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IN THE PAPER TODAY

SPORTS

End of the road: Clarkston's boys basketball season came to a stunning end Wednesday in the Class A regional semifinals. /C1

AROUND THE MILL POND

Don't forget to shut the door

Springfield Township firefighters will have snazzy, fold-up equipment doors on their new pumper/tanker truck. Township Treasurer Lois Stiles asked during the presentation about the new truck how wide the doors would open. She was told by Fire Chief Charles Oaks about the more modern roll-up doors.

Supervisor Collin Walls gave a practical explanation for the change. It seems overzealous firefighters have been known to tear out of the fire bay before all the doors are shut. More than one door has been lost in that fashion.

String musicians for hire

Looking for unique entertainment for a special meeting or gathering? Consider calling Wendy Stuart at Clarkston Middle School and asking her string ensemble to perform. The students recently performed at the Clarkston Foundation Awards Luncheon and had a sound that would please the most discerning of ears.

Selling something non-existent

Leave it to the Clarkston Foundation to find a way to sell something that doesn't exist and do it for the good of Clarkston Community Schools students. After having such great success with its chairs program for the new Clarkston Performing Arts Center at the high school, the foundation sold honorary chairs — ones that don't exist — and raised \$55,000 to benefit its arts and science programs. This amount helped the foundation raise \$250,000 in just 10 years. What an accomplishment!

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2 seats open on school board

■ Residents interested in running for two open seats on the Clarkston school board June 9 face competition from incumbents Karen Foyteck and Mary Ellen McLean.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Anyone wanting to throw his or her hat into the race for a seat on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education should consider taking action now.

There are two four-year seats up for election. Karen Foyteck and Mary Ellen McLean are running as incumbents. Foyteck, who serves as board president, will run for her third term; McLean, board secretary, is running for her second term.

The school district administration office at 6389 Clarkston Road has a packet of information for those interested in being a school board candidate on the June 12 school election ballot. The packets are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the front desk.

The desire to be a candidate isn't enough. One must live within the Clarkston Community School District, which includes Independence and Springfield townships, the City of the Village of Clarkston and portions of White Lake and Waterford townships.

The first step required of a future candidate is to collect signatures of valid registered voters on a nominating petition. These voters must live within the school district. The petition must be returned to the school administration office by 4 p.m., April 10.

There are other forms necessary to complete. Another one is an affidavit of identity.

Write-in candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, to declare their intent to be a school board candidate.

Geraldine Moore is the designated Clarkston Schools elections official. She is director of curriculum, research, planning and evaluation for Clarkston Community Schools.

Foyteck explained why she's willing to donate hours of time on the school board for another four years.

"This has been an extremely good, productive board to work with," Foyteck said. "I've decided to run for re-election because we have a lot of exciting projects we're working on, and I'd like to have the opportunity to continue working on those."

McLean explained her interest in serving for an additional four years.

"The board and administration have faced the challenges of growth and demand for quality education within our community as a team," McLean said. "It's my desire to continue the work we have started."



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Under control: Julie Shahly holds onto Bailey, a Golden Retriever, as the friendly pooch tries to leap away.

Stay, sit, heel!

Dogs learn to obey owners' orders

A dog is man's (woman's and child's) best friend — unless it's a wild, unhammed beast. More than 30 dog owners and their canine pets are spending an hour a week in the Dog Obedience Basic Training Class through Clarkston Community Education.

They're teaching their dogs how to follow obedience commands to sit, heel, stay, down come and more. The humans also are learning how to properly give those commands.

Jennifer Amon's class is so popular that a second session had to be added. The Washington Township resident teaches the dog obedience classes at Springfield Plains Elementary School. There won't be any more classes offered until the fall when a puppy socialization will be available.



Listening with love: Chloe, a Black Labrador retriever, follows instructions from owner Maureen Moultrup.



A close watch: Jennifer Amon, who teaches dog obedience through Clarkston Community Education, keeps an eye on her students.

Pilot program helps teachers, students stay together

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

"I'd rather be looping."

"Loop Doggy Dog."

"Martha Stewart Looping."

"Looping La Vida Loca."

"I Love Looping."

Read them all? Okay now — for absolutely no money whatsoever — put these phrases in order of when they first became embedded in American popular culture.

Tick. Tick. Tick. Tick ...

What's that? You say you've never heard of any of them? You've never heard of looping?

Hmmm. Maybe it hasn't quite captured the masses yet.

Still, any motorist on an orb-shaped freeway ramp would probably agree that looping is the best way to get around. Especially

because life itself is a circle.

In a nutshell, looping is about moving forward in a new direction. Yet, it's also about backtracking to where one has been.

Proponents of the full-circle approach, two Clarkston High School teachers and 55 of their ninth-grade students will practice it next year.

According to Dan Ferguson and Greg Warner, the instructors who will be looping with their freshmen group — thereby instructing them for a second consecutive year of social studies and language arts — the concept isn't new. It's one that's already been implemented successfully within grade levels at various Clarkston elementaries and primary

Please see LOOPING, A4



In the loop: CHS teachers Greg Warner (left) and Dan Ferguson use an approach called looping, in which they teach the same set of students two years in a row.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

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Volunteers sought for playground project

Independence Township residents wanting to help with the Sashabaw Plains Park Playground Project have two opportunities to do so. Those who want to volunteer to work on one of six committees should meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park. Clintonwood Park is on Clarkston Road, west of Sashabaw. The committees are: fund-raising, child care, publicity, volunteer recruitment, food and site preparation.

Those who want to volunteer to help build the play structure on April 29 and 30

One hundred twenty volunteers are needed to work during the two-day period.

should register by calling the township parks and recreation department at 625-8223.

One hundred twenty volunteers are needed to work during the two-day period. Volunteers may choose one of three shifts on each day. Building will go on from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.



STAFF PHOTOS BY GARY MAYER

Lunchtime leisure: George Hemingway (right) of Waterford takes in a round of disk golf with his son, Gus, during his lunch break Thursday despite the frigid temperatures at Bay Court Park in Independence Township.



Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2000

SYNOPSIS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes for February 10, 2000 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted February report of Treasurer
- Received February reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire; Ordinance
- Authorized payment of bills
- Consolidated Fee Ordinance #51; Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading
- Awarded bid to Douglas Safety Equipment for ISI Viking SCBA cylinders and spare cylinders at bid price of \$14,600.
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 26, Section 16.21, Emergency Temporary Dwellings; Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading
- Authorized Spring Clean-up for Saturday, April 8, 2000
- Communications: Received and placed on file
- Authorized extending 1999 lawn maintenance contract with ALL-N-ONE for 2000 season

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Hidden Ridge - Special Land Use: Received oral and written comments

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hidden Ridge - Conditionally approved Special Land Use and Concept Plan
2. Hummingbird Ridge - Conditionally approved site plan
3. Dixie Highway Engineering - Authorized solicitation of proposals
4. Pumper Tanker: Approved specifications and authorized solicitation of bids
5. Road Chloriding - Year 2000: Authorized contracting with Road Maintenance Corp. at bid price of 23¢/foot.
6. Consulting Engineering Services: Authorized requests for proposals

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Published: March 19, 2000

Clarkston school events

March 20: SMS PTA meeting, NS Market Day, CHS Athletic Boosters, CMS and SMS volleyball and wrestling.

March 21: High School District Choral Festival.

March 22: High School District Choral Festival, OE Market Day, BL Variety Show, PK Skate Night, CMS and SMS volleyball and wrestling.

March 25: State High School Band and Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Competition.

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

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

March 20: Chicken fingers with roll, hot dog on a bun, whipped potatoes, sliced pears.

March 21: French toast sticks with sausages, hot dog on a bun,

apple juice, sliced pears.

March 22: Pasta with meat sauce and breadstick, hot dog on a bun, creamy coleslaw, orange sherbet cup.

March 23: Create your own salad with fixins' and roll, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

March 24: Toasted cheese sandwich, hot dog on a bun, oven fries, cherry shape-up.

Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 20: Little Caesar's pizza, Taco Bell burrito, tater tots, beans.

March 21: Submarine sandwich, hot pockets, fiesta, tossed salad, orange sherbet cup.

March 22: Chicken strips, egg salad on a bun, mashed potatoes, peaches.

March 23: Little Caesar's pizza, turkey pita, carrot sticks, fresh fruit.

March 24: Cheesy breadsticks, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, tossed salad, fruit cup.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 20: Little Caesar's, roast beef on a roll, turkey club.

March 21: Chicken nuggets, bologna and cheese sandwich, ham and cheese on a bagel.

March 22: Specialty pizza, pasta with breadstick, bacon cheeseburger.

March 23: Taco with churro, Italian crisp chicken sandwich, chicken patty on a bun, ham sandwich.

March 24: Fiestada, toasted cheese sandwich, tuna melt.

Independence Township Library

March: Drop off books for the spring sale.

March 22: Storytime—10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Subject is library favorites.

March 25: Final class for Navigating the Worldwide Web—9:15 a.m.

April 3: The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is hosting Carol Czechowski who will give a free program, "The Cook's Garden," at 1 p.m. in the Community Room. She will talk about how to grow

herbs, and cook and decorate with them.

Independence Township Recreation

Early-bird registration is going on now for youth baseball and softball. Open registration for adult softball leagues starts March 20.

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

The Clarkston Riverdawg baseball team still needs players. Any child whose 12th birthday falls before Aug. 1 can try out for the team. For more information, call coach Steve Pötter at 620-9429 or coach Craig Freidline at 625-9470 by March 25.

Information is available at the Parks and Recreation office for adult sand volleyball.

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

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

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken lasagna

Tuesday: Pork roast with stuffing

Wednesday: Turkey with biscuit

Thursday: Baked chicken parmesan

Friday: Macaroni and cheese

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

For help filling out a Census 2000 form or to ask questions, come to the Senior Center Carriage House at Clintonwood Park from 1-3 p.m. on March 22 or 29. A representative from the U.S. Census Bureau will be on hand.

Volunteer tax preparers will be available to assist with tax forms 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For an appointment and a list of what to

bring, call the senior center at 625-8231.

Springfield Township Recreation

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

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

Independence Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-5111, supervisor ext. 208, clerk ext. 202, taxes ext. 211.

Library — 625-2212, Parks and Recreation — 625-8223.

Department of Public Works — 625-8222.

Senior center — 625-8231.

Police, non-emergency — 858-4911.

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924.

Springfield Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-4802.

Library — 625-0595.

Parks and Recreation at Hart Community Center — 634-0412.

Police, non-emergency — 858-4950.

Fire, non-emergency — 634-6766.

City of the Village of Clarkston General Information

City Hall — 625-1559.

Library — Residents use Independence Township.

Parks and Recreation — Residents use Independence Township.

Department of Public Works — 625-1265.

Police, non-emergency — 625-0088.

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924.

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Numbers count: Deirdre West, census in the schools specialist, takes questions from students at Pine Knob Elementary.

Counting the country

Clarkston kids learn how, why U.S. takes census

Students at Pine Knob Elementary School in Clarkston got a first-hand lesson about the United States 2000 Census.

Deirdre West, a census in the schools specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau, talked to the students in a special assembly about the importance of their parents filling out the census forms that arrived at their homes.

She explained that the census, taken every 10 years, is a complete count of the population of the United States. She also told the children how important these numbers are to a community — that they determine such

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Deirdre West
U.S. Census specialist

things as how many representatives a state sends to the U.S. Congress and the amount of money a community gets from the government for such things as education and health care.

The students enjoyed hearing about how the census workers do their jobs in Alaska.

"I told them how census workers in Alaska have to travel by small planes and by snowmobiles to make sure everyone is counted," West said. "Sometimes they have to go out to a campsite miles away from civilization to get information from people."

In addition to taking home rulers, bookmarks, spinning tops and other gifts on behalf of the census, West said she hopes they also took home the importance of the census.

"Many of these students will be filling out the 2010 census forms," she said. "We hope they'll remember how important it is to complete the census forms and mail them in on time."

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

Marijuana use/possession

On March 15, police issued two local ordinance tickets to an 18-year-old male from Ortonville for possession of marijuana and for possession of drug paraphernalia outside of Rite Aid Pharmacy, 5789 Ortonville Road.

Unlawfully driving away auto

On March 14, someone drove a 1995 Monte Carlo vehicle from the driveway of a home in the 5200 block of Clarkston Road. The vehicle had a for-sale sign in it. The owner told police he had the only set of keys for the vehicle, according to the report.

Larceny

On March 15, someone removed a golf bag with golf clubs and a cell phone worth more than \$1,000 from Clarkston Creek Golf Club at 6060 Maybee Road. The equipment belonged to a 50-year-old Waterford man. He told police he set

the bag down outside while he went inside to use the restroom. When he returned, the bag was gone.

Car jacking

On March 14, someone drove away with a 1998 Ford Taurus belonging to a 29-year-old Clarkston woman. The person entered the car while the woman was inside paying for gasoline at Roy Brothers' Amoco gas station at 6840 Sashabaw Road. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys to the car inside.

Home invasion

On March 14, someone used a rock to smash the glass panel on the front door of a home in the 6400 block of Pine Valley Court. The person reached a hand through the door and removed the resident's purse from the home.

Furnishing/use of fraudulent identification

On March 11, police issued appearance tickets for minors in possession of liquor to three Clarkston teenagers and a Waterford teenager. The Waterford teen, age 17, also received appearance tickets for furnishing liquor to minors. A police officer spotted a male who appeared

younger than 21 carrying a case of beer outside a gas station. The male entered a vehicle, which traveled northbound on Sashabaw. The officer stopped the vehicle on Sashabaw and Waldon roads. The beer was concealed on the floorboard of the vehicle. The male had an expired driver's license that belonged to another male. The four occupants of the vehicle took preliminary breathalyzer tests. All four tested above the zero tolerance for minors. Police impounded the vehicle.

Springfield Township

No reports.

Clarkston Police

No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 13 calls from March 13-15. These included eight medical calls, two complaint calls and one call each for a personal injury accident, a non-medical call and for an automatic alarm.

Independence Fire Dept. added staff, vehicles in '99

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A review of the Independence Township Fire Department's 1999 annual report makes one wonder if the department is named correctly.

Charts for fire department runs in Clarkston and Independence Township reveal more than 50 percent of the calls were made for medical reasons in 1999. Fire Chief Gar Wilson said the figure is closer to 70-80 percent since other runs, such as personal-injury accidents, can also require medical assistance.

"Medical assistance is a big portion of our work," he said.

That didn't become part of a firefighter's job until the mid-1950s when the number of doctors making housecalls began to wane, he explained.

"I remember when the guys (firefighters) went out and got donations to buy a 1957 pickup as the department's first rescue truck. They put a resuscitator on it. It was a piece of equipment with oxygen that would breathe for a person," Wilson recalled.

Nowadays, medical response is a must for a fire department. The department's three captains, 15 full-time firefighter engineers and 23 paid on-call firefighters undergo extensive training in the medical response field and take additional classes to stay prepared.

