk program at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, will feature Mark Duorak from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Duorak's sounds are a blend of the innocent and determined, fashioned from grass roots music of the past and present. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 for seniors and kids 17-under. Kids 12-under are free. The Birmingham Unitarian Church is located at 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

SUNDAY



Go treasure hunting at the 10th annual Community House Antiques Festival, noon to 5 p.m. at The Community House, 380 South Bates, downtown Birmingham. Admission is \$10, call (248) 594-6403 for information.



Chagall meets Aladdin

The blending of modern art and ancient tales makes magic on the stage

Stories meet: Chagall's Arabian Nights weaves the life of 20th-century artist Marc Chagall with magical tales from the ancient Arab world.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Surely a sublime storyteller must have captured the heart of Karim Alrawi, Meadow Brook Theatre's playwright in residence.

The power of storytelling pervades the Egyptian playwright's reflections on one of his latest works, *Chagall's Arabian Nights*, which made its world premiere Wednesday at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

What: Premiere of Chagall's *Arabian Nights*, a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi
When: Matinee and evening shows through April 9
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills
Tickets: \$19.50-35. Call (248) 377-3300.

"Stories are all-pervasive," exclaims Alrawi, who has been Meadow Brook's resident playwright for three years and has worked with numerous well-known theaters including the Royal Court Theatre in London and the Cairo Opera House in Egypt.

Chagall's Arabian Nights, which won a 1998 USA Plays Today playwright award, is an unusual interpretation of the *Arabian Nights*, a collection of fantastical tales — the stories of Aladdin and Sinbad are perhaps best known by Westerners — believed to originate in the Middle East hundreds of years ago.

That's because Alrawi weaves the ancient tales into a period in the life of 20th-century artist Marc Chagall, who illustrated 18 of the stories in the 1940s as his lover, Virginia, read them to him.

Chagall, a Russian-born, French painter distinguished for his surrealistic inventiveness and images of poetic fantasy, had recently lost his wife and was living in the United States.

Devastated by his wife's death, Virginia, the artist's housekeeper, began to read him the *Arabian Nights* "to help him understand what love — lost and regained — is," explains Alrawi.

It's no wonder the redemptive and healing power of storytelling floods Alrawi's thoughts.

"The reason we do the things we do is because of stories. The Bible, the Koran — practically everything we do is based on stories," says Alrawi from a bench directly



Fantasy of flight: Colorful puppets, many of them larger than life, fly across the stage, creating a magical atmosphere, in *Chagall's Arabian Nights* by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi.

across from the theater doors at Meadow Brook. "Stories are really the basis of human life, of social existence." And, the *Arabian Nights* is no exception.

For Alrawi, the tales, which he heard as a child growing up in Egypt, clearly are about love and storytelling. True, the tales transcend ordinary life and take us on magic carpet rides to talk with magical genies.

However, as a body of work, they unravel a tale of love facilitated by storytelling.

Please see CHAGALL, E2

Comedy is elementary in 'Sherlock' play

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Tim Wittlinger has practiced law for 35 years and as a hobby he's spent the last 33 of those acting in and directing plays with The Village Players of Birmingham.

He knows what you're thinking about the law and acting fields. "They're one and the same," he said, joking, before giving his real opinion on the subject.

"In spite of the general opinion that a lot of acting is needed to practice law, it's a lot more technical profession than one might think," said Wittlinger, a Birmingham resident since 1968 and partner with the Clark-Hill law firm. "There's a lot more to it than standing in front of a

jury and trying to emotionally persuade them to your side."

But like a courtroom, the theater has a jury and it's seated in front of the stage. Wittlinger likes the challenge of entertaining a crowd and the next play he'll direct is *Sherlock Holmes*, playing this month at The Village Players.

Unlike the Sherlock Holmes famous mystery novels, this one is more of a comedy, a "farce" and not a mystery, according to Wittlinger.

Holmes (played by Gregg Watkins of Bloomfield Hills) and Dr. Watson (Wayne Yashinsky of Bloomfield Hills) try to protect Alice Faulkner (Ashley

Please see HOLMES E2



Mysterious group: Gregg Watkins (right), who plays Sherlock Holmes in the play by the same name, discusses strategy with Professor Moriarity (Tom D'Agostino).

PERFORMANCES

Reinventing a music legend

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Since Elvis impersonators franchised the legend of The King, popular tastes have been hardly satiated by radio stations dedicated to classic songs from the definitive era of rock and roll and country.

Untimely deaths may have ended the flesh-and-blood presence of music superstars, but that hasn't meant a halt to their careers.

Shows dedicated to Elvis, The Beatles and Buddy Holly demonstrate that the careers of the departed not only live on, they flourish.

In the tradition aptly called appreciation for reinvention, *Always... Patsy Cline* offers an experience beyond listening to a jukebox or greatest hits CD of country music's first cross-over artist with hits such as "Crazy," "Sweet Dreams," "Walkin' After Midnight," and "I Fall to Pieces."

The tribute to legendary country



Reinvention: Jessica Welch evokes the stage presence of country music legend Patsy Cline.

singer Patsy Cline at the intimate Century Theatre succeeds in evoking her physical presence. It's also a reminder that imitation might offer a warm fuzzy, but it's not the real thing.

In what amounts to a tale of unflinching adoration told by a fan (Louise Seger), *Always... Patsy Cline* takes no risks in giving contemporary audiences what is inarguably most important — Cline's music.

There's plenty of chances to clap along with the honky-tonk beat pounded out by a crackerjack on-stage band.

Please see PATSY, E2

Orion Township dancer secures role in 'Fosse'

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Mark Burrell is a triple-threat performer. He dances, sings and acts.

One of those just paid off for the 21-year-old Orion Township native. He's in town dancing with the national touring company of *Fosse*. He's dubbed a swing dancer, meaning he fills in — often with only a moment's notice — for one of the male dancers whose parts he's responsible for knowing.

The dance review, *Fosse*, earned the Tony Award for Best Musical in 1999. It's based on dances for stage and film choreographed by Bob Fosse (1927-87), the first person to win an Oscar, Tony and Emmy in the same year.

Many of Burrell's fans couldn't have been happier Sunday evening. When they received their *Fosse* playbill at the Fisher Theater for that performance, an insert informed them Burrell would dance in place of one of the regulars in the company.

These fans included his parents, Dan and Lynne Burrell, his brother Darren, and students and teachers from Deborah's Stage Door in Rochester Hills.

As exciting as it is for people close to

Burrell to see him dancing in a professional setting, it's even more exciting to him.

Until Jan. 10, Burrell was a dance student at the prestigious The Juilliard School in New York City.

"A phone call Mark Burrell: Dances that day changed in *Fosse* his life from student to professional dancer.

"I was fast asleep and the phone rang about 4 a.m. It was from Ann Reinking asking me to join the touring company of *Fosse* as a temporary swing. She called from London," Burrell said.

Reinking is director, co-conceiver and co-choreographer of *Fosse*.

"I was shocked," Burrell said. "It was all like a dream."

In less than 36 hours, Burrell talked over the offer with his parents, signed

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Mask auction aids homeless cause

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Forget TV images you've seen of dirtily clad men hanging around a homeless shelter. The Coalition on Temporary Shelter's brown brick building on Peterboro in Detroit's Cass Corridor is a place filled with hope, love and cleanly dressed men, women and children on their way to a new life.

Founded 16 years ago as a 40-bed shelter in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown, COTS helps the homeless by providing 300 meals a day and 51,000 emergency shelter nights a year. But COTS isn't just a shelter. Last year COTS, after assessing residents' employability and helping them obtain training and education, filled more than

5,000 jobs with homeless people.

That's why COTS MASK-AID auction Saturday, March 18 is so important. This year celebrities such as Jeff Bridges, Rosie O'Donnell, Martha Reeves and Detroit Red Wings Darrin McCarty, and artists Elbert Weber of Livonia and Curtis Bailey, Birmingham, have painted masks in hopes of changing the face of homelessness in Detroit. Hundreds of students from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county schools, including Plymouth Christian Academy, painted smaller lapel pin masks for the event.

John Murphy, a Redford ceramist and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is one of more than 170 artists, athletes and celebrities creating masks as vibrant and imaginative as the makers. Several

months ago when COTS sent Murphy the mask to paint, he decided to turn it into a work of art. Using the mask as a mold, the internationally exhibited artist created three porcelain clay masks then painted them with his traditional black and white striped and checked treatments. He calls them "Targets of Hardship."

"I wanted to help the cause—the homeless," said Murphy, who frequently donates his work to Empty Bowls fund-raisers around town. "It's what I always like to say, 'you have to give it away to keep it.'"

Chairperson Beth McKeown is hoping to raise more than \$125,000 to fund programs such as Day Care for parents who need to receive training before becoming independent. A clothing store, stocked with donations

of used pants, shirts, dresses and suits, helps residents put their best foot forward while looking for a job.