Fire Marshal Greg Olrich said the fire department made a lot of progress in 1999. "We've had a lot of exceptional purchases, we've got our manpower boosted up a little; everything is looking good for 2000," he said.

The department responded to 42 calls within the Clarkston city limits and 1,713 calls in Independence Township. Personal-injury accidents was the second largest category of calls to the fire department.

The annual report said the department hired four new employees, Mike White, Greg Brandt, Mitch Peterson and Don Herbert, in 1999. Three of them were hired as additional fire engineers. The fourth one filled a vacancy created by the promotion of Robert Cesario to fire inspector. Steve Ronk was also promoted to assistant fire chief.

The additional staff boosted the fire marshal's ability to keep up with fire code enforcements and reviews in the growing community.

Purchases increased the fleet to include two thermal imaging units, three engines with an increased pump capacity, a new 75-foot aerial apparatus and two tankers with increased water supply in non-hydrant sections of the township.

The department also purchased a new special response unit vehicle and the grass fire truck known as the Hummer. It aides in fighting grass and structure fires where a water source, such as a lake, is available.

The annual report said the department used the Hummer in two situations by driving it directly into a lake for water where no other water source was available.

The year was marred, however, by a fatal fire in December. Elsa Schwarze, 85, died from smoke inhalation in a fire that destroyed her home. She and her husband, Rudy, opened the grocery store that still bears his name on Main Street in Clarkston.

"That fire gave us a renewed focus on where our priorities have to be in regards with residential fires," remarked Olrich. "We have to continue to focus on getting the word out to the public about fire prevention."

The Fire Prevention Bureau presented fire education programs to more than 2,500 children in kindergarten through third grade in 1999. The addition of Sparky, the fire pup character, helped the department share information in a fun but informative venue.

Overtime report, appointment on agenda

Independence Township trustees will discuss a report of non-union overtime hours worked in 1999 at their regular meeting Tuesday.

Also at Tuesday's meeting board members are expected to vote on the appointment of David Lohmeier to the Planning Commission. He had served previously before moving out of state. He will replace his sister, Cynthia Lohmeier, who is moving out of the township.

The land division ordinance that was scheduled to get a first reading has been removed from Tuesday's agenda because officials are waiting for additional

information.

Also, a public hearing date is to be set for April 18 for a Special Assessment District in the Spring Lake North Subdivision. Petitions were received by the township by residents who want to install street lighting. The project will cost approximately \$44,000.

The Independence Township board meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Independence Township Library.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

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Looping

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schools elsewhere. However, the pilot program will represent a first at CHS. Echoing the one-room schoolhouse of yesterday, Ferguson's and Warner's looping classes will likely provide approximately 60 students with a sense of community that's hard to come by in an expansive facility with 2,200 kids, the teachers say.

Ferguson, who taught civics to his two classes of ninth-graders during the first semester of school and is now instructing them in second-semester economics, said in a recent interview that looping in high school is an extension of what "team-teaching" is in middle school. Middle school teams feature two to four teachers who oversee the same group of students for one year in language arts, math, social studies and science.

"Looping, in theory, is taking that team of kids for a second year and teaching curriculum that complements prior instruction," Ferguson said.

Within that continuum, the instructors said that students increase their sense of ownership in the classroom. They're more able to apply what they've learned, making connections between subjects. They're more likely to be engaged in a community-like atmosphere. They're better situated to receive more learning time during the second year because a "getting-to-know-you" period isn't necessary. They're more likely to take risks in a secure, familiar environment. And relationships between parents and teachers can be better developed.

■ 'For so long, teaching's been kind of an autocratic, one-person job and a lot of people still view it that way. But I think teaming is catching on.'

Greg Warner
CHS teacher

With all those pluses, why isn't looping already being done at CHS?

According to the teachers, it's a lot more complicated administratively than it looks.

"Scheduling of classes in a school this size is a big issue," Warner said.

And perhaps even more of a logistics problem than who's taking what class at what hour, Ferguson pointed to teacher certification and subject specialization.

"Unlike in elementary schools, where teachers are certified to teach all subjects in K-8, high schools hire people because of their special areas," he said. "At least in social studies, we're pretty regimented. It's civics and economics in freshman year. Sophomore year is U.S. history. And that fits my certification."

But teaching that particular two-year span of course work wouldn't fit the specialties of other colleagues in the social studies department, Ferguson admitted.

And then, of course, there's the all-too-human fear of doing things differently than they've

been done in the past, Warner said.

"Just the change (to working in teams and looping) scares people a little bit," he said. "For so long, teaching's been kind of an autocratic, one-person job and a lot of people still view it that way. But I think teaming is catching on."

As a two-teacher team with side-by-side classrooms, Ferguson and Warner share 61 ninth-grade students this year. Ferguson instructs 30 of those freshmen in civics/economics during the 3rd hour of the school day, while Warner teaches intensive language arts to the other 31 pupils. During 4th hour, Ferguson's 3rd hour students go next door to Warner's room and Warner's pupils switch to Ferguson's class. About once every week or two, all 61 students meet in the CHS large group instruction room for a two-hour class in either subject.

The team approach has worked so well that 55 of those 61 students have opted to follow their teachers to 10th-grade U.S. history and sophomore intensive language arts.

Ferguson said he's thrilled to have the opportunity to follow his students next year. But he's also aware that the pilot program's long-term future is uncertain.

"If this works, I'd like to see other teachers pursue it," he said. "But it isn't feasible for everyone to do it because of certification and the sheer magnitude of the school. You can't earmark teachers for certain subjects at certain hours of the day if num-

bers dictate otherwise."

And, of course, good teamwork requires chemistry, Warner added. "The fact that Dan and I approached each other as friends, as colleagues who think on the same level, has made a difference," Warner said.

As for next year, Ferguson said the looping team is already planning a field trip to Boston to complement its U.S. history course work. In language arts, Warner intends to build upon the theme of America's past as it's reflected in novels such as, "The Great Gatsby."

The teachers admit that they're lucky to have good students to accompany. Representing the top 10 percent of the freshmen class, the majority of those pupils could have chosen to take advanced placement U.S. history next year, thereby making the loop impossible. Still, the teachers said that they didn't try to discourage students from electing that AP class to keep the loop intact.

"I don't think our kids decided against taking AP," Ferguson said. "I anticipate that well over half of our students will take AP classes as junior and senior electives. They just saw the benefits of staying in the loop. And that's the great thing about looping. Everyone involved has to choose to be there."

Well, maybe looping hasn't caught on with the masses just yet.

And maybe it never will. But for two CHS teachers and their students, next year looks like quite a ride.

Township may pay for veteran markers

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER

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"The problem is we have to sign a certificate saying the grave is unmarked," Anderson said. "To do that we would be committing perjury."

Anderson said options include the township paying for a duplicate marker for resident veterans who die. Those would cost approximately \$153 each. He added it might be possible to buy the actual brass markers from the VA for \$88 each and that will be checked into. Families would still have to pay the current \$45 foundation fee.

Supervisor Dale Stuart said he has contacted Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Flint), who said he had introduced legislation last year that allows the plates to be used as foot stones. It didn't get anywhere last year and has to be reintroduced.

Some township board members were indignant about the VA's change in attitude.

"Perhaps they felt there were abuses and a bean counter said they can save some money (by enforcing the existing policy)," Treasurer Jim Wenger said.

Approximately 15 veterans are buried in Lakeview Cemetery each year, Anderson said.

ACHIEVERS

Clarkston Middle School eighth-grade ensembles earned Division I (Superior) ratings at the March 4 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Hart Middle School. They also received supportive and beneficial comments and advice from the judges.

Members of the CMS Select Trio are Jody Helms, Jamie Keesling and Ashley Doyle.

Choralaires are Angie Regiani, Ashley Doyle, Angela Kolodge, Bess Ferguson, Ashley Hudson, Jody Helms, Lauren Witt, Jamie Keesling and Greyson LaHousse.

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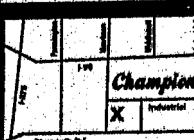
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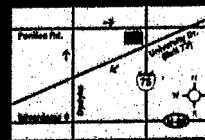
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Our heroes!

6 of Oakland's top volunteers to be honored at Townsend Hotel luncheon

BY TOM BAER
STAFF WRITER
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Hail to the heroes — especially the HomeTown variety! Six of Oakland County's top volunteers — people who give so much to society and ask little or nothing in return — will be honored at the inaugural HomeTown Heroes Luncheon at noon Wednesday, March 29, at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will speak at the event, the first to be held in the Townsend's new addition. Paul W. Smith, radio personality from WJR, will emcee.

"The fine work of volunteers in Oakland County needs to be recognized," said K. Noreen Keating, CEO of Lighthouse, a Pontiac-based women's shelter and a sponsor of the new honors program, along with The Eccentric Newspapers, HomeTown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business. "And now we have a wonderful vehicle with which to do that."

HomeTown Heroes honors volunteers in six categories: Seniors, Youth, Boards and Commissions, Faith-based, Direct Service and Business. The winners were chosen by a committee that included representatives of the volunteer community and the newspaper.

Winners are:

■ Boards and Commissions — Dennis S. Bernard, a Birmingham resident and president of the Bernard Financial Group of Southfield. Among his many volunteer duties: Chairman of the board of the Jewish Vocational Service, a \$20 million a year human service agency with six locations in the Detroit area. "Dennis is truly committed to giving back to the community," said Laura Blake, a company employee who nominated him. "His priorities of family and community first are an example to everyone."

■ Faith-based — Joseph Roberts (aka Joey the Clown), a West Bloomfield resident. A furrier by trade, Roberts organizes parties through Temple Israel's Caring Center at shelters, orphanages and nursing homes. He is a member of Temple Israel's Board of Directors and serves on numerous committees. "The care and attention Joe takes to organize and make certain each party is extra special is evidenced by the smiles and hugs our volunteers receive," said nominator Kari Provier, a Temple Israel employee.

■ Direct service — Vicki Spehar of Madison Heights who

Close to home

What: HomeTown Heroes Luncheon to honor volunteers.

When: Noon, Wednesday, March 29.

Where: Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham.

Tickets: \$40 each.

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works with computers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and volunteers with several organizations. She helps the Southfield-based Arthritis Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Animal Welfare Society. "She also cares for a senior couple who has no family locally," said nominator Mollie Conaway of the Arthritis Foundation. "Vicki spends her time helping

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others — to us that's a hero."

■ Senior — Robert J. McIlveen, an 88-year-old retiree from Birmingham who spends 50 hours a month volunteering at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland and Beaumont hospitals and the Peachwood Nursing Home. He gives out candy and trading cards to children entering the hospital, and volunteers in the rehab unit, helping stroke victims and other physically challenged patients. "After losing his wife more than 50 years and his only child, Bob keeps himself busy and happy helping so many others," said Coleen Giniel, director of volunteer services at St. Joseph Mercy. "We love him."

■ Youth — Kevin Michael Greenlee, a Waterford Township 18-year-old who volunteers as a tutor at Washington Middle School in Pontiac. His other volunteer activities include Karmanos Cancer Institute, Operation Help! and Koats for Kids. "Kevin continually strives to

help others," said nominator Shana Burnett, tutorial services director at Washington Middle School.

■ Business — Jane E. Buell, a Birmingham resident who has served the community in a variety of causes — especially Variety, the Children's Charity — for more than 40 years. As a member of Variety's Board of Directors and a past president (the first in the charity's 65 years), she "has helped to raise millions to help needy children in southeast Michigan," according to nominator Steve Lipsen, a Variety member. A former model and teacher, Buell is now a Realtor.

The luncheon will be sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills-based Northern Trust Bank. Proceeds from the \$40-a-seat event will be used to help establish A Volunteer Place, a recruitment and placement center to be built in Pontiac. The purpose is to connect Oakland volunteers with programs needing help.

Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon so that volunteers who might not be able to afford it can attend. A table of 10 costs \$400.

For ticket information, call (248) 204-5053.

OCC lists poetry, short story contest winners

Winners in the fourth-annual Oakland Community College Writers at Work poetry and short story contest have been announced by the contest committee.

First place honors in poetry go to Sophia Rivkin of Southfield for her poem *The Hiker*. First place winner in short fiction is William Burns of Farmington Hills for his story *Grandpa's Singing*.

In the special category for high school students the first place in poetry went to Ladywood High School 10th-grader Abigail Brithine for an untitled piece. The fiction prize went to eleventh-grader Meghan Paus of Clarkston, whose short story is also unti-

Each winner will receive a \$50 prize and is invited to appear as a guest on the WPON radio program *Art in the Air*, hosted by poet, editor and OCC instructor Margo La Gattuta.

Contestants receiving honorable mentions were Kathleen Walsh Spencer of Bloomfield Hills for her poem, *Lost at Columbine*, and Sondra Willbee of Southfield for her short story *Plum Pits*. In the high school category Roeper School 12th-grader Adam Gardner received an honorable mention for his poem *DAMN YOU WALT WHITMAN*.

Winners were announced at the Writers at Work Conference March 17-18 at the Hilton Suites of Auburn Hills.

College board to meet

Oakland Community College's Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Board room of the George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is open to the public.

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Rochester salon has hair-raising prospect to help sick children

Salon 140, a downtown Rochester hairdresser, announces a hair-raising program called "Locks of Love" 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the business, 140 E. University. Participants will be asked to donate hair from long ponytails to be used for custom-fit hair prosthetics for children who have developed long-term hair loss. Call (248) 656-4990.

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Sheer makeup complements season's fashion

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



The look for spring is heavenly and colorful.

Styles for the season not only look airy and angelic, but also feel uplifting. Ruffles and floral prints are everywhere and popping up in unexpected places, like the edges of a tailored skirt and jacket or on the hem of a pair of pants. And, the fabric of choice for all you angels is chiffon. Most important, color is back in style in a strong way.

All that's true of course with makeup, too.

And, the face is at the heavenly heart of the matter. Skin should be clear and clean with a lighter-than-air freshness, so keep an eye out for dreamy, angelic, sheer makeup shades to accent the face.

Indeed, sheer and shimmer are choice words for describing current makeup trends.

Eye color should produce a clear and bright look with a small dose of flash, some appearing sun-lit, others more matte yet still sheer.

The shimmer sage is epitomized by shades like champagne, bisque, and clear blue. Gold tints, too, are popular.

Anything fused with gold is a huge hit in makeup this spring, said makeup artist Todd of Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Along the same lines, sheer cream shadows in silver and lilac tones are another excellent choice. And, as far as matte eye shadows go — look for sheer khaki, denim blue and butter-yellow.

Perhaps surprisingly, when it comes to an angelic face what's more important than blush is a sheer shimmer powder. It will light up the entire face in warm gold and peach tones.

Even a pink-toned look can be everywhere on the face. Just avoid a dark tan or bronze tone, which would defeat the clear, clean aesthetic I mentioned earlier.

When blush is a must, try one of the new sheer glossy blushes.

Furthermore, traditional spring makeup colors, sunny coral, rosy fuchsia, and poppy red, come to us this season in softer, clearer, almost pastel, tones.

In fact, I believe chiffon pink and glazed, clear orange should be on everyone's lips this spring.

And, your grandmother's coral lipsticks lavished with a gooey lip gloss are a must-have.

I recommend trying M.A.C.'s new orange gloss or Mia Pelle's "Mocha Mist" lip lacquer, which will lend a just-drenched-wet look to your lips.

Hair returns to long, loose and romantic styles. And, curls and waves are abundant, creating an airy, angelic look.

Color in the hair needs to be strong, well-kept and glossy.

To achieve that look, I suggest using Lazartique Spray Blush. It gives the hair a brilliant shine without weighing it down. It also has tremendous revitalizing properties. Not to mention, Lazartique's styling products, which can be purchased at Red. The Salon in downtown Birmingham, are wonderfully fragrant, as well as soothing and therapeutic.

On another note, I would like to congratulate Todd and his team of stylists on the opening of their new location, Todd's Room on Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham. With his talented staff and wonderful products, Todd's continued success is certain.

I'd also like to thank my readers again for their continued support and contributions.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477.

Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in downtown Birmingham. The owner and founder of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.

new directions



Celine for sport: Logos are back, and here's Celine's on a dark denim jacket with white leather glove racing pants and white strapless top at Jacobson's launch of the clothing line on Tuesday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

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JERRY ZOLINSKY



Black to white: Black at the waist fades to charcoal then white on Celine's easy-going, full-length skirt and fitted, white tank with scoop-front and racer-back, shown at left. An aqua and white tie-dye fabric doubles the vibrancy of Celine's off-the-shoulder mini dress, shown at right. Aqua, turquoise and other ocean hues were a dominant theme in Celine's spring collection of sportswear, which Jacobson's adds to its line-up for fashion-forward customers in Birmingham. Other trends of the show included leather, stretch denim, lime green and tie-dye prints. Celine will be available at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills in the fall.



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

PETITE WEEK

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds Petite Week, a showing of spring collections for petite sizes, through March 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sport Shop, second floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

JUDITH LEIBER SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Judith Leiber Spring 2000 Collection through March 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Accessory Collections, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 456.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

DOUGLAS HANNANT SHOW

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham presents a showing of Douglas Hannant's collection for spring, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., International Designer department. For details, call (248) 644-6900.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

WARDROBE SEMINAR

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Fibres women's clothing store hosts a wardrobe seminar and professional women's breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$8. For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT

Borders Books & Music at Oakland Mall in Troy holds a teacher appreciation weekend with entertainment, discounts and freebies through March 26. For details, please call (248) 585-6029.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE

The Chelsea Merchants Association holds their spring Moonlight Madness sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., downtown Chelsea. For additional information, call (800) 265-9045.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

TYRESE CONCERT

Recording artist and spokesman for Guess clothing performs and signs autographs at Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, 3-5 p.m., Men's Denim department. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

View jewelry designer Michael Dawkins' collection

at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

DANCING AT THE MALL

Wonderland Mall in Livonia offers free country line dancing lessons as part of their Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For information, call (734) 522-4100.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The Gold Wings motorcycle organization displays their motorcycles and addresses negative stereotypes about their enthusiasts through March 26 at Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

FIRST STEP STYLE EVENT

Enjoy a runway fashion show, taste festival of food from over 20 area restaurants, music and more at Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, during FIRST Step is Stepping Out in Style, an event promoting First Step/Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. For tickets, call (313) 538-8043.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Oakland Mall in Troy hosts two live shows for children featuring Flumpa and Friends, a group of character amphibious creatures that teach kids about the wonders of science, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more additional information, call (248) 685-6000.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

The House of Renew, 221 Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363, might be able to repair the glass dish.

A heating coil that plugs into a car lighter can be purchased at the Meijer store in Commerce Township.

Individual salad dressing packets can be purchased at Meijer stores (in deli department) and at Gordon Foods.

Angel Soft colored toilet tissue can be purchased at the following stores: Meijer, Walgreen's and Wal-Mart.

Homemade pizza rolls can be purchased at the following stores: Villa Bakery in Garden City, (734) 425-6245; Marie's Bakery, two locations at Joy and Newburgh roads and Haggerty and Cherry Hills roads.

A gasket for a Mirromatic pressure cooker can be purchased at the following stores: Township Hardware on 5 Mile and Beech roads in Redford; Northside Hardware on Wayne Road in Wayne.

The cotton underwear that a reader was looking for may be available at the Carter outlet stores in Monroe or Port Huron. Carter no longer manufactures Spanky, however the Stocking Style catalog carries their own brand of women's cotton underwear that is similar to Carter's, (800) 241-2224.

A battery-operated flour sifter can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores. If they're not in stock, they will order one for you.

Standard bed sheets without elastic are available at the following stores: Sears, J.C. Penney, Kmart and Target.

Loop Amusement Company, 20224 Van Born Road in Dearborn Heights, (734) 562-8033, may be able to repair the Seeborg Jukebox.

A Whistling tea kettle can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

One of our readers would like to donate her exercise equipment to a local organization.

We're looking for an organization or person who could use old magazines.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

The body lotion Andre by Ben Rickett, formerly carried by J.C. Penney, for Shirley of Commerce Township.

An issue of "Life" magazine from May, 1988 and an issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" from April 24, 1926 for Ruth, who lives in Clarkston.

The book "Memories of a Non-Jewish Childhood," by

Robert Burn for Richard, a resident of Canton.

A store where Heinz spicy brown mustard is carried for John, who lives in Livonia.

A store where a men's sweater with a shawl or lapel collars can be bought for Al of Livonia.

A store where shoe stretchers for ladies shoes can be purchased for Elsa of Livonia.

A store or individual that has collectible African-American dolls for adults for sale for Tanya.

A store where Guess cologne can be bought for Diane of Livonia.

A store where tall, black, kitchen trash bags are sold for Dell of Livonia.

A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000 with a page for each day of the year for Sue of Westland.

A store where 7 Up and root beer-flavored popsicle treats are carried for Tom, a resident of Rochester Hills.

An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun kerosene heater (Omni model, #105) for Luke.

A store that sells Evian facial spray.

A table stand for a Singer sewing machine for Vera of Plymouth.

A store that sells Midwestern Jean Company jeans, formerly carried by Winkelman's, for Karen.

The 1999 Hallmark Christmas ornament Dorothy & the Good Witch, and a children's toy called Sticker Maker, which turns photographs into stickers for Kay, who lives in Canton.

A store where Levi 517 boot-cut jeans for women can be bought for Lonie.

A store where Jacqueline Smith's perfume California is available for Karen of Commerce Township.

A store that sells Sander's cream puffs for Daisy.

A store where Dana of New York lipstick in "Palm Desert" can be bought for Jane.

A store where two tube lights for attachment inside a china cabinet (with a metal plate) can be bought for Delores of Livonia.

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

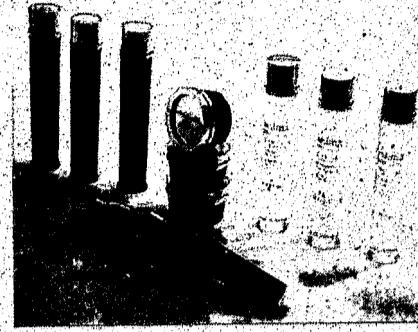
A used, 32-volt system generator by Delco for Walter.

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

Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



To go: Travel is never easy on the skin. Airplane air tends to be dry and crossing time zones upsets sleep patterns. To counteract the rigors of travel, Guerlain Paris has created a system of skin care for travelers, Issima Blue Voyage. Each of the four products in the system, Recovery Cream, In-Flight Serum, Ready-to-Go-Cleanser and Body Relax Oil, are hypo-allergenic and work quickly, \$27-72 at department stores or through Guerlain, (800) 882-8820.



New elegance: Select Neiman Marcus locations, including the Somerset Collection store in Troy, now have a very special clothing line to offer shoppers - Zoran. Known for its minimalist elegance and often described as "Gap for the very rich," the line comes to Neiman Marcus for spring in a traditional palette of colors, black, white, butter, khaki and beige.

Plan your wedding over brunch with Tiffany & Co.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" - could there be a better way to commence planning your wedding?

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Brides-to-be, mark your calendars. Tiffany & Co.'s Wedding Day Celebration is slated noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the Townsend's new ballroom.



Brides-to-be will register for the event and a give-away at the door and then be able to visit those displays that interest them and enjoy brunch. Later in the event, bridal fashions will be informally modeled.

Also, a variety of experts will be on hand to speak with future brides about their wedding plans and bridal attire choices.

Although the event is free of charge, reservations are required. The Townsend Hotel is located at 100 Townsend Street in downtown Birmingham. For additional information about Tiffany's Wedding Day Celebration or to make a reservation, call Tiffany & Co.'s Margot Abramson at (248) 637-2800.

- Nicole Stafford

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Chefs create superior food, wine matches

This year's Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, celebrating Mardi Gras at Mac & Ray's was not only a food showcase, but a seminar on pairing food and wine.

Chefs from area restaurants teamed with wine purveyors to create some stellar food and wine matches. Troy's Mon Jin Lau, the winner a few years ago impressed the panel of judges that included us, and walked away with first prize again. Last year's winner, Café Cortina in Farmington Hills, came in a very close second.

Wine Picks

Picks of the pack:
■ 1997 St. Clement Aropas, Napa Valley \$40 is a dynamite blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc comparing admirably with top chateau bottlings from Bordeaux.
■ 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Syrah, Napa Valley \$25 is hands down the best syrah we've tasted from the 1997 vintage.

Real deals under \$10:
■ 1999 Santa Rita 120 Sauvignon Blanc \$8.
■ 1999 Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc \$9
■ 1998 Barwang Shiraz (Australia) \$8

Imports' Michael Kilano chose 1998 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Blanc as the "perfect" match.

"I focused on the weight of the wine and its flavors versus the dominant flavors in the dish," Kilano said. "The Chalone Pinot Blanc's 'weight' is its creaminess with some vanilla accents. It created an immediate harmony with the rich peanut sauce and brought all other elements together."

"The basic rule of white wines and white meats and red wines with red meats is still a good one. I started there, then knew a high acid wine such as a sauvignon blanc would not work with the peanut sauce. A chardonnay would have too much oak. The pinot blanc had the correct balance."

Tip one: Old rules are good basics to help focus on weight, a textual element creating balance between the food and wine.

Café Cortina

Owner Adrian Tonon paired Café Cortina's Tortelloni con Pomodoro Fresco with light herb cream sauce and the 1996 Allegrini Palazzo della

Please see WINE, B2



Memorable: Luctor International's Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:
■ Salon team wins
■ A vegetarian's cookbook

The International language COOKING TOGETHER BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN CULTURES

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
SPECIAL WRITER

My mother-in-law searches for something in the cupboard.

"Namac?" I ask. She nods fervently. I pull down the pepper. She shakes her head. I have mixed up salt and pepper again. I hand her the salt.

"I thought salt was felfel," I explain.

She smiles, pours a healthy dash into the pot, and continues to cook. Then she offers me a taste.

Sedigheh Najmaei and I have just communicated the best way we know how. Since we do not speak the same language (my mother-in-law is Iranian and speaks Farsi), and my husband and stepson are not around to interpret the entire six weeks of her visit, we have learned to communicate through a variety of means.

We use sign language, facial expressions, and pointing. We also use cooking.

Cooking together, or separately—as we hover around each other taking notes—has proven to be a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

Maman, as I call her, which is Persian for mother, knows that I want to learn to cook more Persian dishes. She is equally interested in learning more "North American" dishes.

For her birthday meal recently, she requested lasagna. I was glad to comply. But I have also introduced her to the odd dish of Malaysian or



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Persian dishes: It's dinnertime with dishes of Baghali Pollo (Rice with Fava Beans and Dill), Khoresh-e Gheme (Stewed Beef or Lamb with Yellow Split Peas) and Khoresh-e Esfaj (Spinach Sauce).

Hungarian origin since I enjoy a variety of ethnic dishes. Thankfully, she will eat anything except pork.

There are a myriad of Persian dishes that rely on the same basic ingredients, but each has a small variation that totally changes the taste of the food.

Persian food is rich in fresh spices and vegetables. A Persian dish might include eggplant, basmati rice (a heavily scented rice common in Indian cooking, too), lamb, fresh dill, and beans. The aroma as my mother-in-law cooks is enough to entice



Let's eat: Let's eat: Nancy Deutsch of Canton, her nephew Milad Maleki and her mother-in-law Sedigheh Najmaei sit down to dinner.

the most reticent of appetites. My three-year-old daughter is a big fan.

When Maman visits every year or two, we spend most of our time together in the kitchen. I will ask Maman how to pronounce something or how long it needs to cook. Maman understands more English than I do Farsi, so many of my questions are answered one way or another. We laugh as we try to come to a mutual understanding.

We are also each other's biggest fans. If I cook, I am sure she will tell me it is delicious. I am equally complimentary. After all, we all know food tastes better when someone else has done the work!

My mother-in-law always arrives from Iran with special items difficult to find here, such as Sumac (a spice used frequently in Persian dishes), fresh dates, and a tart dried red berry I still don't know the name of, used in rice dishes (there are some things even my husband can't translate!). When she returns to Iran, she



Time to eat: Sedigheh dishes up some dinner while Nancy watches.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Sauerkraut ribs, Southern-style soup add twist to old favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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It must be what Jeanne Lamb does with the sauerkraut that livens up her country-style spare ribs.

Lamb made her ribs and sauerkraut dish for her children and it is one they still enjoy today when they visit her in her Canton home.

"I prepare this dish when I want a quick meal," Lamb said. "It's easy to make. They really like the sauerkraut, and the honey really gives it a sweeter taste."

The sauerkraut is rinsed with tap water, then given a taste of honey and a spoonful of brown sugar. After an hour of baking with the ribs, the end result is a great accompaniment and a great meal.

Lamb said she purchases her ribs at Eastern Market of Canton or Mike's Market in Livonia. She recommends serving apple sauce, baked or mashed potatoes or salad with her dish.

Another reader wrote us about her chicken butternut squash soup, what she described as a delicious Southern-style soup.

"My family enjoys this new recipe from the Libby family of Memphis," wrote Rita Kollin of Rochester Hills. "It is a traditional Hanukkah dish for the Libby family and now with ours."

"This soup is great for a cold night with latkes or garlic bread."

SAUERKRAUT WITH COUNTRY-STYLE RIBS

3 to 4 pounds country-style spare ribs
1 32-ounce jar sauerkraut
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 cup raw or brown sugar
1 onion, thinly sliced
1/2 bottle of ketchup (or 7 ounces)

Broil ribs until browned (or brown in pan on top of stove) to cook off excess fat. Rinse sauerkraut thoroughly. Combine with honey, sugar, onion and ketchup. Place in roaster and top with spare ribs. Season meat with additional ketchup or barbecue sauce. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) for one hour or until meat is tender.