"If you're getting your life together you can stay with us two years," said McKeown. "We're giving a hand-up, not a hand-out."

For those unable to live on their own either because of advanced age or mental and physical challenges, COTS provides long-term residency. Homelessness can happen to any one. Every day fires, the loss of a job, divorce, and illness force people into a life on the streets.

Some of the masks will be on display through Thursday, March 16 at the Andy Sharkey Gallery and Carol Grant Decorative Arts, 510 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-6770 for information.

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the contract, took a leave of absence from school and turned from student to professional dancer as he got on the airplane to meet up with the Fosse cast in Pittsburgh.

"One day I was a student; the next I was performing with some of Mr. Fosse's original dancers. It was great," he said.

His temporary contract ends April 2. Burrell doesn't know if he'll be returning to school or continuing with the show.

"It's a hard show for the dancers," he explained. "Sometimes they only stay on for six months, then they leave. I realize I've been given a chance so many dancers would love to have."

Burrell said he's done his fair share of auditions in New York that didn't pan out. He even auditioned for the Broadway production of Fosse.

He thinks his summer work with Reinking and Gwen Ver-

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Mark Burrell
—young dancer

don, who made a name for herself as a dancer on Broadway and in feature films often choreographed by Fosse, helped him out. He worked with them in the Broadway Theater Project.

Burrell realized what a lucky professional break he's had.

"Being with Fosse, with the people, being there in the moment, learning from all these great people. I am so lucky," Burrell added. "And so lucky to be able to dance on my home stage."

Holmes from page E1

Gaum of Bloomfield Hills), who has in her possession important documents.

Madge Larrabee (Diana McClain of Rochester) and James Larrabee (Christopher Crossen) are interested in the expensive documents and they lure Professor Moriarty (Tom D'Agostino of Bloomfield Hills) to their team.

Sidney Prince (Stephen Leonard) is the go-between and one of the play's funniest characters, trying to arrange the heist.

"He's a 'bumbling criminal,' a real comic," Wittlinger said.

Holmes' humor comes across more subtly, but Wittlinger hopes, just as entertaining. For instance there's the time Holmes announces he hears a knock at

the door before the actual knock.

"I hope it's a funny part — if not I've made a mistake," he said. "It accentuates his observational abilities that we've all read about."

Wittlinger said he likes directing and acting the same because he gets different rewards from each.

"I certainly don't do it for the money," he said. "It's not a pay proposition. I get enjoyment and a sense of accomplishment when acting because you're building a character. As director, you get to interpret the show in the way it should be artistically created."

The play has a family twist.

Ashley Gaum, who plays Alice, and Lorne Gaum, who plays Billy, a teenage errand runner, are the children of co-producer Stephanie Yashinsky.

Stephanie Yashinsky is married to Wayne Yashinsky, who plays Dr. Watson.


"There's nothing better for the family than theater," co-producer Maureen Cook of Bloomfield Hills said. "It's a unique experience for them. It's a fabulous cast and we've got a lot of new, young members which is exciting."

There also is a family connection to acting in Wittlinger's family, though not for this play.

His 25-year-old son David, who lives in Colorado, acts on the side. Ironically, he played a lawyer in his most recent play. Wife Diane and daughter Kristine are more content to watch.

"I gave him some tips (on how to play a lawyer)," the elder Wittlinger said, laughing. "I'm not sure he took them."

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Patsy from page E1

And there's the hokey, down-home sensibility delivered over the top from a script dripping in sentimentality.

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The recitation of a letter written by Cline to her adoring fan captures the down-home realism of the country star. She is a mother who misses her kids when she's on the road, and a wife with ambivalent feelings for her husband.

Even in her letter, Cline's voice is pure and filled with a melodic anguish.

Before Hank Williams and Cline, country music was yodeling and the streaming melodies of bluegrass. Williams helped to re-craft country songs. And few

can compare to Cline's indelible voice, touched with a haunting sense of longing and sexiness.

Long before Shania exposed her navel and Dolly showed that her bountiful bosom matched her prodigious talent, Cline's smooth delivery was leading country music in a new direction.

In the medley that opens the second act, Cline impersonator Jessica Welch hits the mark. She balances the distinctive style of Cline with her own winsome interpretation in nailing "Crazy." And then, in a tender moment, Welch offers a glimpse at her own talent in delivering the emotionally wrought of the lullaby, "Through the Eyes of a Child."

Always...Patsy Cline is a feel-good show. Tap your feet, clap your hands. And above all, appreciate the down-home honesty of the music.

If the King can live on, so can Patsy.

Chagall from page E1

"The way the *Arabian Nights* were always told to us started with Shehrazad" says Alrawi, recalling how the stories were framed for him as a child in the words of the tales' narrator, a woman named Shehrazad.

"It's just like 'Once Upon a Time,'" Alrawi explains. The only difference is Shehrazad tells all the stories, and her efforts, like those of Chagall's lover, win her the heart of the listener, King Shahrayar.

■ 'A lot of Chagall's dialogue (in the play) is actually taken from his letters.'

Karim Alrawi
—playwright

That "happily-ever-after" story is not often explored in interpretations of the *Arabian Nights*, but it's the one Alrawi wished to highlight. Once more, it could be superbly drawn out in the real development of love between Chagall and Virginia.

"A lot of Chagall's dialogue (in the play) is actually taken from his letters. I felt that he was a very passionate person who believed deeply in the redemptive power of love," Alrawi says, describing his play as a journey into three worlds: Chagall and Virginia in the present; the whirling, free, fantastical landscape of the *Arabian Tales*; and Chagall in the past, coming to terms with loss.

While Chagall's *Arabian Nights* captures Alrawi's convictions about the power of storytelling, it also transports the audience into a mystical world through imaginative scenery and special effects, including a cast of magical creatures played by larger-than-life puppets, from a grouchy genie to a flying stallion.

Alrawi aimed to present a play suitable for both adults and children. He took on the task of creating a play for families after speaking with Meadow Brook audiences about their interests following performances. A need for family entertainment consistently came up in the conversations.

While Alrawi first considered staging *Alice in Wonderland*, he realized his *Chagall's Arabian Nights* could be modified for the purpose.

After all, says Alrawi, "the *Arabian Nights* are a collection of fairy tales in the same way the Brothers Grimm stories are a collection of fairy tales."

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Family ties

Mother-daughter act priceless in 'Cheaper by the Dozen'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Beth Gryniewicz could use some of the time management techniques Frank Gilbreth Sr. uses in *Tinderbox Productions'* "Cheaper by the Dozen." It's been a grueling week for the Walled Lake Western graduate and her 5 1/2-year-old daughter Elyse. The mother-daughter duo are rehearsing two productions for *Tinderbox* at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The first, "Cheaper by the Dozen," opened March 11. Gryniewicz's 4 1/2-year-old daughter Lindsey joins mom and Elyse on stage in *Tinderbox's* "The Little Princess" opening in April.

"It's crazy because we're rehearsing two productions at the same time," said Beth Gryniewicz. "The most difficult part for Elyse is all those late night rehearsals. Sometimes rehearsal doesn't end until 9:15 p.m. She brings her pajamas and puts them on before she leaves for home, but she's enjoying it. To her it's playing and going to play with her friends."

Based on a true story written by two of the children, "Cheaper by the Dozen" follows the Gilbreth family through its daily routine. An industrial time-motion expert, Frank Sr. shows children how to shave seconds from buttoning a vest by doing it from the bottom up. Originally released as a film by 20th Century Fox in 1950, "Cheaper by the Dozen" starred Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy.

Gryniewicz plays Mrs. Fitzgerald, the Gilbreths' housekeeper.

"She gets to do all the dishes and housekeeping for the 12 kids," said Gryniewicz. "Her character is very much like Alice of the *Brady Bunch*. My favorite line is, 'Lincoln freed the slaves - all but one.'"

Set in the 1920s pre-flapper era, "Cheaper by the Dozen" is a laugh-a-minute with dad, the efficiency expert, showing the kids the proper way to take a bath. Not fond of popu-

If you're going

What: *Tinderbox Productions* presents "Cheaper by the Dozen"

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19

Where: Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit

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lar culture, Frank Sr. balks at his daughters wearing lipstick and rouge.

"It's funny and a wonderful family story," said Gryniewicz. "The three oldest girls are teenagers and boy crazy. They want to wear perfume and silk stockings. It's a good history lesson about how life and culture have changed."

Elyse may not have the premise for the play quite right but she's having a good time. One of the favorite sayings by Frank Sr. is that everything, candy or kids, comes cheaper by the dozen.

"It's a story about how it's cheaper to buy a dozen kids than to buy one or two kids," said Elyse.

This is Elyse's fourth time on the Masonic stage. She's been acting since age 4. Previous roles in *Tinderbox Productions'* "Once Upon a Shoe," "Annie" and the "Ted Sullivan Variety Show" prepared the All Saints' kindergartner for a speaking part as one of the Gilbreth children.