CHICKEN AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

1 (4-pound) chicken, cut up
8 cups water
4 cubes Knorr bouillon
3 tomatoes, cut up
2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cut, 1/2-inch pieces

2 cups frozen corn
3 bay leaves
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
3 cups frozen sliced okra (optional)

Place chicken, water and bouillon in a heavy pot. Bring to a boil, skimming surface. Add all remaining ingredients. Reduce heat, simmer until chicken is cooked, cut into bite-sized pieces. Return to soup, simmer 10 more minutes. Yield: 10 servings.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

Lemon, basil add flavor to spaghetti

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pasta is a blessing for cooks in a hurry. Not only does it taste good, it is easy to prepare and a safe menu choice for the vegetarians in your life.

Spaghetti With Lemon and Basil is one of 70 recipes in the spiral-bound book, "Pasta: A Passion" (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95), by Nina Dreyer Hensley, Jim Hensley and Paul Lowe. This dish can be made in 15 minutes with fresh or dry pasta.

SPAGHETTI WITH LEMON AND BASIL

1/2 pounds spaghetti
Juice of 2 lemons
3/4 cup olive oil
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1/2 bunch fresh basil, washed, stemmed and minced

2 tablespoons fresh parsley, washed and chopped

1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook the spaghetti according to package instructions until al dente. Drain. Return the spaghetti to the pot. In a bowl, or measuring cup, whisk together the lemon juice and olive oil. Stir in the Parmesan cheese until the sauce is thick and creamy. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add the sauce to the spaghetti and gently mix. Gently stir in the basil, parsley and lemon zest.

Makes 6 servings.

Try these Persian dishes

See related story on Taste front.

KHORESHT-E GHEIMEH (STEWED BEEF OR LAMB WITH YELLOW SPLIT PEAS)

1 1/2 to 2 pounds stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces

Cooking oil

1 onion, diced

1/2 cup yellow split peas

2 tablespoons lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

5 tablespoons tomato paste

Small amount of water

Frozen french fries or your own homemade fries (cook ahead)

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Cook in pressure cooker with one cup of water (or enough to cover the meat) and cook until the meat is tender, about 1/2 an hour. Add fava beans and dill. Cook in pressure cooker for another 10 minutes or until the water has evaporated. Add three cups of uncooked basmati rice. Place in rice cooker with five cups of water. Cook until rice is ready.

Add lemon juice, tomato paste and a small amount of water, and cook until some of the sauce has evaporated. Add fries and heat.

Serve with basmati rice. Serves four.

BAGHLI POLLO (RICE WITH FAVA BEANS AND DILL)

1 1/2 to 2 pounds stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces

1 onion, diced

Cooking oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon turmeric

1 cup water

1 cup fava beans, dried

2 cups fresh dill, finely chopped

3 cups basmati rice

5 cups of water

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Place in pressure cooker with one cup of water (or enough to cover the meat) and cook until the meat is tender, about 1/2 an hour. Add fava beans and dill. Cook in pressure cooker for another 10 minutes or until the water has evaporated. Add three cups of uncooked basmati rice. Place in rice cooker with five cups of water. Cook until rice is ready.

Recipes courtesy of Nancy Deutsch and Sedigheh Najmaei.

Use that leftover corned beef for Reubens

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corned beef on rye, Reuben sandwiches and corned beef hash are three reasons you may have celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday, even if you aren't Irish.

Corned beef is easier to slice for sandwiches if it is cold. It should be very thin, almost like deli roast beef or ham, so you can pile the meat high between the bread.

Corned Beef on Rye is a meal. Just add coleslaw, dill pickles and a good deli mustard. The Reuben requires a bit more preparation, as does the hash, but they are meals, too, and fall well within the range of quick cooking.

If you know how to make a grilled cheese sandwich, you can make a Reuben Sandwich. For each serving, you'll need 2 slices of rye or pumpernickel bread; about 1 tablespoon prepared Russian dressing; 1/4 pound corned beef; 1/4 cup sauerkraut, rinsed, drained and squeeze-dried; and 1 or 2 slices of Swiss cheese, depending on size.

To assemble, spread the dressing on one slice of bread and top with corned beef, sauerkraut, cheese and the other slice of bread. Heat an iron skillet or heavy griddle, add a small amount of butter if desired, and grill 2 to 3 minutes on each side until the cheese is melted and the bread lightly toasted.

Corned Beef Hash is a basic dish, and how to

prepare it should be found in any basic cookbook. The following recipe is from Family Circle's "All-time Favorite Recipes" (Doubleday, \$29.95).

CORNED BEEF HASH

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium red onion, diced
1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound all-purpose potatoes, cooked, peeled and diced
10 ounces cooked corned beef, diced
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and saute 5 minutes. Add butter and potatoes and cook 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned. Add corned beef, Worcestershire sauce and hot-pepper sauce and cook 5 to 6 minutes. Sprinkle with black pepper and parsley and combine.

If desired, top each serving with a poached egg.

Makes 6 servings.

Wine from page B1

Torre Valpolicella from Italy's Veneto region.

"We have this wine from AHD Vintners on our wine list, so I know from experience that it is a great match," Tonon said.

"To create a pairing, it's important to pay attention to the fact that the pasta is light, therefore the wine must also be light, but have a presence. Tomatoes are frequently difficult to match with wine, but a valpolicella or in just a little heavier style, an amarone will always be perfect."

He described the Allegrini Valpolicella as a "ripasso," an Italian term literally meaning repassed. In the process, unpressed skins of amarone are added to valpolicella to enhance flavors, body and overall character.

■ Tip two: Pay attention to texture and when the dish includes tomatoes which are high in acid, make sure the wine has sufficient body and is not too acid nor tannic in the finish.

Restaurateurs, chefs and wine purveyors are often ahead of the trend curve. If this is true, merrit is not on its way out, it's out. Not a single dish in the competi-

tion was matched with a merlot.

■ Tip three: Slightly sweet beats heat when it comes to matching food and wine was demonstrated by Beans & Cornbread owner Patrick Coleman with his Spicy BBQ Shrimp and Sweet Potato Muffins and the 1998 Marchesi di Gresy "La Serra" Moscato d'Asti.

■ Tip four: If you prefer a dry red with a spicy dish, make sure it's mellow. This was underscored by Fox and Hounds Executive Chef Terry Shuster's preparation of Chicken and Shrimp Gumbo with Sausage and 1997 Folie a Deux Zinfandel from California's Amador County. The wine has plenty of flavor, spunk to stand up to gumbo spices, but a smooth finish to beat the heat.

■ Tip five: When matching a sweet wine with dessert, the wine must be sweeter than the dessert as was the case with the good match of East Side Mario's Tiramisu with Crème Anglaise and 1998 Michele Chiarlo "Nobile" Moscato d'Asti.

Van Gogh

The 12-week run of Van Gogh: Face to Face at the Detroit Institute of Arts has grabbed the attention of the international art community. You can buy a poster remembrance, but if you like vodka or gin, here's a really unique remembrance for your bar — and filled with the highest quality spirits.

Luctor International's Vincent Vodka and Van Gogh Gin (both \$30) sport award-winning breakthrough packaging that uses magnifying glass to create a 3-D image of etched and silkscreened scenes from Holland. The Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with five of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

The Van Gogh Gin bottle depicts a typical Amsterdam canal bridge. As the bottle is turned, it creates the impression of walking through the scene.

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Purim meal: A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on an Iraqi dish, it makes a one-dish dinner.



Cook these salmon steaks for Purim

Purim, celebrated on March 21, is the most playful Jewish holiday. It even has a kind of carnival air.

As the Megillah, the story of how the Jews of Persia escaped destruction at the hands of the evil Haman, is read aloud, children and adults grind noisemakers called graggers and stamp their feet every time the villain's name is mentioned. In Israel, people dress up in masquerade costumes and parade boisterously, even hitting one another on the head with plastic mallets that make a chirping noise.

Food is an important part of the Purim celebration, particularly sweets and baked treats, which are both eaten and given as presents, along with fresh and dried fruit.

Hamantaschen is the most familiar Purim pasty. Supposedly, Central European Jews created this triangular cookie to resemble Haman's tri-cornered hat, and filled it with poppyseeds to symbolize the bribe money stuffed in his pockets. Israeli Jews fry long strips of cookie dough which they pinch in the middle and call Haman's Ears.

A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on Saloona, an Iraqi dish, it makes a complete, one-dish dinner.

You can make this colorful dish a day ahead and reheat it. The vegetables are so delicious you may want to increase the amount used to ensure your self of leftovers.

SWEET AND SOUR SALMON STEAKS

Sauce:

- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped

1 tablespoon chopped flatleaf parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper

2 salmon steaks, 10 ounces each
1/2 large onion, cut in 1/2-inch crescents
1 large carrot, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
1 large celery rib, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices
2 large or 3 medium plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 375° F. For the sauce, in a small bowl combine the tomato sauce, sugar, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, capers and parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 1/4 cup of the sauce to cover the bottom of a small Dutch oven or other oven-proof casserole dish. Set aside. Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set it over medium-high heat. Brown the salmon about 2 minutes on each side. Set the salmon steaks on top of the sauce in the prepared casserole dish.

Spread the onions, carrot, and celery over the salmon. Arrange the potato, overlapping the slices to cover the mixed vegetables in one layer.

Arrange the sliced tomato over the potatoes. Pour the remaining sauce over the tomatoes. Cover the pot.

Bake, covered, until the fish is evenly pink to the center bone and the potatoes are just cooked, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Nutritional information: Each of the four servings contains 346 calories and 10 grams of fat.

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

Web site dedicated to Jewish holiday

Move over Pikachu, move over Pokemon.

Here comes Modechai and Esther in "A Virtual Purim."

These 2,300-year-old Jewish heroes come to life in a new web site — www.virtualpurim.com — unveiled at the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., for the upcoming Jewish holiday of Purim (Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21). Michigan is home to 31 Chabad centers, including five locations in West Bloomfield and centers in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Purim is the Jewish Feast of Lots, celebrating the salvation of the Jewish people 2,355 years ago from Haman's plot to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, in a single day, the exact date determined by Haman throwing a lottery. Purim commemorates Esther's deliverance of the Jews in Persia from Haman's plotted massacre.

Purim is also observed by public readings of the "Scroll of Esther," sending food portions to friends, giving gifts of money to the poor and enjoying a festive meal accompanied with joyous drink.

Children of all ages will enjoy

everything from games to recipes to prayers to stories on "A Virtual Purim," the world's most comprehensive Purim web site. The site gives detailed instructions on how to celebrate, give, say, pray, listen, learn and eat on the holiday, plus actual meal menu suggestions and lots of fun and games.

Contestants will compete for prizes in the world's largest online Costume Contest and students young and old will try their hand at games. Rhyming characters will recount the Purim miracle for kids who find it easier to learn in verse than from a book.

Lest one think that A Virtual Purim is all play and fun, the

study area serves enough in-depth learning to keep a team of scholars occupied for weeks. Hundreds of pages of essays and insights, divided by category and learning level, afford beginner and scholar a smorgasbord of Purim food for thought.

The recipe section is a one-stop treasure trove of delicious hamantaschen, krepelach, challah, fish, chicken soup, pickled tongue, casseroles, pescial carciofo and more Purim dishes.

The last 50 years have witnessed a revival in the observance of the Purim holiday, traced to the efforts of Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

Passover recipes sought

Share your Passover recipes and culinary traditions with our readers in Taste.

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program, joins the Kitchen Glamor stores to share tips and techniques about the Culinary Arts Olympics to be held in Europe. Schneider will teach how to prepare roasted garlic potato leek soup, roast pork loin with gorgonzola and walnut crust, duchess potatoes with shiitake mushrooms. Sessions are

scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at the Orchard Mall northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Friday, March 24, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

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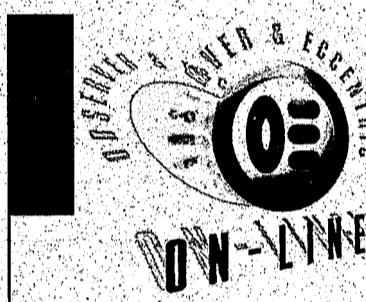
■ Coffee cakes and stuff — Larry Galbraith will instruct baking sessions at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, sticky buns and

coffee cakes, March 25; and bread and bagels, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois in Rochester. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ Culinary Recipes — Chef Dave Schneider, instructor from the Macomb Community College culinary arts

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FRANK PROVENZANO

Grandma with an attitude tosses more than pasta

Kim Cruchon thinks of herself as a definite type. Need a tall, brown-eyed, brown-hair look for a female character in a play, film or industrial video?

She'll undoubtedly show up at the audition.

At a shade under 6-feet tall, the Rochester Hills actor doesn't exactly look like the fragile grandmotherly type.

What: *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*, an interactive comedy.
Where: Baci Theatre, 40 W. Pike Street, downtown Pontiac.
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 4:30 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 2 & 6:30 p.m. Sunday.
Tickets: \$50 for Thursdays & Sundays; \$55 for Fridays & Saturdays. Includes dinner. For information, call (248) 645-6666.

from the train. Italian style.

Since the end of December, Cruchon has been playing Grandma Nunzio in the interactive play, *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* at Baci Theatre in Pontiac.

Pass the pasta. Take a swig of red wine and move along.

Dance with the bride

Tony n' Tina's Wedding is a staged celebration with plenty of comedic improv moments. The play, which opened in December of 1998, rates among the longest-running in local theater history.

It's become a cult classic for masochists who can't resist attending another sappy wedding reception. An excuse, perhaps, to chase a garter, grab a bouquet, and dance with the bride and groom.

Some Italians might wonder what the fuss is all about. After all, familial obligations are a way of life.

But for those who've been hugged by an overly affectionate Italian aunt and have lived to tell the tale, laughter cures the dysfunctionalism caused by an utterly obsessive and emotionally wrought way of life.

Sure, a bountiful plate of love is great. At times, however, an abundance of affection may seem like you're sharing your skin with a family of 10.

Clearly, for Cruchon, who works to stay away from stereotypes of older Italian women, the intent is laughs.

"All actors are natural born mimics," said Cruchon, whose grandmother was from Romania, and doesn't have a drop of Italian blood. "I try to keep in mind the connection to the old country."

Cruchon's grandmother character encourages hugs, and isn't shy about giving a pinch to the guys.

Her own wedding

About 20 years ago, Cruchon moved from metro Detroit to LA. Her ambition was grand and simple — to become the next Meryl Streep. That job was also apparently pursued by nearly every other female actor who ventured westward.

Cruchon found LaLa Land to be the ultimate dog-eat-dog world. She recalled sending out 200 resumes, then getting calls for only three auditions. Eventually she landed a job as an extra on the TV series, "It's a Living," which starred Ann Gillian.

By the time she left LA six years ago, Cruchon realized that the big-time agents weren't probably going to call. The next Meryl Streep was looking for a new street out of LA.

Around that time, a high-school sweetheart called. He convinced her to attend their 20-year class reunion. About a year later, Cruchon was moving back to Michigan to attend her own wedding.

She was acting in community theater before she auditioned for *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*.

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A FINE EYE FOR THE ARTS

Competition juror has own impressive credentials in world of art

BY ALICE RHEIN

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For an artist who maintains a 63-page resume, Howarrena Pindell is hardly one to boast. In fact, the Manhattan, N.Y. resident's soft-spoken voice is, at times, barely audible. Her demeanor, one of calm geniality.

But make no mistake.

Pindell, juror for the 19th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition showing at the Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center through April 1, has made a notable impact on the art world.

Her paintings and mixed-media works are owned by some of the most prestigious museums in the country.

And her contributions as a multicultural artist have been substantial. She is a sociopolitical activist, a crusader against racism and sexism — themes evident in her art, which she terms both "restful and disturbing."

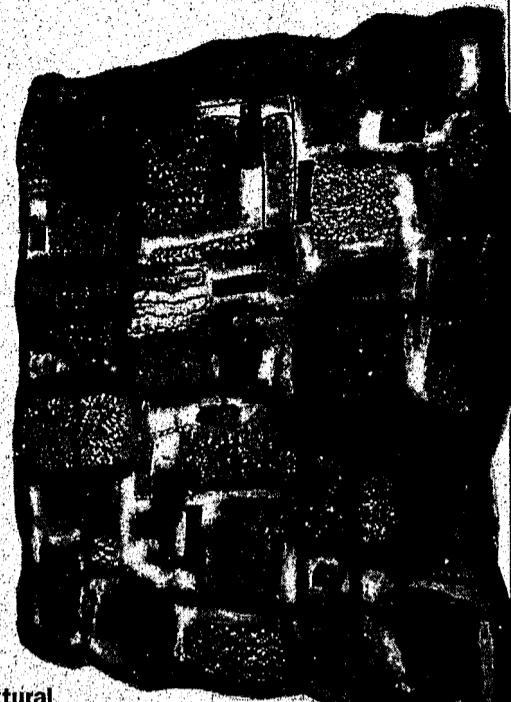
Yet, as jurist for this year's competition, the 56-year-old Philadelphia native wants to be considered as simply "fair."

"I felt that what I chose was very diverse. I like the fact that there is not this sense of one school of thought that everyone comes from, which happens in certain areas," she said.

A good fit

Janet Torno, executive director of the BBAC, said she first got to know the artist through the University of Michigan Museum of Art. Torno had worked on rights and reproductions and Pindell had a popular postcard that sold in the museum gift shop.

"She's very easy to work with," Torno said. "For this exhibit, we look for someone with exposure to different kinds of art. She teaches at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Yale, she worked at the Museum



Textural grid: Loretta Oliver of Bloomfield Hills took sixth place for her woven felt collage entitled "Puff Edges."

of Modern Art for years, and she's traveled the world. All the things added up to a good fit."

Of the 357 artists who entered 600 works, Pindell chose 97 pieces for the exhibit. About 10 percent are returning artists and several are students and faculty of the BBAC.

At first sight

Pindell said she took more than a week to make her decision while pouring over slides again and again.

But when she first saw Bloomfield Hills resident Soo Sonny Parks' untitled installation, she knew it was a prize winner.

"I reserved judgment until I saw everything more than once," she said, stepping gingerly around the floor-to-ceiling installation to address its detail.

"I like the texture, the use of space, the way you can interact with it. I even like that all the little cords are showing. It's not a miracle as to how it hangs. It gets us involved in the making of the piece and it makes you concentrate."

Concentration is something Pindell knows a great deal about, not because of her artistic prowess, but because of a head injury she sustained in a car accident in 1979.

For months following the injury, she had difficulty walking, moving her hands and gaining mental focus — to this day she says her memory isn't so good.

The injury caused her work to change, too.

Starting over

Pindell went from abstract to autobiographical, from pointy works made with multitudes of paper punch confetti to large collage paintings where she traced her body and sewed it onto a larger canvas.

"I couldn't do my pretty things anymore, I had to document my concerns," she said.

Flashbacks that would awaken her in total terror emerged in her art, as fragmentary images, vacation postcards, which she used to jog her memory, turned up imbedded in her work, and often impaled with nails.

"I found that extremely pleasurable. I had so much anger," she said.

But out of that anger emerged works which offer statements on larger social issues like segregation and homelessness.

In judging this year's competition, Pindell didn't consciously look for the autobiographical, but many of her choices are based on familiar themes.

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Keen eye: Howardena Pindell, juror of the Michigan Fine Arts Competition at the BBAC, stands in front of Bloomfield Hills resident Soo Sonny Parks' installation, which took first place in this year's competition.

EXHIBIT

Ephemeral: "Christ before Caiaphas," an engraving by Albrecht Dürer, is one of the prints in the Barnes collection.

Engravings create indelible touch of history

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

Albrecht Dürer carved and etched his way into history as a prominent engraver and artist during the Renaissance period. Centuries later, his artistic mastery continues to captivate the heart of Carl Barnes, Jr., guest curator for Meadow Brook Art Gallery's current exhibit *Personal Favorites*, which runs through April 6.

"Dürer is one of the greatest names in Western art. To have in my hands something Dürer touched five centuries ago is a way of touching history," said Barnes, referring to his favorite 16th century print, *Christ Before Caiaphas*.

Personal Favorites is more than just a title. Over the past 18 years, Barnes and his wife, Anna, have amassed 259 original fine prints by many renowned printmakers. The exhibit pulls together what they consider their "favorites" — 72 prints by 55 artists whose works span a period of 485 years.

Their collection includes works ranging from Dürer, a 16th century German artist, to Eugene Delacroix, a dominant

French artist during the 19th century Romantic period, to contemporary artist Karen Anne Klein from Pleasant Ridge.

The couple initially collected the art to be used by students in their study of prints and the history of printmaking. It eventually grew into a labor of love they enjoyed sharing.

Recently, they donated their entire historic collection of prints and 314 books to Oakland University where Carl is a professor of art and archeology.

"We are glad to make the gift to the university, so future generations of students will benefit. We like to share it," said Carl, a 29-year employee of the university.

Visitors to the exhibit are initially met with an expanse of white space, but on detailed inspection, they discover the eclectic selection of prints that first transports them from medieval to

16th-century architecture.

"Tour du Gros Horloge...Evreux, France" shows a clock tower which has since been destroyed. The striking lithograph, by 19th century English artist Richard Parkes Bonington, reveals the printmaker's expertise at creating subtle degrees of darkness on white.

According to Barnes, the key to printmaking is the engraver who carves, gouges and chisels enduring delicate lines and curves into an engraving plate or matrix.

The images created are meant to be permanent and transposed on paper. The next section of prints offers a glimpse into the exotic world of Gerald Leslie Brockhurst, a 20th century British expatriate and artist who loved to etch the women in his life dressed in unusual costumes — or sometimes

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Trio makes 9th return appearance

Ann Arbor's favorite Beaux is on the rebound.

The Beaux Arts Trio is back for a ninth appearance at Ann Arbor's Rackham Auditorium, where they will take the stage at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in a concert presented by the University Musical Society.

Composed of pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Young Uck Kim and cellist Antonio Meneses, the Beaux Arts Trio continues the musical tradition which launched their official public debut at the 1955 Berkshire Music Festival, known today as the Tanglewood Festival.

Pressler is an original member of the Beaux Arts Trio, along with Daniel Guillet and Bernard Greene.

What: The Beaux Arts Trio, in concert, presented by the University Musical Society
When: 4 p.m., Sunday, March 26
Where: Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$34, \$30, \$26, \$18 and can be purchased at the UMS Box Office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229 outside the (734) area code, \$10 student rush tickets may be available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Michigan Union Ticket Office.

Website: www.ums.org

Since its premiere at Tanglewood, the Trio has earned worldwide acclaim with more than 8,000 concerts on seven continents. Chosen as Musical America's Ensemble of the Year in 1997, the Trio performs more than 100 concerts per year.

Born in Magdeburg, Germany, Pressler's career spans nearly five decades and he ranks among the world's most distinguished and honored musicians.

He has for years been a member of the Indiana University music school, currently holding the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music. In addition to more than 50 recordings with the Beaux Arts Trio, Pressler has compiled more than 30 solo recordings, ranging from the works of Bach to Ben Haim.

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Triple play: The world-renowned Beaux Arts Trio includes founding member Menahem Pressler (left), Young Uck Kim and Antonio Menese.

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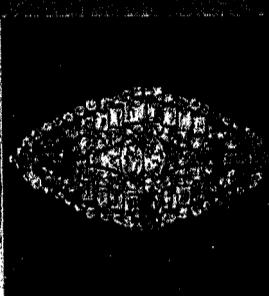
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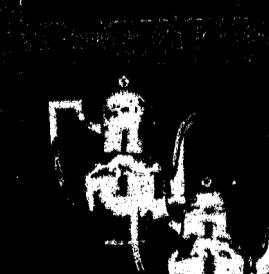
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Mom's tent became his home away from home

BY JOSH GERAK

SPECIAL WRITER

An era is ending and a new one ushers in. I am retiring my tent.

Since 1981 my Frostline tent, so lovingly sewn from a kit by mom before a long trip to Europe in 1982, has served its worthy life. Arriving today is its modern progeny — a North Face expedition tent.

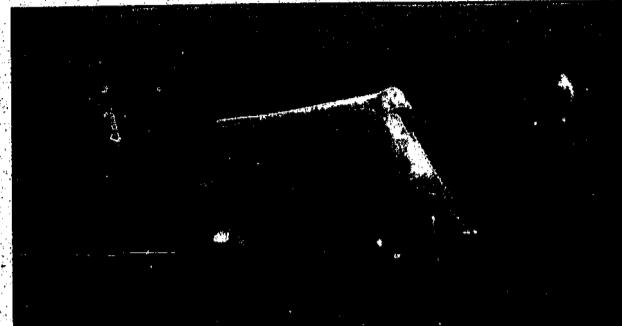
The Frostline was famous even before its first night under the stars. Mom (Eccentric social columnist Sally Gerak) was so frustrated by the task of making a complex expedition tent with all kinds of zippers, flaps, vestibules and Velcro windows that she wrote a column for The Eccentric about her personal frustration and the triumph with the tent's completion just before my first journey.

The Frostline needed to be replaced. The mosquito netting is torn and dried up. The zippers are failing. The heavy duty nylon has deteriorated from a thousand days in the sun, wind, rain and snow, and is no longer waterproof despite numerous re-coats of waterproof goo.

It's just not possible to re-seal the thinning fabric to ward off the Northwest weather, or even the milder desert weather.

Believe me — I worked to keep this tent operational. The tent poles and tent stakes have been replaced more times than I can count. Mildew layers were scrubbed off and scrubbed off again. Tears were fixed. The last time we camped out in the North Cascades, we had to stretch a plastic tarp over the tent to stay dry. That was the final straw.

Oh, the stories the Frostline could tell: Hundreds of thousands of miles in car trunks, airplanes, buses, and on Nepal porter loads. Thousands of miles personally carrying over hill and dale. Myriads of spectacular vistas; hundreds of tent sites in national, state and World Heritage Parks; innumerable campgrounds, cow pastures and backyards in dozens of countries. The diversity of interesting and cultured passing guests. The romantic evenings with my wife



Break time: Josh Gerak (right) and his friend, Paul Wright, set up camp.

TRAVEL

by candlelight huddled against the wind and cold.

Finer Frostline Moments?

■ Cramming four fellow students, male and female, side by side in a tent made for two to three during a hike in the Highlands of Scotland in an extended rain (aren't they all in Scotland?), but staying dry and learning the importance of hormonal control.

■ Withstanding a brief but malevolent tempest at the famous White Crack camp-ground in Canyonlands National Park by spread-eagling on the tent floor to avoid being blown off the canyon edge. It was a perfectly clear night, so we blamed the sudden blast on Anasazi Indian Spirits because one of our bike trip companions disturbed an archeological artifact. The following morning we buried the tent in Magic Marker in a ceremony to appease the spirits.

■ Sharing the tent with four non-English speaking female French dental students in a debilitated state after vomiting all day because of the foul water I drank from a high altitude glacial stream in Switzerland which turned out to flow through a cow pasture.

■ Pitching the tent in the center of a roundabout in Mar-selles, France after disembarking from a train at 2 a.m., exhausted and with no place to

stay, only to wake up at rush hour with the realization that I was in the middle of the busy city's financial district.

■ At 11,000 feet on the flanks of glaciated Mt. Rainier, trying to melt snow for drinking water with a faulty cook stove before an early morning assault on the summit, only to lay awake all night with a dry, undigested meal in my stomach listening to crashing ice fall. I came down with altitude sickness at 13,000 feet and asked to be left pegged to the side of the mountain burrowed in a sleeping bag while my friends summited, listening to comments from passing climbers about the "dead body bag."

To this day if you crouch inside the Frostline and carefully inspect the thinning nylon roof, you can make out the faint scribbled signatures of travelers from Japan to France and the United States who proudly autographed the tent in Magic Marker with my blessing.

After all, it was Mom who started the Magic Marker tradition — you can still make out the words she inscribed after completing her frustrating sewing accomplishment: "A Mother's Love is Bigger than all Outdoors."

Josh Gerak, 38, is a former Birmingham resident and Brother Rice graduate. He operates Adventure Trekkers, a 15-year-old mountain biking tour company specializing in trips to Moab, Utah. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in Seattle.

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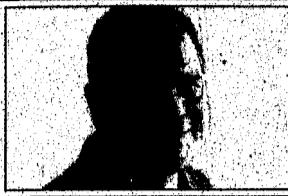
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Pitch and Catch



BRAD MONASTIERE

It's March Mourning time around North Oakland County

The most overused phrase this time of year is March Madness. Anything and everything the least bit unusual, and we are sure to see some TV talking head going on and on about "the madness."

A couple years ago, after the end of the high school boys basketball season, I caught up with Clarkston coach Dan Fife. He called this time of year "March Mourning," the couple weeks just after the too-abrupt ending to the season. All the North Oakland County boys basketball teams are going through March Mourning right now, but let's take a couple minutes and do some reflecting on what were some pretty good seasons turned in by Clarkston, Oxford and Lake Orion.

■ The Streak

No program made longer strides from the start of the season than Oxford. Little was expected of the team — at least from outside of Oxford — and a 3-7 start did little to cultivate optimism in the program.

Then, an amazing comeback at Ortonville-Brandon sparked the team on a 10-game winning streak to end the season. The run was good enough to net the Wildcats second place in the Flint Metro League and tie a school record for wins in a regular season with 13. Players like Joel Gallo, Mike Spencer and Dave Rayner came of age during the streak. Dave Inman was the unquestioned leader, the one who embodied the immense pride in this group.

But a word here for coach Jesse Heck. He took the job under very difficult circumstances in the 1997-98 season. Understandably, he felt a little overwhelmed, being handed a varsity program in his early 20s. But this season, he began to emerge as one of the best young coaches in the county. His playing rotation stayed consistent, and he went with what worked. He stayed calm on the sidelines, and led the team with a grit and determination that definitely rubbed off on his players.

Oxford got bounced from the state playoffs by Clarkston, but this season meant more to the 'Cats than another early exit. The bar for Oxford hoops has been raised, thanks to this year's group.