Gryniewicz previously acted at Walled Lake Western and Michigan Technological University, where she had roles in "Cabaret" and "The Pajama Game."

In addition to playing the housekeeper, Gryniewicz is also cueing the sound just like she did in high school. After graduating from college, she went back to the high



Mother-daughter duo: Elyse (left) and Beth Gryniewicz perform in *Tinderbox Productions'* "Cheaper by the Dozen."

school to teach chemistry and coach the cheerleaders. She also worked with the drama department there, cueing the sound.

Family affair

Father and daughter team Rich and Mara Bezerko of Farmington Hills also have small parts in the production.

Rich is a little nervous because this is his first time on stage even though he watched daughter Elizabeth play the lead role in *Tinderbox's* "Annie" earlier this year.

"I only have five lines as the doctor giving the father bad news about his health, but it's scary."

Local bands get exposure

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Last year, more than 300 artists entered the contest. Winners included Sister Seed, The Atomic Numbers, Jimi Rutherford and Keri Noble. To be eligible for this year's competition, musicians must enter before Friday, March 31.

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- Finalists will be announced May 1.

The competition between eight finalists will be held Wednesday, May 24 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Each finalist will perform a 10-minute live set. A panel of judges from the local entertainment scene will then choose three winners to open for various artists throughout the 2000 concert season. Those national artists are yet to be determined.

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MACOMB CENTER: Betty Buckley, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (\$33, \$29 students/seniors); "Victor/Victoria," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the center, Clinton Township. \$32, \$29 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222

COLLEGE

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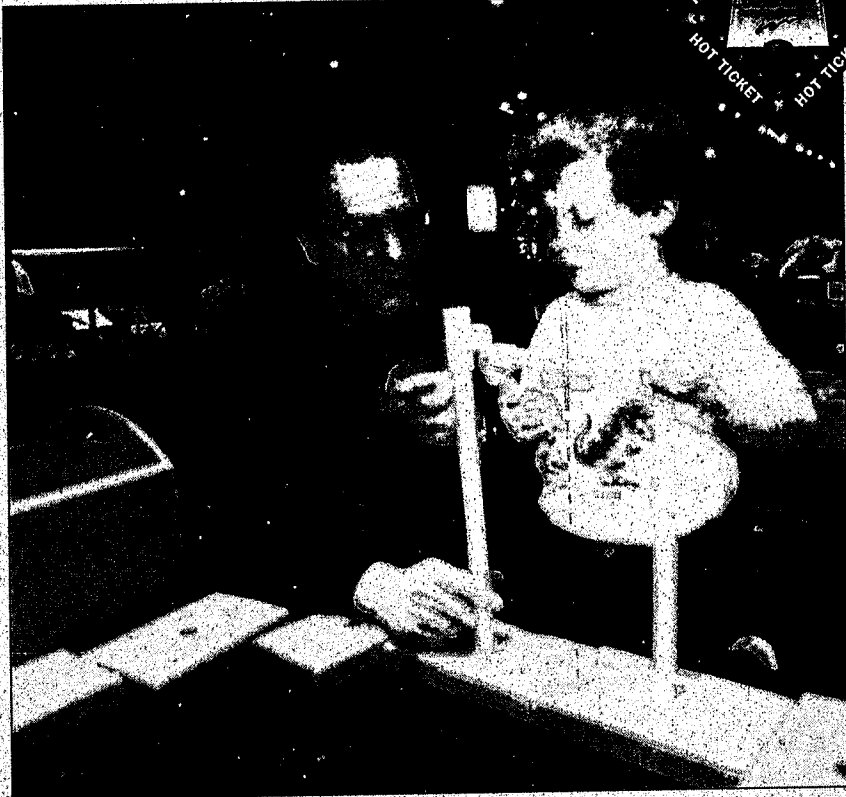
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PHOTO SEMINAR: Canton photographer Ted Nelson is one of the presenters at the 37th annual Photo Seminar Friday-Sunday, March 24-26 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Advance registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. (248) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION: 8 a.m. Friday, March 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Includes Irish music by Kelly Griner and Westside Steve, bag pipes, corned beef and cabbage dinners, Irish stew. No cover. (734) 427-0622

FAMILY EVENTS

MIZ ROSIE THE STORYTELLER: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

2 OF A KIND: Music program by David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans for children; 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 763-TKTS

BENEFITS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozero, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (734) 764-2538

ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL OF SONG: Concert of music by Brahms, Schumann and Wagner, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

ATLANTIS TRIO: Perform chamber works, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

BACH RECITAL SERIES: By James Kibble 4 p.m. Sunday March 26, 3:30 p.m. informal talk, in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0583

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring DSO violinist Emmanuelle Bolsvert in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Orchestra Hall. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

WILLIAM DOPPMAN: The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: Celebrates the music of J.S. Bach, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-2538

MINNEAPOLIS GUITAR QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring accordionist Peter Soave and the Our Lady of Good Counsel choir, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18; 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika VanderVelde. Afterglow hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112.

THOMAS QUASTHOFF: The German baritone sings the music of Brahms, Liszt, Debussy and Ravel, 8 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (734) 764-2538

ZHIHUA TANG: The pianist performs 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

POP/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

SWING CRAZE: Marcus Belgrave's Parkwood Records All-Stars with guests Charlie Gabriel, Pee Wee Matese and Susan Chastain, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (519) 944-9798

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 students/seniors, \$25 a family. (248) 424-9022

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fund-raising, marketing and promotion activities. For description/requirements or application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Deadline Sunday, March 19 for students of voice, piano and all band and orchestral instruments to audition for 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the college's music department, competition culminates in performances on April 9 for cash prizes. Call (734) 462-4403.

SECOND CITY-DETROIT: Casting call for experienced performers (Equity and non-Equity) by appoint-

ment only Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29, at Second City, Detroit. (313) 471-3453 by Friday, March 24 to schedule.

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, bring 3-5 minutes of prepared material, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford. (313) 531-0554. Performance dates May '06.

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for children ages 6-10 for roles of ring bearer and flower girl, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 20-21, at the Village Players, Birmingham. (248) 745-8668

JAZZ

VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

JANET TENAI: 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Johnny Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22; with saxophonist Larry Nozero 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room; waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

SUNNY WILKINSON & THE SISTERS IN JAZZ: B'Jazz vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham.

CHORAL

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR: Salute to the Emerald Isle features Irish ballads and folk tunes, and "A Little Bit of Heaven" which includes 20th century choral gems from Ireland and Scotland, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Greektown. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 882-0118

GOSPEL

BROTHERS KEEPER: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. \$5 advance, \$8 at door. (734) 332-9153

WORLD MUSIC

LUKA BLOOM: The Irish guitarist performs 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

CELTIC FIDDLE FEST: Featuring Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50; (734) 763TKTS

GROUPA: Swedish folk musicians perform 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

ANNE HILLS: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

RFD BOYS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-2077

SARA HICKMAN: 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Charles Baxter and Michael Zadoorian, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.ymca-artsdetroit.org

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 428-0241

DANCE FESTIVAL: Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival, faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Bonstelle Theatre (\$15); Michigan Choreographers' Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Detroit Opera House, (\$20); and Festival Gala Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre (\$15).

\$40 for all 3 concerts. (313) 577-4273

SWING DANCING: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (3 p.m. lesson), at The Amber House, Warren. \$6 Michigan Swing Dance Association members, \$8 non-members. (248) 926-5485 or www.MSDA.org

TERNO: Play Beautiful Music by the original gypsy song & dance ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Fitzgerald High School Auditorium, Ryan Road and Nine Mile, Warren. \$25. (313) 874-2242/(313) 562-6640/(248) 689-3636

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Norm Stulz with other funny people 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18; and Kirk Noland with a live phone show 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Blake Clark, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18; Pete Geprge, also Michael Jr., Wednesday-Saturday, March 22-25, at the club above Kicker's, All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Ruben-Ruben Thursday-Sunday, March 16-19, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Jimmy Shubert, also Mark Knipe, Thursday-Saturday March 16-18; Mark Britten, also Ryan Ridley, Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at 10:30 p.m. the 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, Call (248) 645-6666 or visit online at www.ticketmaster.com

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HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Family days continue at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oaklaid University campus, Rochester, \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609

LORI AMEY: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. 21 and over. (248) 828-2825

MARC ANTHONY: Rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

ASTRAL PROJECT: 9 and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310

ATOMIC NUMBERS: CD release party, with Six Clips and The Mood Elevators (formerly The Neptunes), 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Magic Bag, \$6. (248) 544-3030

BARBARA BARRETT: Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over.

BLACKTHORN: Noon Friday, March 17, Copley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666

BLUE CAT: 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BLUE ROSE: Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Mill Street Bar and Grill, Pontiac. (248) 548-6189 or www.bluerose.luma.com

BRANDED: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, Westland. \$6. branded@hotmail.com

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150; Sunday, March 26, Dick O'Dows, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

JAMES BROWN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. \$25-\$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket office or Ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-coacert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$150. (734) 647-2278

JOE BROWN: 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 313.JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

TERRY CALLIER: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

CAT POWER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

TRACY CHAPMAN: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CLOUD NINE: With Superaction, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734)

996-8555.