■ Last-second thrills

When it comes to excitement, few teams matched coach Jim Manzo and the Lake Orion Dragons.

If I remember right, I think every game on Lake Orion's schedule was decided in the last 10 seconds. Well, that might be a little bit of an exaggeration, but it's not that far from the truth. The Dragons won and lost games on last-second shots, steals in the backcourt, and from the free throw line. I really like this team's chances for great success next year. Playing games like they did can only be a positive for a team which returns four starters next season — Chad Day, Matt George, Jason Miller and Odai Baylor.

Manzo did a terrific job managing this group, and his enthusiasm for the game carries over to his players. Next year's team has a very good chance to be the best Lake Orion basketball team in a decade.

■ The tradition continues

Death, taxes, horrible northbound traffic at 6 p.m., and Clarkston basketball excellence.

There aren't many constants in life, but coach Dan Fife has built one of the finest basketball programs in the state. Each year, he faces losing top talent, but finds a way to take young players and fit them into the system. And who can argue with the results? Eleven district titles the past 12 years. I overheard one fan calling the Class A district tournament the Clarkston Basketball Invitational.

It has been a privilege to cover Fife's teams since I came to Clark-

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The tracks stop here

Wolves ousted in OT by Cinderella Chiefs in Class A regional semifinals, 67-61

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

One of the hardest feats to accomplish in the arena of sports is to beat a team three times in one season. Clarkston found out that the third time was not a charm against Pontiac Central.

After losing twice to Clarkston during the regular season, Pontiac Central avenged those losses and defeated the Wolves in a boys basketball Class A regional semifinal game 67-61 in overtime Wednesday night at Macomb Dakota High School before a packed house equally represented by fans of both teams.

Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino sent the game into overtime with an improbable three-pointer from the corner with three seconds remaining in regulation, but it was the lack of defensive rebounding that doomed the Wolves (13-8) in the extra period.

Junior guard Andrew Brown led the Chiefs with 22 points, all but six of which came in crunch time down the stretch. But Central's free-throw shooting proved to be the major thorn in Clarkston's side.

As a team, the Chiefs missed only two of 16 free throws, while Clarkston missed nine, signaling the six-point differential.

"A break here or there and the game would have gone the other way," said Pontiac Central coach Ernie Hill. "What can I say this is March Madness time and there's always some unsung heroes that step up."

Brown started the overtime by stripping Clarkston junior point guard Ryan Kaul and taking in a lay-up. Three minutes later senior forward Robert Clayton converted a three-point play to give the Chiefs a 62-58 lead with over a minute to play.

Marino drilled a 25-footer on the ensuing possession to pull the Wolves to within 62-61, but Clayton responded by hitting two free throws after being fouled while grabbing an offensive rebound, putting Central up 64-61. Clarkston would not threaten again.

Although the Chiefs appeared to commit a goaltending violation with 15 seconds remaining on a short jumper from Clarkston junior center Brian Endresz, the referees let it go and Central finished the game off from the charity stripe.

Junior guard Kashif Russell finished with 16 points and eight rebounds for the Chiefs and Clayton added 14. Marino led the Wolves with 19 points and senior forward Rocky Lund added 18 and six rebounds.

"We had momentum and we just let



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

One last drive: Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino (No. 23 above) glides past a pair of Pontiac Central defenders in Wednesday's Class A regional semifinal. Meanwhile, senior forward Andy North (left) goes to the bucket for easy two points in the Wolves' loss.



Clarkston 7-foot-1 senior center Pete Ritzema gave the Wolves a big lift with both 6-4 senior forward Andy North and 6-5 senior swingman Adam Schapman on the bench with foul trouble, and Clarkston utilized a packed-in zone defense against the Chiefs but a James Smothers triple gave Central a 49-48 lead with just under two minutes to play.

Brown followed with another key

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Clarkston's Zonca resigns from C-C post

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
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Clarkston's girls track and cross country athletes are losing a coach with an impressive resume, but that coach leaves those programs in good hands.

Deb Zonca, who coached girls cross country at Clarkston for four years, has stepped down from her position, and her assistant the last two — Jamie LaBrosse — will take her spot starting in the fall.

Zonca will also no longer be an assistant girls track coach to Gordie Richardson. She expressed a desire to take a break from coaching to concentrate more on teaching and furthering her own education.

"I just needed a break from coaching," Zonca said Tuesday. "I decided at the end of last season that I

wanted a break. I have participated or coached track and cross country for 18 straight years."

Zonca, who coached for seven very successful seasons at Troy Athens before coming to Clarkston, said the toughest part of her decision was to leave the girls who she worked with every day.

"The hardest part of the decision was knowing I would be leaving the girls," she said. "You develop relationships with kids that you wouldn't normally get to meet in the classroom, and that was special. I'm going to miss that."

While coaching the Wolves, Zonca guided several state-qualifying runners, including Lissa Lukens, the three Rooding sisters (Jennifer, April and Christina), Liz Cook, Nicole Fischer and Gretchen Pitser.

At Athens, Zonca had a lot of success, guiding the Red Hawks to the Lower Peninsula Class A state

championships in 1994 and 1995. She also won five league championships and four regional titles while coaching the boys and girls cross country teams at Athens.

With Clarkston, she coached one league champion and one state-qualifying team.

"I had been thinking about leaving coaching for about a year and a half," she said. "But this will allow me to spend more time with my classroom students after school. I just got my master's degree, and I want to start working on another degree."

Zonca had high praise for LaBrosse, saying she was leaving the program in capable hands.

"Jamie will do a phenomenal job," she said. "The girls like and respect him, and he has running experience of his own, at Central Michigan, and he ran in Canada. He's a very good friend, and I feel good about leaving the program to him."

Lifting her voice

Orion's Sharon Kline lends helping voice at MHSAA wrestling state finals

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Sharon Kline doesn't have a degree in communications or broadcasting, nor does she plan on getting one in the near future. But the MHSAA felt her voice was just the right one.

Kline, a teacher at Lake Orion Waldron Middle School and wife of Lake Orion High School wrestling coach Doug Kline, was one of the public address announcers the past two seasons at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling State Finals, held at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Kline said she had a ball with the microphone in hand.

"That was a lot of fun. I enjoyed every minute of it," said Kline, who announced all three days of the finals this year, held March 9-11. "But I don't need an agent just yet."

During the 1998-99 wrestling season, Kline, who has been announcing local dual meets at Lake Orion the past few years, and even helped announce the Oakland County Meet the past two



Kline's turn on the mic: Lake Orion resident Sharon Kline was chosen to be one of the public address announcers at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Individual State Wrestling Finals the past two years.

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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 Sea-

holm, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Roeper, Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, 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 Boys Swimming Meeting

The Eccentric All-Area Boys Swimming & Diving Meeting is

scheduled for Monday, March 20, at the Birmingham corporate office, located at 805 E. Maple.

The Birmingham 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 3 p.m.

Schools in the Eccentric coverage area that have boys swimming teams are Auburn Hills Avondale, Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Eton Academy, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Sea-

holm, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Southfield Unified, Troy, Troy Athens, Walled Lake Unified and West Bloomfield.

For further details, call sportswriter Chris Mayer at (248) 901-2589.

All-Area Volleyball

The Eccentric All-Area Boys Swimming & Diving Meeting is

Meeting

The Eccentric All-Area Girls Volleyball Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, at the Birmingham corporate office, located at 805 E. Maple.

The Birmingham 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 4:30 p.m.

For further details, call Dun-can White at (248) 625-1900.

Lake Orion hockey meeting

There will be another parent meeting regarding starting a high school hockey team at Lake

Orion on Tuesday, April 4 at the Orion Township Library conference room, starting at 6:30 p.m.

At its first few meetings, response has been good, according to Sandy Mabery. More than 70 students expressed an interest in participating in a high school hockey program at Lake

Orion. Varsity hockey teams have been approved at many Oakland County schools over the past four years, including Clarkston, Troy, Waterford Mott, Waterford Kettering, and Berkley. Ortonville-Brandon will sponsor a team next year, and Auburn Hills Avondale and possibly Rochester could follow.

A group of Lake Orion parents will make a formal presentation to add hockey as a varsity sport to the Lake Orion School Board

at its April 12 meeting. A written proposal is scheduled to be given to the board at its March 22 study session.

For more information, contact Mabery at 693-4672.

Middle School Hockey Clinic

The Clarkston hockey program will help sponsor a middle school hockey clinic, to be held at Lake Orion 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

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ston nearly four years ago. All Clarkston home games are events, not just games. They receive great support from the community, and the kids represent the program with class and dignity, in victory or defeat.

Next year's team has some big shoes to fill, with the departures of sharpshooter Ryan Marino, inside players

Pete Ritzema and Adam Schapman, the scrappy Andy North, and all-around athlete Rocky Lund. But count on the Wolves winning another 15 or 16 games next year, and making life miserable for most Oakland County teams.

It's been a fun boys basketball season, with dramatic games, terrific players and

intense competition.

Here's hoping next year is just as fun.

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years, was approached by MHSAA wrestling official Ron Nagy in early 1999 about possibly announcing the state's individual finals.

"He asked me one day and I was like 'yeah right,'" recalled Kline. "I seriously thought he was joking. He then told me it was at Joe Louis and I laughed again. But later on that season he called me again and was very serious, so I accepted the job."

"And the rest is history, I guess you could say."

Kline said she was very flattened to be chosen.

"They felt that not too many

women had a lot of knowledge about (prep) wrestling and they felt it would be neat, something different, to have a women's voice announcing at the state finals," she said. "It is a nice honor to have been able to do this."

Kline announced the pairings before each match for all four divisions, as well as the final scores after each match. She was also in charge of leading all of the Division II state qualifiers and medalists for the Grand March before the opening rounds on March 9 and once again before the championship match-

es on March 11. "That was pretty neat," she added. "I got to lead the Division II kids in the Grand March, and right behind me was Eric Ghiaciu of Oxford, a local kid and someone I know. That was a pretty neat experience."

"Although the wrestling season — and Kline's announcing — is put on hiatus for the time being, Kline is looking forward to her next opportunity on the mic."

"If they ask me to do it again next year, I'm sure I will," she concluded.

And maybe then the agents will start calling.

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jumper but Kaul (14 points, six assists) drove the lane for a tough leaner. Kaul and Central's Russell each hit clutch free throws down the stretch before Marino's long triple.

Brown said he realized he had to step up and hit shots down the stretch because it was a tight game throughout.

"We're a hungry team. We don't just want to go home and we knew that it's always a war with Clarkston," he said. "I can

really tell you it was chaos out there on the court. It was a dogfight."

Fife admitted that free throws proved to be a difference in the game and was visibly frustrated by the lack of rebounding in the second half while pacing the sidelines. He praised the play of Kaul for keeping the game a halfcourt battle most of the way, and Lund for his aggressive play on both sides of the court.

Marino didn't score in the sec-

ond half until the game-tying three-pointer forced overtime and Fife said the Chiefs did a good job of blanketing him.

"It's tough to beat any team three times in a season and they know from playing us that they want to shut down Marino. Our free throws hurts because we're not talented enough to miss free throws and still win a game like this."

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

Statistician needed

Rochester High School is seeking a volunteer manager/statistician for the varsity and junior-varsity soccer teams for the upcoming season. Candidates must be willing to attend all games, home and away.

Interested? Please call Rochester Athletics Director Shane Redshaw or Rochester soccer coach Erick Pfeifer at (248) 651-5590.

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 Orion Shalom Baptist, Oxford and Oxford Christian.

Athletic Directors can mail to: The North Oakland Sports Department, 790 S. Lapeer, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48362, or can fax to (248) 693-9716.

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 player.

The ODSL is dedicated to the development of skills for children ages 7-9.

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

Coaching vacancies

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.

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) 389-3247.

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.

Bloomfield Hills Andover High School athletic officials currently are accepting applications

TEAM TRYOUTS

BASEBALL

The Rochester Reds are looking for experienced pitchers and catchers to fill roster positions for the 13-year-old NOBF team. Also players are needed for tournaments.

For more information, call (248) 873-7283.

The Rochester Yankees 14-and-under team, competing in the North Oakland Baseball Federation is looking for talented players to fill out the roster. Prior experience at this level is recommended.

Those interested should call (248) 652-8055 for more information.

Baseball/Softball private lessons training is available at Total Baseball for youngsters ages 6-18 to improve their games.

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Men's Senior Baseball League is looking for players to fill rosters for teams 30-and-over and 40-and-over for the 2000 season.

Those players interested are asked to contact Mike Julian at (310) 247-8344.

A manager is needed for the Michigan Bulls 15-16-year-old champion baseball team:

For more information, contact Barry Zeitlin at (810) 754-5785 or (248) 661-8544.

The WaCo Wolves Travel Baseball teams in the Little Caesar's League are looking for 11-, 12-, 13- and 14-year-old players for the upcoming season.

The team will travel out of state at least three times.

For information on the 13-14-year-old teams, call (734) 595-2975; for information on the 11-12-year-old teams, call (313) 562-4687.

BASKETBALL

North American Youth Sports will conduct its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 14-16 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This tournament features 10 different brackets, including 5th-6th grade boys and girls, 7th-grade boys and girls, 8th-grade boys and girls, 9th-10th grade boys and girls, and 11th-12th grade boys and girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is \$95 and each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games. Awards will be presented in each

bracket.

The entry deadline is March 24.

For additional information, call Mark Garrigan at the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265, or call tournament director Pat Cannon at (734) 953-0854.

North American Youth Sports will hold its annual spring youth basketball tournament May 12-14 at Holly High School.

The tournament will feature play in the following brackets: 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls.

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SOFTBALL

Sunday Coed Teens Softball League is forming for youths in grades nine through 12. Sign-up is open for entire teams (18-player limit) or individuals. Games will begin at 3 p.m. at Halbach Field in Rochester. The seven-week schedule begins April 30.

For more information, call Rochester Avon Recreation Authority at (248) 656-8308.

Rochester Avon Recreation Authority will begin holding registration for the upcoming softball leagues on Monday, March 13. League play begins Monday, May 1.

Play in the following leagues is offered: Monday Night DH Class C; Tuesday Coed Division I Class C; Tuesday Coed Division II Class D; Wednesday Men's Class C; Wednesday Men's Class D; Thursday Men's Class C; Thursday Men's Class D; Sunday Morning Men's Class D; and Sunday Women's Class D/E.

For more information, contact RARA at (248) 656-8308.

SOCER

Registration for the Spring season of the Rochester Youth Soccer League will continue through Feb. 21 for boys and girls between the ages of four and 14.

The season runs April 15 through June 11. Fees for the season are \$45 per player or a maximum \$110 per family.

Registration forms are available at Dicks Sporting Goods, Soccer World, Rochester Public Library and Rochester Avon Recreation Authority and can be sent to RYSL, P.O. Box 1313, Rochester, MI 48308-1313.

A \$20 late fee will be charged for forms received after Feb. 21. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany registration forms for all new RYSL players.

For more information, call the RYSL at (248) 650-0113.