PAULA COLE: With Wanda, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

LISA CUNNINGHAM: Saturday, March 18, Wednesday, March 22, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5.21 and over. (248) 305-5856

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-47.50. (433) 1515

DEATHGIRL.COM: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: With The Flow, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

DEITY: With Busy Signal, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

DJ CASH MONEY: 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666

D.O.C.: With Powerface, MOC and Diegrinder, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

GLEN EDDY BAND: Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Alibi, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2018

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (248) 648-6666

ELIZA: 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Muldoon's, Auburn Hills. www.elizaband.com

ETHOS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

THE FASTBACKS: With Hello's Belles, 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. 18 and older. (313) 977-9700 (power pop)

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance, \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

FEW AND FAR BETWEEN: With Inside 5 Minutes, 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, 313.JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

ARETHA FRANKLIN: Performs the National Anthem, 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 10, Palace of Auburn Hills.

FUNKTELLIGENCE: With The Brothers Groove, Saturday, March 18, Cross Street Station, Ypsilanti. (731) 485-5050

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666

GOV'T MULE: Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Ticket information to come

GROOVE COLLECTIVE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

GUSTER: With Lura and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

DIAGLECT RECORD RELEASE: With DJs Ryan Hines, Derrick Ramirez, Mike Ransom and Mike Santiago, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Science, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146

DJ HARDWARE: With DJs Charles Flask and Dustin, 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, Science, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 28, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

H2O: With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance/\$12 day of show. (248) 645-6666

IMPACT 7: Thursday, March 23, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. (248) 305-5856

JILL JACK: With Jason Fisher, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. Children 12 and under free. (248) 399-3948

JAZZHEAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

JOLLY RANCHER ROCK TOUR WITH PETER SEARCY: Guests Neve and Frankie Machine, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT

THE JUDDS: With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.

JORMA KAUKONEN: With Michael Falzarano, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (248) 645-6666

SEAN KELLY AND ROB SOMERS OF THE SAMPLES: 9:30 p.m. Monday, March 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$12. (248) 645-6666

MICHAEL KNOTT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302

KORN: With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666

ALLISON KRAUSS AND UNION STATION: Featuring Jerry Douglas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$19.50-\$26. (248) 645-6666

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9900

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BIRD OF PARADISE: 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

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'Ghost Dog' delivers atmosphere, lacks direction

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Talk is cheap and viewers don't get a lot from Ghost Dog, the samurai warrior-assassin-car thief in the movie by the same name.

Instead we get music videos, which serve as glimpses into the life and samurai philosophy of this hired gun, as he inhabits the streets anonymously, like a shadow or an idea, stealing a car here and shooting a Mafioso there.

Instead of being revealing, the glimpses are like those from inside a passing car at night; we witness them, but they quickly disappear, too subtle and too

quick to draw us in.

"Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai," from independent film maker Jim Jarmusch, juxtaposes the moral codes of the Mafia and the samurai warrior.

Ghost Dog, played by Forest Whitaker, best known for his role as the British soldier/hostage in "The Crying Game," is an assassin who lives in a homemade shack on top of a roof and sleeps with several dozen pigeons fluttering about him.

In addition to effortlessly stealing BMWs and Cadillacs with a computerized device, he works for Louie, a small-time mobster, to whom he has pledged his eternal loyalty after Louie

rescued him from being beaten in an alley years ago. Ghost Dog receives his assignments from Louie by carrier pigeon and this time the assignment is to whack Handsome Frank, a "made" man.

When Ghost Dog shows up to do the job, Louise, the daughter of the family's head, who also happens to be Frank's lover, is present and witnesses the hit. The detached young woman hardly blinks an eye, instead giving Ghost Dog a copy of "Rashomon," a paperback that becomes a symbol of the passing on of samurai values.

Upon hearing his daughter was present, Louise's father informs Louie that Ghost Dog must go. Louie explains that he

is no ordinary assassin and that he presented himself to Louie four years after the alley attack but the family is undeterred. It's Ghost Dog or Louie.

After Louie informs him of this, noting that they'll probably both be killed anyway, Ghost Dog takes matters into his own hands, killing most of the family, including Louise's father, while she watches cartoon animals clobber each other to sound effects, from the other room.

Besides bumping into the occasional kindred spirit, like Louise, Ghost Dog finds camaraderie in a French-African immigrant who speaks no English and sells ice cream from a truck in the park. Although the two men cannot communicate verbally, they possess an intuitive understanding which has them saying the same things, in different languages, simultaneously.

One of the few times Ghost Dog shows any emotion whatsoever is when he sees a handgun tucked into the belt of the wide-eyed ice cream vendor, which he confiscates.

In the end, the struggle between the family and the samurai comes down to a western-style confrontation between Louie and Ghost Dog and between each man and his respective code of honor.

What's missing from this film is context. There's no sense of time or place. And more importantly, there's no real sense of



ABDOTT GENSER

Samurai way: Forest Whitaker is Ghost Dog, a contract killer who lives by the 18th century warrior text "Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai."

why Ghost Dog has chosen to embrace the rigid ideals of the samurai code and isolate himself from society.

There are hints, however.

Ghost Dog nods in acknowledgment to his counterparts, gang members and rappers in the park, but he does not consort with them. There is little doubt left in viewer's minds that racism was a significant factor leading up to Ghost Dog's choice of violent occupations. Whitaker gives a memorable performance, appearing humbled and haunted

by the grisly occupation he has been forced to perform.

What this film delivers in atmosphere, it lacks in direction. We need to know more about what happened or didn't happen in Ghost Dog's life that brought him here.

Or we need to know more about how the samurai philosophy fills the gaping holes of society with bravery, loyalty and discipline. Without either, we're somewhat bored in a film that is soulful but slow, moody but detached from its audience.

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Branded aims to make its mark on metro Detroit

Somewhere between the crazed Korn and Limp Bizkit fans and teeny-bopper sensations The Backstreet Boys and N'Sync lies a middle ground. In Western Wayne County that middle ground is marked by the music of Branded. Bringing in their new-style punk and a bundle of ballads sure to make young girls swoon, the band officially relocated from its native Lake City to the Detroit area last year. Still getting used to the new digs, three brothers Jason (vocals) and Shane Bergeron (guitar), Robert Barch (drums) and their friend Bill Chesney (bass) have dropped their horn section to return to the rock-infested roots. Together

since 1997, the musicians have grown together and finally released their debut, "Jump Start" on Goldtooth Records. Branded will kick off the CD's debut oh-so-appropriately when they open for Howling Diablos, St. Patrick's Day at Redford's Bullfrog Bar and Grill. While the band wouldn't say what they had in store for audiences, words like "choreographed" and "adrenaline" were tossed about during a recent interview. Jason Bergeron, lead vocalist and Canton resident, said the band's strength lies in the close ties the musicians have with each other and their manager, Dave Perrine. "We're really, really tight right now," he said. Bergeron joined the band when he returned from the Navy. The moniker was derived from the brand of his initials the singer made on his left arm. He said working with family

and friends only amplifies the musical benefits. "When we write music, we're always on the same wavelength... I couldn't have another guitar player." Perrine's devotion to the band is just as strong. A Schoolcraft College graduate, he began promoting them while still in college. Perrine hasn't looked back since. "I believe in their music so much, I won't stop until they are successful." Branded's music appeals to a younger audience, mostly teenagers. That means that the response at Pharo's Golden Cup in Westland has been overwhelming. The band only wishes more venues catered to a younger crowd. If the Backstreet Boys can do it, why not Branded? The band - whose members mostly reside in Westland - has nudged near local success, winning four battle of the bands con-

tests to date and snagging the opening spot for Alice Cooper at the 1998 Michigan State Fair. Bergeron recalled the wild response Branded received at a middle school benefit: "Fourteen and 15-year old girls were screaming. Everyone was coming up and asking for an autograph." Having achieved notoriety in Lake City, Branded hopes to replicate and surpass that success here. The band is counting on songs like "When I'm Away," "Locked Out" and "Junkie" to help them gain such recognition. Check out Branded opening for Howling Diablos, 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, The BullFrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477. Buy "Jump Start" at all Desirable Disc and Dearborn Music locations, Rock of Ages in Garden City, Repeat the Beat in Plymouth and Record Collectors in Livonia.



Branded: Bill Chesney, Shane Bergeron, Robert Barch and Jay Bergeron are ready to rock this St. Patrick's Day. Check out branded.ontheweb.nu.

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Third Eye Blind's feeling 'Blue' on tour

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA, STAFF WRITER
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Arion Salazar speaks in a deep tone, with the sounds of Japanese music filling in the telephone line Thursday afternoon, March 2. He calls me "grasshopper" and says he's in his hotel room in Las Vegas. But before he can pull off any more of the interview in that pseudo-throaty tone, Salazar laughs and admits he's stumbled upon music on some strange cable station. One-fourth of California's best-known Bay Area alternative band, Third Eye

'We're usually not what we seem.'
Arion Salazar
Third Eye Blind
Blind, he's in great spirits, just beginning to tour in support of 3EB's sophomore Elektra Records release, "Blue." Observer & Eccentric: How's the tour going? Arion Salazar: "The tour is going well. Last night was the first night. It's great. The Muffs are opening for us for the first two shows. They are one of my favorite bands. That has added to the excitement. They have just been my favorite for years." O&E: To what do you attribute Third Eye Blind's success? Arion Salazar: "I'd like to think we write good songs. I think we're a great rock and roll band. I'm kind of close to it, too close to it. I don't know. The music we make is something we can be proud of. I think most of the time when an artist puts out something real, it translates." O&E: Being such radio darlings, how did you approach recording the new album, "Blue." Arion Salazar: "We put time constraints on ourselves. We jammed through it. We didn't want to labor over it. It has a fresh, raw feel. The other thing we did differently, (there were) no boundaries as far as instrumentation. We used different



On Stage: Third Eye Blind, is (left to right) Arion Salazar, Kevin Cadogan, Stephan Jenkins and Brad Hargreaves

instruments like sitars, keyboards, strings, a boy's choir. We wanted to go off and use as many different textures as we had the opportunity to. It was the most fun I've had in the studio." O&E: Do you have a favorite track on the album? Arion Salazar: "I really like '10 Days Late' (it's bound to be the next single off of "Blue" and Salazar co-wrote it). It has a theremin (a wood and metal high-pitched instrument) on it. These songs really are fresh to us. I think lots of songs come across as meant to play live." O&E: What's the significance of the title, other than the fact that it's my favorite color? Arion Salazar: "It's my favorite color, too. We had a stupid name for it, 'Guardians of the Universe.' If you look at the cover, it's like we're superheroes. When we were making the tunes, for a minute (we were

going to name it after) a defensive chess move. It was so stupid... It's a bit too brainiac. Why don't we just call it 'Blue?' It's neutral." O&E: The title suggests something sad, or moody, but the album isn't that way at all. Arion Salazar: "We're usually not what we seem. The sound we have is usually one way on the surface. In that way, I think (it) refers to the band." O&E: What can Third Eye Blind fans expect this time around when they catch you at Detroit's State Theatre? Arion Salazar: "To get rocked... We have a 60-foot inflatable ant-eater." O&E: You're kidding about the ant-eater, right. Arion Salazar: "Yeah. We're super-excited to come to Detroit." Third Eye Blind performs with guests Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit.

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BEATING OUT

To the rescue

Prentice group hired to take over failed Star Theatre eateries

BY ALICE RHEIN
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A healthy economy, bad timing and poor planning were to blame for the decision earlier this month by New York-based Ark Restaurant Corp. to bail out of the Star Theatre in Southfield, closing two restaurants and abandoning two still under construction, according to a local restaurateur.

"Ark made some very big mistakes. They are very strong in New York and Las Vegas, but they don't know the Detroit market and didn't do their homework," said Matt Prentice, of Unique Restaurant Corp., which signed a deal Friday with the Star Southfield multiplex to take over and manage the restaurants.

Prentice's group was approached to operate the restaurants during the project's planning stages, but at the time, told the theater it had no interest.

Prentice, who owns nearly a dozen local restaurants including Morels in Bingham Farms and Northern Lakes Seafood in Bloomfield Hills, agreed to the Star's proposal after Ark failed to meet its obligations as owner and operator of Volcano Grill, Z-Dim, Fat Anthony's and

Starlight Brewery.

Through much media wooing, but very little marketing to the public, Volcano Grill opened in December, followed by Z-Dim in early January of this year.

But even early on, there were problems. Staff was difficult to attract, in part because of the low unemployment rate, and also because few in the service industry were looking to switch jobs during the height of the holiday season.

But Prentice said it was Ark's mistaken philosophy of "what works in New York will work in Detroit" that brought the restaurants to a swift close. "Z-Dim, with its wild screens and dim sum, was very cool, but I knew this would never work. It wasn't Detroit. A friend even said it was too weird for SoHo," he said.

Plus, people in this area don't think of the theater as a restaurant. It's a whole mindset that Prentice doesn't think was taken into consideration. Ark did not return calls for comment placed to its New York office.

But Prentice said the restaurant group paid dearly, estimating that Ark spent \$14 million on the failed venture.

"It was a pretty big mistake," he said.

Under Prentice's management

agreement, the new venture won't cost him anything but a lot of hard work. He says finding employees once all the restaurants are ready to open will be his biggest obstacle.

"I'm going to need 300 people. That's the only thing that worries me," he said.

Plans are to keep Volcano Grill's southwestern theme, though the menu will be retooled, according to Prentice. But dramatic changes are in the works for Z-Dim, he added.

"That will become Mash, a restaurant focused on mashed potatoes which are very popular with Detroiters," said Prentice.

He is also looking into ditching the bizarre screen art and showing famous comedy clips instead.

"We are going to focus on entertainment. We will have live entertainment at Volcano Grill and comedy at Mash," he said.

And after construction is complete, the Italian restaurant, Cosmo's Pizza, Pasta & Brew, will have family fun including clowns and kid-friendly food. The brew pub will offer a sports bar atmosphere.

No opening dates have been set, but Prentice hopes to have Volcano Grill up and running within a few weeks, with the rest to follow.



All show: When Z-Dim (photos above and at right) opened in early January with its wild video screens and dim sum cuisine, it drew lots of media attention but was unable to attract a steady customer base.



BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

Golden Mushroom tabs Paint Creek's Emert as new executive chef

New head toques at area restaurants: On board this week as Golden Mushroom's new head toque is Randy Emert, formerly executive chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

Former executive chef and member of the U.S. Culinary Team Derin Moore resigned this position at the Golden Mushroom to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club.

"Chef Randy will continue the quality reputation that Chef Milos Cihelka first brought to the Golden Mushroom," owner Reid Ashton said. "It's also important that the Golden Mushroom

continues as a training facility for area chefs. With his approach and management skills, Chef Randy has this leadership ability."

Chef Randy said: "I look forward to the challenge of maintaining and building the reputation of the Golden Mushroom. It's exciting for me to be able to return to classic foods such as terrines and foie gras. They're offered at other restaurants, but seldom ordered. This is what diners come to eat at the Golden Mushroom."

Norm LePage, who manages Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant,

announced that Scott Ryan is the new executive chef. He is an Oakland Community College culinary grad with advanced training at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. He was a 1996 Michigan Culinary Team apprentice and former executive Sous Chef at Country Club of Detroit.

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Looks like you paint new frame

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

The condominium messed up my window frame when they "repaired" it. I asked if there was something they could do, and they put a wood molding around the window. The bylaws say the owner is responsible for decorative painting. Must I paint

the whole window?

You may be responsible for painting the wood molding. It all depends upon your condominium documents.

If the damage to your window was occasioned by a defect in the common elements, you may have a claim against the association.

Get a knowledgeable attorney to review your condominium documents.

I had some roof leaks. The management company replaced the plaster and paid for a painter.

Now it is happening again, but the management company is saying they will only fix the plaster. I will have to pay for the painter. Must I pay for a painter?

If the damage to your unit was occasioned by a defect in the common elements, most condominium documents make the association responsible for incidental damage to your unit -- which would include the painting, particularly if the repair to the roof wasn't done properly.

Consult with an attorney to review your condominium documents.

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- SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- APPLIANCES INCLUDED?
- PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



HELEN FURCEAN

What a slob

Messy neighbors can hurt home sale

Your house is ready for sale and you've touched all the bases. It's neat and clean inside and out. Mechanical and structural systems have been updated.

Then there's the house next door or across the street. Those folks aren't going anywhere and the place looks it.

Dog poop and papers litter the yard. The high grass has gone to seed. A clunker of an automobile that barely runs leaks oil in the street out front.

Could be trouble for the seller. Listen to Wallace Mays, a Realtor with Century 21 Gold House in Canton.

"I've had buyers who didn't buy when they saw that," he said. "They said, 'I don't want to live next to someone like that.' When they tell me that, I say, 'Let's go on to the next one.'"

The only time Mays had a seller who lived near a slob, he said the seller made noises like he was going to cut the lawn of the fellow across the street. Mays doesn't recall whether his client actually followed through.

"I've heard of cases where people have cleaned up the neighbor's yard. They're not going to do repairs, but picking up garbage, cleaning up dog poop -- yeah," Mays said.

But to avoid prosecution on trespassing laws or risking a violent confrontation, get permission first before embarking on a do-it-yourself attack, Realtors say.

Perhaps a chat with your neighbor -- if you're on good terms -- would be

enough to get the ball rolling. People get busy and, over time, can get used to unkempt conditions.