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League, Oakland County's only co-ed soccer league, has extended open registration for the spring season through April 9. Due to limited enrollment opportunities, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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HOCKEY

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its Learn to Check clinics March 20 through April 4 at various sites in the metro Detroit area. The Learn to Check program is geared toward squirt players moving up to pee wee and for current pee wee and bantam players who need instruction in the technique of checking.

Instruction will be offered at the following locations: Novi Ice Arena, March 20, 5:30-7:20 p.m., 7:30-9:20 p.m.; Livonia Devon-Aire Arena, March 21, 6:750 p.m.; Waterford Lakeland Ice Arena, March 22, 5:40-7:30 p.m., 7:40-9:30 p.m.; Grosse Pointe McCann Ice Arena, March 23, 6:750 p.m.; March 24, 5:30-7:20 p.m.; Dearborn Ice Skating Center, March 25, 6:15-8:05 p.m.; Farmington Hills Suburban Training Center, March 26, 6:30-8:20 p.m.; March 27, 5:30-7:20 p.m.; Port Huron Glacier Pointe Ice Arena, March 28, 6:750 p.m., 8:950 p.m.; Brownstone Ice Box Sports Center, April 3, 5:40-7:30 p.m., 7:40-9:30 p.m.; and Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, April 4, 5:30-7:20 p.m., 7:30-9:20 p.m.

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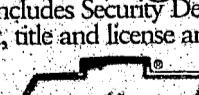
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The extra mile

2000 Buick Park Avenue upholds GM's standards of excellence



Fine example: The 2000 Buick Park Avenue Ultra, full sized and sophisticated for upscale buyers.

BY GREG ZILA
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The 2000 Buick Park Avenue Ultra satisfies buyers who are looking for full-size performance and discreet sophistication. With a Supercharged 3.8-liter V-6 under the hood, Park Avenue Ultra is a fine example of Buick's performance capabilities, although power and acceleration are no longer emphasized in Buick's marketing plans. Still, the muscle from the supercharged V-6 is the result of Buick's leading edge work in V-6 development back in the Eighties.

With numerous refinements in safety, Buick's flagship luxury sedan upholds the company's reputation for sophistication and good

taste. Consumers begin the Buick full-size experience with the LeSabre Custom (\$23,235 base), and then graduate to LeSabre Limited (\$27,340), Park Avenue (\$31,130) and finally Park Avenue Ultra (\$36,225). This extended buyer range results in Buick being the top selling full size value in America.

Consumers are drawn to the Buick nameplate for two major reasons. First and foremost is reputation, as Buick continues to uphold some of the highest engineering standards of all General Motors platforms. From the popular Specials and Roadmasters of the Forties and Fifties to today's Park Avenue Ultra, the Buick name has been synonymous with mechanical

excellence. Secondly, Buick presents its luxury in a more discreet manner than sibling

Cadillac. Park Avenue is less "country club" in its final aesthetic appearance, yet still addresses the luxury desire of the discreet, well-to-do consumer.

This discriminating buyer appreciates Buick's modest approach to luxury and refinement. Park Avenue's primary customers include professionals, entrepreneurs and executive men and women who want style, smooth power, roominess and exceptional value. The entry level LeSabre attracts the middle class who insist on value and are fortunate to be able to afford a full-size Buick.

Another noteworthy positive is Buick's "safety factor," which it emphasizes in television and print campaigns. All of the full-size

Buicks provide mass, which equates to safety if an accident occurs. Several new mechanisms aimed at better occupant protection and a surefooted driving experience are included in the 2000 models.

Heading the list of improvements is StabiliTrak, a computerized stability control system that is standard on Ultra and optional on Park Avenue. StabiliTrak helps the driver maintain control by electronically comparing what the driver wants the car to do with information from sensors indicating how the car is actually responding. If the car is in danger of sliding or skidding, StabiliTrak slows and stabilizes the car to help the driver maintain control. The system functions at any speed on any surface and is always operational, requiring no user activation. Safety is further enhanced with standard seat-mounted side air bags for drivers.

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ver and right front passenger, an all-new feature for the 2000 model year, and rear child seat tether anchors.

The proven and strong-running 3800 Series II V-6 engine, a 3.8-liter powerplant that delivers 205 horsepower at 5200 rpm and 230 lb-ft of torque at 4000 rpm in the naturally aspirated version, provides Park Avenue's mechanical motivation. Park Avenue Ultra's supercharger boosts output to 240 hp at 5200 rpm and 280 lb-ft of torque at 3600 rpm.

Projected fuel economy numbers are 19 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway for the Park Avenue and 18/27 for the supercharged Ultra. There's an 18.5-gallon fuel tank, assuring long freeway runs between fill-ups.

Full-range traction control, which uses brake and engine power control for smooth operation at any normal driving speed, remains standard on Ultra and optional on Park Avenue. Both engines rely on the 4T65E electronic four-speed automatic transmission.

Park Avenue Ultra offers a Gran Touring suspension package for \$200 more. The package features better 16-inch tires, improved steering, more precise handling, stiffer front springs and a front stabilizer bar. Also, an added rear stabilizer bar, higher dampening load front struts and rear shock absorbers

aid for more body control, while magnetic variable-effort steering make handling this large car easier at both low and high speeds. The larger brake rotors increase braking response, and help stop the 3,884-pound vehicle. We feel for the extra \$200, this is an excellent option to consider.

Additionally, Park Avenue offers features such as rain-sensing wipers that automatically activate when moisture is detected on the windshield & automatic level control, which adjusts rear air shocks to maintain proper vehicle height regardless of loading. Dual ComforTemp climate control that allows driver and front passenger to independently set interior temperature and the Concert Sound speaker system with nine speakers on Ultra, six

on Park Avenue. We also like the "no battery rundown" feature, which shuts off lights and other energy robbing features after 10 minutes.

Our test Park Avenue Ultra, which bottom-lined for \$38,925, came finished in a beautiful light Bronzemist Metallic with Taupe leather interior. Inside, a

roomy cabin awaited driver and passengers, with heated seats up front and enough room in the back for three full-size adults. The power seats allowed for numerous lumbar and height settings, while Ultra's memory stored two settings for favorite drivers. Heads Up Display is also available.



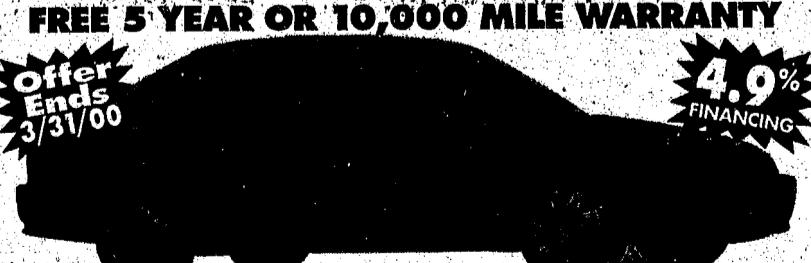
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Vehicle display: These trucks from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will be on display with SWAT cars and Hummers at Public Safety Career Day at Schoolcraft.

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SEEKS PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITS

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
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Public safety organizations will seek out new recruits Tuesday, March 21. That is the date slated for the Public Safety Career Expo 2000. The 3-hour event at the Radcliff Center of Schoolcraft College is open to the public beginning at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

"All these different people will come together so that anyone in an educational program and those who already have a career can talk to someone in the field," said Donna Nordman, coordinator of placement services at Schoolcraft College.

Nordman expects about 200 people will attend the annual event, but only some of the attendees will be searching for a job. Others may just be looking for information or want to see what types of employment opportunities are out there.

"This event is for anyone who is interested in the field of firefighting, emergency medical training, or

corrections," said Nordman. "Most people wouldn't know how to get into certain organizations. This is an opportunity for them to find out the procedure, find out who they talk to and how they apply. Maybe they are not ready now, but the next time an opening comes up, they're prepared."

In addition to the many organization representatives who will be on hand, there will be demonstrations and a specialty vehicle exhibit.

"There will be different tactile vehicles," Nordman explained. "These vehicles are not something you would see everyday, and they

are not something normally available for up-close viewing."

"How many times would you have a chance to go into some kind of firefighting vehicle or see a SWAT van up close? People will be on hand to talk about the different vehicles and you may be able to see some things hands-on," she said.

People will have an opportunity to see a Humm V, an ambulance, SWAT van, police "Hot Rod" and a '97 Pierce with Telesquirt (fire engine) just to name a few.

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There is no doubt that municipalities and United States Law Enforcement agencies will occupy most of the booths at the upcoming Career Expo. Police departments from Ann Arbor to Dearborn and Monroe to Port Huron will be represented. Additionally, there will be representatives from the U.S. Marshal's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Michigan Department of Corrections and more.

"We put out letters to all different kinds of organizations asking them if they would like to participate," Nordman responded when asked about the breadth of representatives.

She reasoned that while some of these groups travel quite a distance for the Expo, they may find job candidates who are willing to relocate.

"For people in the actual programs, they will go where the jobs are," she said. "They are trying to get on the career path. If opportu-

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nities are available somewhere else, they move."

According to Nordham, career opportunities in public safety run hot and cold.

"Over the years, opportunities have gone up and down. Right now, we are finding that for our Police academy, there are a number of police departments who have come on to our campus specifically to recruit. They have openings now, or in the near future," she said.

Fred Sharp, special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, will be looking for potential employees at the Career Expo.

"The ATF is actually in the process of hiring about 300 people over the next few months. Then we will hire another 300

next year" he said. "The breakdown will be about 150 special agents, 100 inspectors and 50 support staff."

Aside from accepting resumes, Sharp will answer questions about the agency and specific job duties.

"I do believe these events are beneficial to us and the people who come," he said. That is why he attends between two and three of these events a month.

He admits to putting in a lot of time preparing for each of these career fairs, but said, "they serve several purposes."

Aside from screening candidates and spreading the word about the agency, he is able to show off the ATF National Response Team Vehicle.

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gency equipment transport, this truck is summoned whenever "there is a loss of life, explosion, or property damage" of significant financial proportions.

There are about 30 of these trucks throughout the country.

"We last used it in the Hillsdale fireworks explosion," he said.

Lt. Jeff Perkins of the Livonia Police Department will also be looking for potential hires. For

him, that is the primary benefit of attending these events.

"The benefit to us is in the recruiting," he said.

"In law enforcement of old, we let people come to us. We have found that it is more efficient however for us to go to them."

Not everyone he talks to at these events is looking for a position at that time. Some work in other jurisdictions and are just interested in informa-

tion. Yet, regardless of who approaches him, he is ready to assist them.

"I either take their resume and if they aren't looking right now, I have them fill out a postcard and I mail it to them when something becomes available."

He averages between 20 and 40 contacts at each Career Expo. As a result, Livonia police officials have a "large client base" to draw from when it comes to hiring.

Like Livonia, Canton Township Fire Department officials are looking to bolster their candidate pool. However, this is also an opportunity for them to work on public relations.

"It's not unusual for people to give out resumes to everyone who is accepting them," said

Michael Rorabacher, Fire Chief in Canton Township. "As they interview, they weigh who they want to work for. They consider benefit packages, career opportunities and the type of services available."

Rorabacher views the Career Expo as a good chance to "get the word out about Canton not being a bad place to work."

While this is the first time his department has taken place in Schoolcraft's Career Expo, he has worked with the college on other events. He credits Schoolcraft for working hard to get their students together with potential employers.

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Get the right size



If you decided that last summer was the last time you would be hot and sticky and an air conditioning system was in your future - it's time to consider your options.

Air conditioning units are rated by a seasonal energy efficiency rating (SEER). All new models have a minimum SEER of 10. More efficient units are rated 11 to 14. The more efficient the unit, the greater the annual operating-cost savings.

I have talked with many customers who are unhappy with the performance of their air conditioning systems. The majority of the dissatisfaction is the result of an incorrectly sized unit.

Many air conditioners were sized to deliver 75 degrees indoors when it's 90 degrees outside. I suggest the unit be sized to deliver 75 degrees indoors when it's 95 degrees outside.

I am not implying you should set your thermostat at 75 degrees. Your air conditioning should be set so you are comfortable.

Once you've hired a contractor to install your air conditioning system, make sure the contract specifies the size of the unit to be installed. Get three quotes for any work to be done. If you are replacing an existing air conditioning unit, the installation should include a new coil in the furnace for maximum efficiency.

The contractor should measure the home and do a heat-gain calculation to determine the correct size.

Beginning Tuesday, March 21, Detroit Edison will host a series of seminars offering energy-saving tips for the owners of new and existing homes. For more information about the seminars and a location near you call the utility at (800) 833-2786.

If you have a question or comment regarding this article, give me a call at my toll-free number: (877) 349-4130.

Jerry Goetz of Detroit Edison's Residential & Small Business Marketing group has been with the utility for more than 40 years and is an expert adviser in home energy efficiency.

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Site's charm includes open spaces

The New York flat and townhouse motif, increasingly popular with builders here, is under construction by Phoenix Land Development in Farmington Hills.

Sixty-four attached condominiums, 16 to a building, are on the rise in Glen Oaks Village at 13 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads.

Part of the charm is that two thirds of the acreage at the site will be undeveloped - primarily wetlands and community garden plots.

Other attractions are the walk-ups from the street, the brick-and-limestone front elevations and the multi-level living spaces of the residences themselves.

"In Dearborn, we built the same project type in West Village," said Scott Drumm, vice president with Phoenix. "We thought the upstairs might be a detriment to retirees, but we sold a number of townhouses to them. They said that's how they got their exercise."

"It's good, infill product when you get to areas like Dearborn and Farmington Hills, essentially all built out," Drumm added. "You can create some magic in those sites by getting a high-density use."

Two floor plans are offered at Glen Oaks Village.

The flat plan, 1,120 square feet, features a one-car garage and laundry at ground level; a small, unfinished basement below that; a living room up from the garage; and the kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms and a full bath above the living room.

Base price is \$161,900. An optional half bath at the garage/laundry level is available for \$1,200.