Peggy Ludwig, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Shooltz in Oxford, suggests an alternative that recently worked for her.

"One I just closed had a rental next door," she said. "I suggested they put up a privacy fence to cover up the eyesore."

That may be fine for the country, but you'll probably need municipal approval in more developed suburbs. And privacy fences usually aren't allowed at all by deed restrictions in newer communities.

But those deeds may hold the answer.

"Most subs have covenants that protect people," said Zena Weimer, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Rochester. "They can't repair cars in driveways and can't store recreational vehicles, boats in the yard."

So take it up with your association. Maybe it will intervene directly with the slovenly neighbor or allow a natural screen with shrubs, bushes and trees at the property line. Again, check the association documents.

Ludwig suggests another possible action based on a different set of circumstances.

"Especially in situations where someone doesn't seem capable -- if they're older or a widow -- you might want to get the names and numbers of some kids in the neighborhood they might

want to hire to do the work," Ludwig advised.

"There might be churches nearby with youth groups willing to rake leaves or do some cleanup," she added.

When push comes to shove, your best friend may be the local municipal ordinance officer.

Douglas Popadines, who serves that role in Garden City, speaks for his compatriots.

"Call us," he said. "We go out and check. We give them a warning. If they don't comply, then we issue a violation. At least 75 percent or higher will comply with a warning. Our thing is to get compliance, not write tickets."

"You get a bigger hassle with violations than moving (traffic) violations," Popadines said. "Some figure it's our property, we pay taxes, we can do whatever we want. On a non-licensed vehicle (storage), they might not be aware. Debris is kind of a judgment thing for us."

But when all is said and done, nothing may be done next door or at such a slow or uneven pace as to not make much of a difference.

"Sellers resources are definitely limited," Weimer said. "It's not something you can control. They can only speak to the neighbor, go through the township (or city government), then they have to adjust the price."

That's why it pays -- figuratively and literally -- to develop a rapport with your neighbors. If you can.

Condo is a lot like a house

MORTGAGE UPDATE



DAVID C. MULLY

Part 1 of 2

Your home may be your castle, but if your castle is a condominium, you don't own it all.

When you own a home, you generally own the entire house, inside and out, as well as the property on which it sits and almost anything the zoning laws don't prohibit you from doing.

However, when it comes to a condominium, your individual ownership stretches only as far as the interior walls.

When you own a condominium, you own the interior walls of your own residence, along with external areas, including the exterior walls.

The other areas are common property that belong to the owners' association. The common property consists of the land and the framework or shell of the building, which includes hallways, stairways, elevators, recreation areas, the lobby, landscaping, and even the parking lot.

While each unit owner has a deed to his or her own condo, an owners' association that is governed by a board of directors, bylaws and covenants, and conditions and restrictions operates the condominium building.

The association has voting rules, annual meetings, maintenance fees, and also reserves or special assessments for projects such as painting the exterior of the unit buildings every seven years or so.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can become involved in condos, but only if the condos meet certain conditions.

Next week: Those qualifications

Mully's company, Mortgage Detroit, surveys area residential mortgage lenders daily. Mully's weekly mortgage column and more than 80 mortgage lender and related links appear at www.homeloanupdate.com. Mully is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan (MBAM), Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association (MMBA) and the National Association of Real Estate Editors (NAREE). To contact him call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mortgagedetroit.com.

EXISTING STOCK

Including houses, condo and apartments reported by U.S. Housing Markets in December.

AREA	Stock in millions
New York City	3.5
LA - Long Beach	3.2
Chicago	3.1
San Francisco Bay	2.6
Detroit	1.8
Atlanta	1.5
Dallas	1.3
Phoenix	1.2
Minneapolis	1.1
Tampa Bay	1.1
Cleveland	0.912
Indianapolis	0.668

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Schweitzer acquires Lakes-area office

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer has added an 18th office to its franchise with the acquisition of Coldwell Banker Lakes in Commerce Township.

"It's the right time to combine the market presence and cutting-edge technology of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer with the solid reputation and strength of Coldwell Banker Lakes," said Paul Schweitzer, president of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer.

"The Lakes office is strategically

located, has a strong presence in their local market and the sales associates have an excellent reputation for professionalism," he added.

"This coupled with our existing 600 sales associates and a presence in metro Detroit real estate for over 36 years, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate has the ability to make great things happen for local buyers and sellers in the Lakes area," Schweitzer said.

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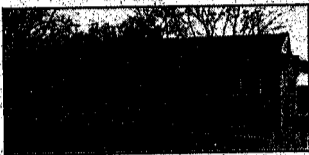


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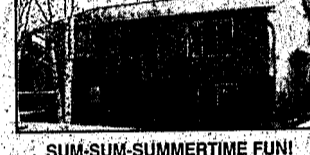
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2425 Allerton Rd \$143,000	6724 Woodbank Dr \$248,000	547 Broadway St \$263,000	812 Plaza St \$110,000	2817 Barkman St \$220,000	405 Woodstone Rd \$139,000	6208 Forest Dr \$329,000	5524 Normanhurst \$270,000	7383 Woodlone Dr \$380,000
4089 Blue Heron Dr \$347,000	5163 Woodlands Dr \$327,000	2596 Browning Dr \$462,000	803 Plaza St Unit 101 \$54,000	3084 Bay Front Ct \$266,000	West Bloomfield \$362,000	7060 Green Farm Rd \$194,000	4509 Northridge Ct \$103,000	2150 Wdr Wren Blvd \$122,000
3905 Camden Ct \$217,000	6044 Worthington Dr \$273,000	1600 Bumpy Run Blvd \$300,000	508 Springfield Dr \$228,000	1012 Boston St \$38,000	6917 Greenway Ln \$355,000	7509 Greenway Ln \$293,000	5228 Park Ridge Ct \$400,000	5373 Wright Way \$156,000
101 Chestnut Hill Dr \$E	Clarkston \$117,000	31 Burnham Ln \$500,000	308 W 2nd St \$250,000	111 Calvert St \$73,000	2815 Baylone Rd \$440,000	2102 Greendale \$168,000	7411 Pebble Pointe \$208,000	White Lake \$262,000
3001 Church Hill Rd \$75,000	6689 Andersonville Rd \$117,000	117 Franklin Wright \$233,000	4142 Wilcrest Ln \$346,000	4910 Chipman St \$134,000	2030 Bayou Dr \$413,000	5395 Hammersmith Dr \$249,000	7103 Pebblecreek Rd \$197,000	1132 Castlewood St \$239,000
2021 Derby Ct \$83,000	6737 Belmont Ct \$296,000	2833 Gemini Dr \$214,000	133 Woodward Ave \$167,000	4905 Clintonway Dr \$140,000	3315 Bloomfield Park Dr \$405,000	4239 Berkshire Dr \$224,000	3860 Pine Lake Knoll Dr \$400,000	1250 Castlewood St \$239,000
2909 Geneva Dr \$112,000	7230 Bluewater Dr # 24 \$90,000	3280 Glacier Dr \$65,000	351 Wyngate Dr \$325,000	1816 Colonial Village Wy \$57,000	7108 Branford Ct \$114,000	3297 Hartlock Wds Dr \$251,000	6710 Post Oak Dr \$258,000	10651 Cedar Island Rd \$165,000
3856 Hildale Dr \$281,000	7300 Bluewater Dr # 4 \$100,000	481 Helgins Dr \$166,000	351 Wyngate Dr \$325,000	531 Deer Path Tr \$120,000	4239 Berkshire Dr \$224,000	1710 Buena Vista Ct \$385,000	6741 Queen Anne \$395,000	500 E Onhill Dr \$220,000
5041 Leyland Ct # 18 \$269,000	7210 Bluewater Dr # 55 \$92,000	1279 Hemingway Rd \$185,000	351 Wyngate Dr \$325,000	392 Dover Rd \$107,000	5185 Cedarhurst Dr \$235,000	1836 Henbert \$110,000	6358 Rose Blvd \$410,000	8681 El Dorado Dr \$165,000
3917 Riverside Ln # 24 \$24,000	5174 Bronco Dr \$265,000	3788 Hl Crest Dr \$150,000	351 Wyngate Dr \$325,000	5785 Dwight Ave \$107,000	5300 Centerbrook Dr \$250,000	1971 Henbert Rd \$125,000	6864 Scotch Lake Dr \$101,000	9595 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$165,000
3946 Oxford W \$284,000	4210 Clarkston Rd \$345,000	7611 Highlander St \$122,000	236 Ann Maria Dr \$125,000	7767 E Oakland Mnr Dr \$209,000	6860 Chelsea Ct \$600,000	2112 Hidden Lake Dr \$100,000	4787 Trailview \$504,000	820 Hilltop Dr \$125,000
3946 Oxford W \$284,000	5410 Columbia \$135,000	3390 Hill Rd \$228,000	256 Ann Maria Dr \$125,000	7815 E Oakland Mnr Dr \$214,000	5872 Christina Dr \$282,000	7265 Katrin Dr \$25,000	5037 Village Commons Dr \$425,000	9147 Hutchins St \$91,000
3946 Oxford W \$284,000	7101 Dark Lake Dr \$118,000	2400 Indianwood Rd \$292,000	236 Ann Maria Dr \$125,000	650 E Preda Dr \$115,000	5861 Coelise Dr \$248,000	2208 Lakeshire Dr \$204,000	5109 Village Commons Dr \$62,000	1000 Round Lake Rd \$160,000
3946 Oxford W \$284,000	5496 Dayton Rd \$118,000	728 King Ct \$40,000	1935 Arthus Way \$315,000	323 Eagle Landings Ct \$164,000	4277 Crestdale Ave \$146,000	5530 Langlits St \$109,000	4170 W Newland Dr \$259,000	1046 Round Lake Rd \$107,000
3946 Oxford W \$284,000	5517 Fox Chase Ln \$187,000	414 Norfolk Rd \$139,000	1051 Ann Manor Dr \$126,000	1522 Eason Rd \$127,000	7582 Danbury Ct \$265,000	7475 Locklin \$45,000	3573 Walnut \$186,000	8767 Townsend Dr \$240,000
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ROCHESTER HILLS - Beautifully appointed custom built Bavarian Tudor with five bay windows and cul-de-sac setting. Master suite with dressing area and private bath. Multi-level deck with hot tub. \$315,000 (06OAK) 248-524-1600



FARMINGTON - Attractive three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath quad-level home with huge fenced back yard. Cozy family room with brick fireplace. Deck. Convenient location for shopping or dining. One year home warranty. \$189,000 (05LEE) 248-524-1600



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP - Beautiful country home on 3+ acres, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, Rochester schools, hardwood, large living & dining, 6 person Jacuzzi in Florida room, 9 foot basement. Includes tractor/mower. \$349,900 (10DUT) 248-652-8000



HISTORIC HOME - Gorgeous four bedroom home in Pontiac's historic Seminole Hills. French doors off foyer and den. Spacious living room with fireplace and built-ins. Completely renovated with many updates. \$183,900 (43IRO) 248-524-1600



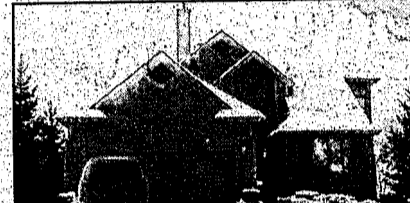
ROCHESTER HILLS - Attractive 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor in quiet cul-de-sac. Gourmet kitchen, huge master bedroom, 3 bay windows, family room with wet bar and rec room. Two-tier deck and professional landscaping. Home warranty. \$342,900 (36SHE) 248-642-8100



LAKE ORION "WOW" - A perfect 10! Four bedrooms, 2.1 baths, hardwood foyer and kitchen, dual staircase, freshly painted, custom finished garden basement. Backs to woods. Pool and sidewalk in premium sub. \$339,500 (60SEN) 248-652-8000



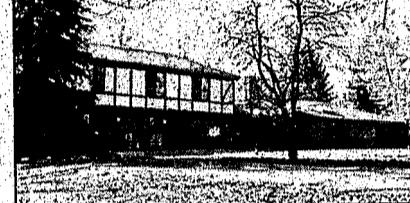
ADDISON TWP. EXECUTIVE RETREAT - Meadowbrook designed estate. Hand carved great hall beams, leaded glass windows, slate floor and roof, cedar pool-house, separate guest quarters. Completely restored. Pool and gardens. \$2,350,000 (00ARM) 248-652-8000



FARMINGTON HILLS - Gorgeous 1990 built detached condo in the Fairways of Copper Creek. Open floor plan with skylights. Walk-out basement with carpet and daylight windows. Large lot. Warranty. \$381,900 (91HC) 248-524-1600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Terrific lot showcases 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial home. Library, great room with hardwood floors, 10' ceiling and marble trimmed fireplace. \$339,900 (35MIS) 248-642-8100



APPROX. 5 ACRES IN THE HEART OF FARMINGTON HILLS - Estate sized home, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, very open, cathedral ceilings, very private wooded setting, secluded and surrounded by nature. \$640,000 (31PEA) 248-363-1200



LOWER STRAITS LAKEFRONT - Cape Cod, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, dining room, living room, family room, rec room, large deck, brick paver patio, 2 gas log fireplaces, circle drive, golf course out back, all sports private lake out front! \$699,000 (05EDG) 248-363-1200



WEST TROY - Beautiful four bedroom 1994 built Colonial on great interior lot. Two story family room with skylights. All brick front, premium elevation. Troy schools. Bemis, Boulan Park & Troy High. \$479,900 (50GRE) 248-524-1600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Five bedroom, 5 full bath Colonial on large lot with a lot of privacy. Large rooms, 2 fireplaces, central air, 2 car garage and large patio that overlooks pool area. First floor laundry and much more!! \$330,000 (30STA) 248-642-8100



SETTING OF TRANQUILITY ON approximately 1.6 acres. Brand new home in newer White Lake sub. with unfinished walk-out and distinctive custom design and finished touches. Fall completion expected. \$299,900 (19DOG) 248-363-1200

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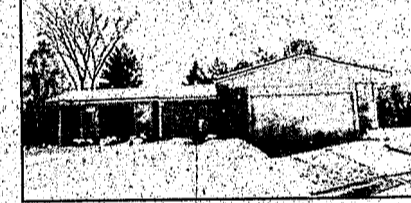
FERRDALE - Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with coved ceilings, marble sills, vinyl windows, hardwood throughout. Family room with fireplace. Partly finished basement. 2 1/2 car garage. Major updating done! \$173,800 (84TRO) 248-524-1600



OAKLAND - STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION - Rochester schools, turn-key condition, whirlpool tub, 18' ceilings, French doors, wood floors, walk-out lower level, appliances, oak cabinets, 4 bedrooms. Immediate occupancy. \$389,000 (95ELK) 248-652-8000



WOW, THESE ROOMS ARE HUGE - Well maintained home with approximately 50 feet on the canal to all sports Long Lake. \$274,900 (12GIT) 248-363-1200



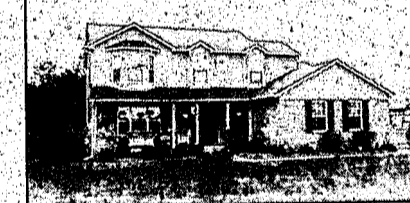
MOVE RIGHT IN! Totally updated four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick Ranch. Full basement with large rec. room, bedroom and bath. Berber carpet and parquet floors in kitchen, family and dining room. \$229,900 (22STR) 248-626-8800



TROY - Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath family Ranch in Northwest Troy. First floor laundry, partly finished basement, 2 car side entry garage. Family room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Newer furnace & central air. Deck. \$229,900 (16BON) 248-524-1600



OAKLAND HISTORIC COLONIAL - Over 3,300 square feet with heated greenhouse, parlor, library with French doors, huge formal dining room, 5 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 story barn on over 4 acres of rolling hills. \$394,500 (11LET) 248-652-8000



IMMACULATE 2 YEAR OLD - That is better than new, loaded with extras. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, living, family & dining rooms, first floor laundry, custom built-ins, jet tub & shower in master bedroom suite, air, sprinklers, covered back porch, deck, big yard, quality throughout. \$243,000 (63FOX) 248-363-1200



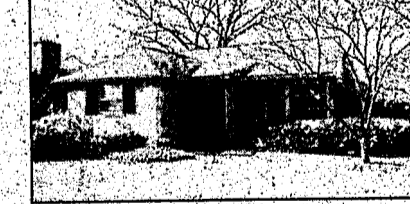
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Cape Cod in desirable Franklin Valley. Open floor plan, newly decorated, 2 way fireplace, screened porch and more. Excellent condition. Farmington schools. \$219,888 (70PEB) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Convenience of the city - beauty of the country. Three bedroom, two bath brick Ranch on large wooded lot. Family room with French door to private patio. Picturesque views. \$320,000 (70PEM) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS SHARP four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, spacious, close to schools. Features hardwood, crown moldings, central air, sprinklers, 2 tiered deck, master with full bath, walk-ins, storage. All appliances. \$354,900 (57ARB) 248-652-8000



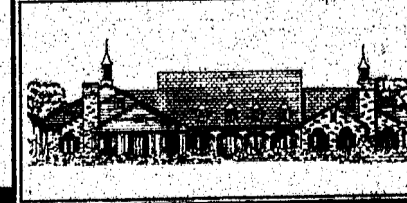
GREAT CONDITION! - Three bedroom brick Ranch with two car garage, two fireplaces, and more. Birmingham schools. Close to park. Perfect for kids. \$255,000 (17SHI) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - Three bedroom, two bath Ranch with walk-out basement. Riverview home nicely situated on approximately 2 1/2 acres. Hardwood floors. Warm and cozy. \$400,000 (33QUA) 248-626-8800