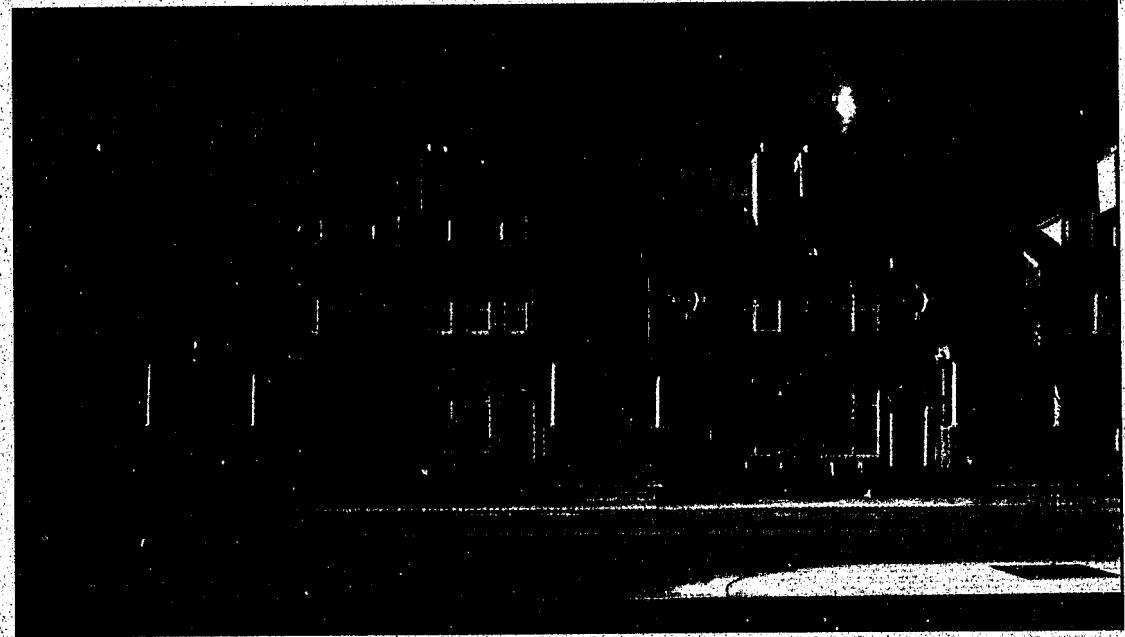
The townhouse plan, 1,620 square feet, features the garage and storage space at ground level; living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry, library (or optional bedroom) and half bath at the next level; and two bedrooms and a full bath above that.

Base price is \$202,900. A tub/shower can be added to the half bath for \$850, a shower, sink and toilet to the master for \$1,500.

Townhouse residences wrap around flats. All homes contain as standard features balcony, range and dishwasher, energy-efficient furnace, ceramic foyer and carpeting.

Fireplace (\$3,400) and air conditioning (\$2,500) are extra.

Brick and limestone trim are primary exterior materials in front and the



Glen Oaks: Townhouse condominiums offered by Phoenix Development are across the road from a public golf course.

ends of buildings, vinyl siding in back.

"One feature here we're proud of is insulation," Drumm said. "We put R-30 in the ceiling and R-13 in the walls. We also put in an energy seal package."

"One comment I get from people I walk through is the number of windows and natural light that comes into the units," he said.

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Glen Oaks Village probably will appeal to a spectrum of would-be buyers including empty nesters, singles and young marrieds, the principals there say.

"It's a maintenance-free lifestyle," Drumm said. "It's ideal for people on the run."

"Our buyers are impressed before they get inside by the brick, the facade," said Billie Goedert, sales representative. "Inside, they're impressed with the quality and space. Full space has been used very wisely."

Farmington Hills is an incredibly strong community, municipality, for services, the school system, resale value," Drumm added.

"We're essentially a mile from the

696/Orchard Lake interchange," he said. "You can hop on 696 and zip your way to Detroit in 20 minutes or 275 or 96 and be in Plymouth, Northville, Novi and Ann Arbor in a relatively short period of time."

"You have numerous shopping opportunities up and down Orchard Lake Road," Drumm said. "Glen Oaks golf course is right across the street, a public course."

Glen Oaks Village is served by city water and sewer and within the Farmington public school boundaries. There will be sidewalks.

All utilities will be metered. Pets up to 60 pounds will be allowed.

The property tax rate is \$39.48 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$210,000 home there would pay about \$4,150 the first year.

The monthly association fee, which includes insurance, maintenance, snow removal and lawn maintenance, is \$124.

Kyle Alberti ordered the flat plan

Glen Oaks Village

Farmington Hills



because he liked its value for price and its few steps. He anticipates good financial appreciation.

"I chose it because of the area and location," Alberti said. "The way it looks outside caught my attention."

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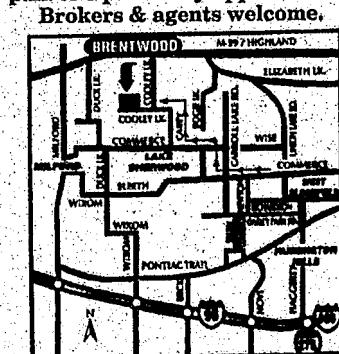
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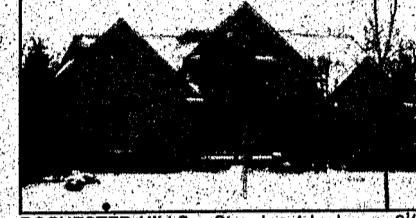
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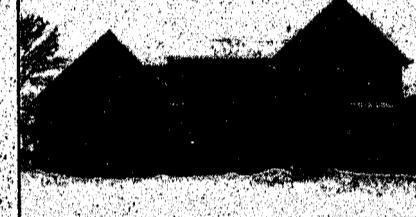
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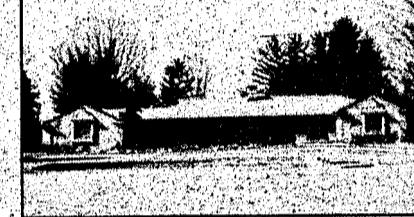
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Give these innovative home products a look

BY THE EDITORS
TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

For most of us who own a home, the real excitement of a project begins when we start kicking the tires on the new appliances, plumbing fixtures, materials and tools these projects require.

You'll find our picks for this year's best new products, selected from the thousands that will hit the market this year. We chose them based on quality, innovation, value, style, ease of installation and use, and long-term reliability.

Although we didn't test them all extensively, we did talk to product engineers, tradespeople and retailers before we arrived at the winners.

Some of them are discussed here, the rest, at a later date.

Double ovens

Now you can have the flexibility of double ovens without giving up any added wall space. Maytag's Gemini range features two separate ovens in one electric appliance.

The design lets you prepare more than one dish at a time at different temperatures. For example, meat and vegetables can roast at 325 F in the larger lower oven, while rolls bake at 400 F in the upper compartment.

The upper unit preheats in half the time of a conventional oven, and it bakes, broils, warms (at an autoset 170 F) and toasts.

The combined cooking capacity of the ovens is a generous 5.2 cubic feet—more than most single-oven ranges. It can slide into the same 36 inches occupied by an ordinary range, and requires no electrical upgrades.

In a white or black finish, the suggested retail price is \$1,399; with a fashionable brushed-chrome finish, it's \$1,499. Maytag, www.gemini.maytag.com; (877) 436-4642.

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All Quiet on the Range Front

The Allure range hood from Broan-NuTone is so quiet that some models

in the line make less noise than the hum of a refrigerator. But the innovative thinking goes well beyond the fan.

All have fully enclosed bottoms, dishwasher-safe filters and two halogen lights. In the style department, all models share soft curves and edges.

The deluxe Allure III (list: \$437 for 30-inch unit) is the quietest, operating as low as 0.9 sones, and has a 250-cfm fan. It also features sleek electronic controls, three operating speeds, delay-off operation and three light settings.

The Allure II runs \$355, the Allure I, \$210.

All models come in 30-, 36- and 42-inch sizes and five finishes. Broan-NuTone, www.broan-nutone.com; (800) 558-1711.

Signals When Ready

Spackling a dent or crack is not the most demanding maintenance task. But sometimes it's hard to resist the urge to start sanding or painting before the patch is dry. When that happens you end up with a mess that often has to be repaired all over again.

DryDex from DAP will help you avoid that mistake. The

spackle is bright pink in the container. But after application, it turns white once it's dry. That's your signal to sand and paint as needed. DryDex comes in 8-ounce (list: \$1.99) and 32-ounce (list: \$4.49) containers. DAP, www.dap.com; (888) 327-8477.

Lead-sealing paint

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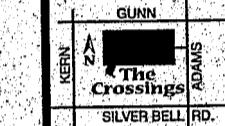
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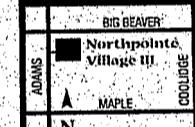
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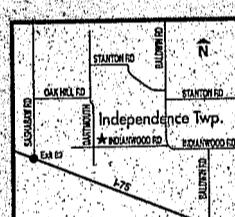
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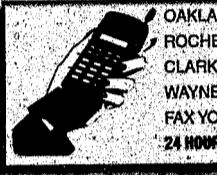


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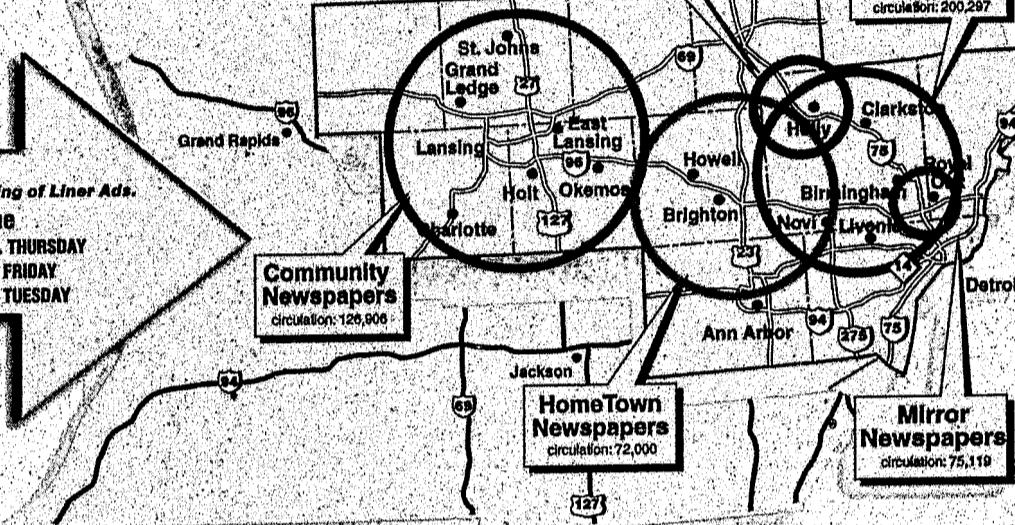
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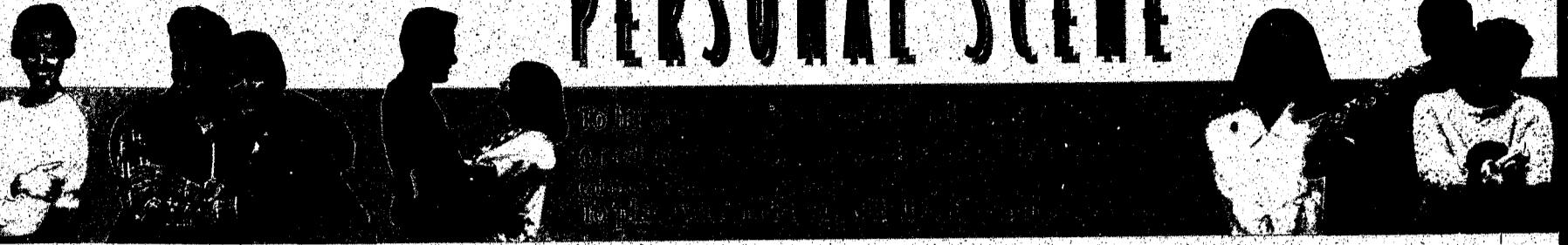
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LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 40+, 5'7", brown/blonde hair, good cook, financially/mentally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking similar gentleman for companion. LTR. **21122**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, golf, tennis, swimming, jogging, playing, fishing, animals. Seeking SW/M with a relationship. LTR. **21139**

LOVING FRIENDS GRANDMA
Pretty SW/F, 57+, 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degree, energetic, very youthful, 40ish, dark-like blonde. Seeking similar SF to share life, cooking, meditation, yoga, openminded, est. communication, mutual trust, LTR. **21123**

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed SF, 40+, blonde/blue, good cook, financially/mentally secure, two children, NS, social drinker. Seeking SW/M with a relationship. LTR. **21125**

SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SW/F, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, NS, never married, seeks attractive, educated, good cook, financially secure, good cook, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, never married, for friendship first, possibly LTR. **21126**

ROMANTIC ONE
Tall, slender, blonde SF, 5'6", blonde/blue, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, interests, romantic, friendly, outgoing, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a possible LTR. **21127**

HONEY SUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish, and loves dogs, cats, nature, books, PBS, sports, more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests, for a relationship. LTR. **21128**

ATTRACTION GENTLEMAN
SF/F, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films,安静, computers. Seeking SW/M, 40+, 5'6", NS, good cook, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, never married, for friendship first, possibly LTR. **21129**

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SF/F, 35, 5'7", 130lbs, blonde/blue, NS, never married, seeks attractive, educated, good cook, financially secure, good cook, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, never married, for friendship first, possibly LTR. **21130**

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY
SF, 40+, 5'6", blonde/blue, NS, good cook, financially secure, good cook, not materialistic, slim, pretty SW/F, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks a tall, thin, rich, poor SF for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County, LTR. **21131**

COMPANION WANTED
SF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13 year old son, enjoys household, riding, fun, golf, tennis, swimming, seeking similar SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21132**

ADVENTURESCOME
SF/F, 26, enjoys cooking, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SW/M, 40+, romance, and monogamous. LTR. **21133**

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, HW/proportionate, long red-dish-brown/blue-gray, enjoys Harley's, outdoors, fishing, travel, interests, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, with similar interests. LTR. **21134**

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SF/F, 30, seeks VM, 32-39, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, enjoys cooking, good cook, financially/committed relationship. LTR. **21135**

KISSES AND KINDNESS
Attractive, energetic, SW/F, late 30s, physically fit, enjoys cooking, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking attractive, friendly, outgoing, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21136**

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Smart, caring, good cook, financially secure, enjoys cooking, traveling, eating, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/completely secure SW/M, 35-55, NS, N/D, similar interests, for friendship. No games, please. LTR. **21137**

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SF/F, 32, serious-minded, enjoys cooking, traveling, eating, good cook, financially secure, good taste of humor. Seeking a serious, positive, monogamous SF for LTR. **21138**

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
SF/F, 40, 5'6", blonde/blue, interested in energy, work, TT, talk, golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/mentally secure gentleman, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21139**

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ACT NOW
Attractive, SW/F, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughing, talking, dancing, family times, SF/F, 35-45, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. LTR. **21141**

SMART & SASSY
SW/F, 30, young attitude, pretty, sassy, and aggressive, enjoys shopping, food, so forth, seeks a totally sensitive, good looking, class SW/F, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. LTR. **21142**

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40+, HW/proportionate, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, blonde/blue, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/mentally secure gentleman, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21143**

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, active, friendly, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, with similar interests, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a lifetime companion. LTR. **21144**

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FRIENDS/HF FIFTH WHEEL
Petite, SW/F, 35, 5'2", 130lbs, seeks a SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, with similar interests, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a lifetime companion. LTR. **21146**

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive character? Active, open-minded, pleasantly plump, with a good sense of humor. Seeking tall, financially/mentally secure gentleman, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21147**

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FOXING SENIOR
Foxing, fit SF, 40, 5'2", blonde/blue, interested in energy, work, TT, talk, golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/mentally secure gentleman, SF, 40+, 5'6", NS, for a relationship. LTR. **21149**

SEEKING A FRIEND/COMPANION
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