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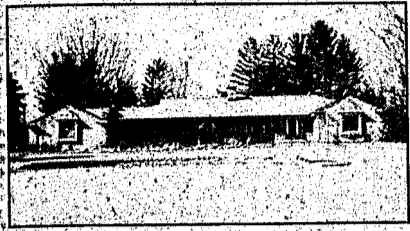


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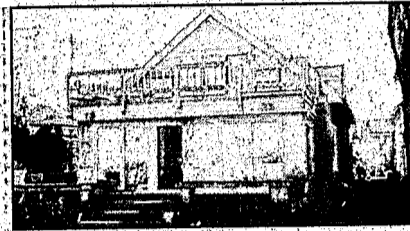


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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Country living in the City. Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on over 2.7 acres. Two fireplaces, custom kitchen and finished lower level. Scenic views and near downtown Birmingham. \$849,000 (70BRO) 248-642-8100



KEEGO HARBOR - Spectacular completely remodeled four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Contemporary on very desirable Cass Lake. Granite floors, double staircase, 2 master suites, one with fireplace. Too much to mention. \$649,000 (17CAS) 248-626-8800

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STERLING HEIGHTS - Lovely three bedroom brick Ranch with full finished basement and two car attached garage. Spacious updated kitchen. Family room with beamed cathedral ceiling and fireplace. \$177,000 (85CAL) 248-524-1600



ROYAL OAK - Lovely three bedroom brick Ranch in North Royal Oak with updated kitchen and baths. Newer windows. Hardwood floors. Finished basement with full bath. Large private lot, garage. \$179,900 (50GRO) 248-524-1600



TROY - 1977 built four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen and library. Circular staircase, oak cabinetry, first floor laundry, huge family room with gas fireplace. Master bedroom with walk-in closet, separate tub and shower. \$312,900 (19TIM) 248-524-1600



TROY - New construction with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, basement, attached garage. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, large bath and walk-in closet. Two-story foyer. Open floor plan. Troy schools. \$239,900 (95ENT) 248-524-1600



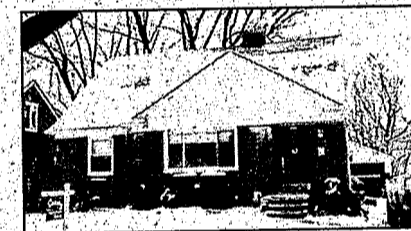
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fabulous 4 bedroom, 2 bath tri-level in wonderful West Bloomfield. Hardwood floors in all rooms, newer windows, central air, French door in living room and more. \$229,900 (74HEA) 248-626-8800



BIRMINGHAM - Four bedroom Bungalow, super floor plan with huge family room addition, remodeled kitchen with eating area. Newer furnace/central air, lovely deck and plenty of storage space. \$249,900 (97STA) 248-642-8100



SOUTHFIELD - Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with newer carpeting, ceramic tile and fresh paint. Just waiting for your family to call it "Home". Sellers motivated. \$225,000 (50MUR) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick Bungalow, artists home. Fireplace with marble front, newer white kitchen and deck. \$224,900 (66PEM) 248-642-8100



SOUTHFIELD - Four bedroom, 3 bath Ranch on beautiful ravine lot with river running through rear of property. Living room and family room with fireplace and heated Florida room with 2 car garage. \$219,900 (15ROU) 248-642-8100



FARMINGTON HILLS - Super clean 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. New front door, ceramic floor, hardwood floors, desirable kitchen & nook layout. Family room with fireplace. Includes one year home warranty. \$270,000 (35DEW) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Bright and open 4 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial contemporary. Family room, neutral, clean, well maintained, bridge overlooks great room with 2 skylights. Deep, premium lot. \$469,900 (48FAI) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Three month new 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Upgraded throughout. Custom sound system, 2 story family room, designer drapery. West Bloomfield schools. Great location! \$595,000 (72VIL) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - Stately 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath newer Tudor home. Two story foyer and living room. Outstanding master suite. Finished basement. Bay window in library. MUST SEE!! \$359,000 (37ASP) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE LAKE WOODS - Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial built in '95, city water/sewer, ceramic floors, 2 car garage. Walled Lake schools, fireplace, well landscaped with trees, great location. \$225,000 (80COM) 248-363-1200



GORGEOUS CONTEMPORARY - This home is four years young. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral decor, landscaping and sprinklers, a lot of extras. \$209,900 (42HAM) 248-363-1200



A MUST SEE - Approximately 1,900 square feet, 4 bedroom, 3 full baths, dining room, walk-in closets, skylight, 2 car attached, bay window, large laundry room, fireplace, newer roof, furnace, air, carpet & more. Call today! \$182,500 (63OTT) 248-363-1200



TWO-PLUS ACRES / CLARKSTON - Springfield Township with Clarkston schools. Three bedroom, 2 bath, great home, updates... too many to mention. Sun room, designer fireplace, all appliances included. \$174,900 (01KIN) 248-363-1200



LAKEFRONT RANCH CONDO - Lakefront Ranch unit with country charm. Three bedroom, 2 full baths, fireplace in living room, a lot of hardwood floors, great views. \$154,900 (78ASH) 248-363-1200



ROCHESTER HILLS - 3 YEARS NEW - Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath is transferee perfect. Neutral decor, 9' ceilings gives way to spacious rooms, oak kitchen with island. Master suite, family & dining room. Wooded back yard. \$319,000 (13LON) 248-652-8000



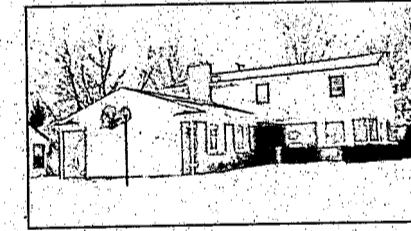
NORTH TROY OPPORTUNITY - Nice Troy 3 bedroom Ranch on lots 5 & 6. Additional lot next door is included (lot 4). Prime 236 feet of Rochester Road frontage. New master plan zoned as possible medium density. \$294,500 (63ROC) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS SPACIOUS COLONIAL - Five bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, first floor den, updated kitchen with new counters, floors, refinished cabinets, formal living room and dining room. Natural fireplace and new roof. \$253,900 (90LAN) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS GREAT FAMILY HOME - Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, family room with fireplace, central air, large formal dining room, side entry garage and several updates. \$239,900 (62HAY) 248-652-8000



SOUTHFIELD - Beautiful & updated 4-5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, fifth bedroom located in basement. Updated kitchen, first floor laundry and professionally finished basement. Note: Nice size rooms. \$218,500 (16KES) 248-642-8100



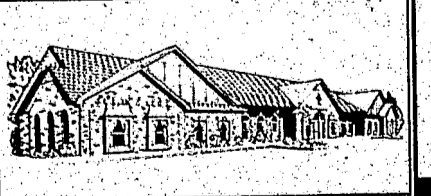
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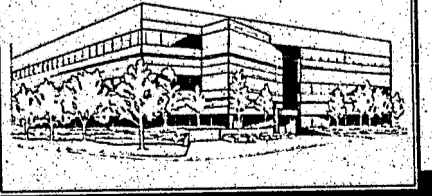
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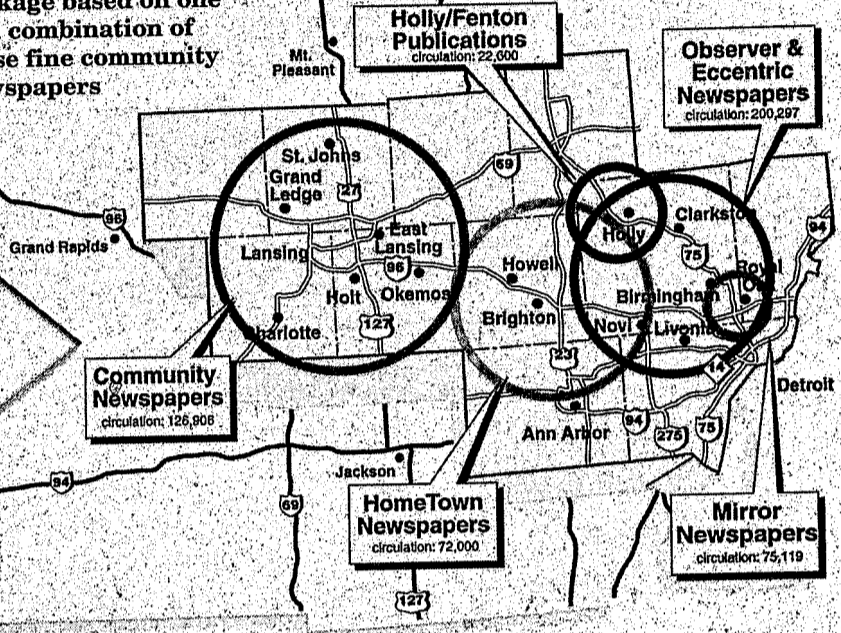
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