

IN THE PAPER TODAY

SPORTS

Mentoring medic: Gail Cooper is more than just Clarkston High School's athletics trainer; she's the eyes and ears of the student athletes who pass her way. For story, please see page C1.

Permit denied for M-15 day care

■ A day care center proposed for M-15 at Princess Lane was denied a special-use permit. The Planning Commission cited safety concerns and the fear of further encroachment of businesses into a residential area as reasons for turning it down.

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Plans to start a day care center in a home at the corner of Main Street and Princess Lane were given a time out by Independence Township Planning Commissioners recently.

White Lake Township residents Tony and Beth Leo want to open a 20-child

day care center in an existing home on the northeast corner of the intersection. Day care centers are allowed in residential areas with a special use permit, but the Leo's permit application was denied. Now Leo said he is deciding what to do next. Leo is a builder by profession and is handling the approval end for his wife, who is a licensed day care provider.

Leo said he thought his proposal met

every criteria in the ordinance.

"Clarkston needs it," he said of the center. "They need day care like crazy."

The home was occupied by Planning Commissioner Cindy Lohmeier, who excused herself from the discussion. Planning Commission chairman Steve Board said. Lohmeier is moving into the City of the Village of Clarkston and resigned her position at the end of the March 9 meeting.

Leo said he will likely come back to the board with another proposal. Board said some Planning Commission members didn't think the site was good for a day care center that would have children ages 1-5 going in and out. Con-

cerns about access, safety, parking and the high traffic volume on M-15 worried commissioners and residents who came to the meeting.

Princess Lane resident Joyce Watson attended the meeting. Last week she said her feeling reflected much of what was said at the meeting.

"All the bad traffic on M-15," Watson said. "I just don't think it's a good idea. I'm not against having a day care center in my area."

She said her worries were about safety and getting parents and children in and out of the area. She tries to avoid

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AROUND



THE MILL POND

Radio host on TV

Clarkston resident Mark Gilman will be on 60 Minutes at 7 p.m. today in a segment about a lawsuit denying Medicare funding for Christian Science nursing homes.

Gilman, a host for Christian radio station WMUZ, lost two grandparents in Christian Science nursing homes and is opposed to their receiving Medicare funding. The interview with Gilman was taped in New Jersey in December.

60 Minutes is on Channel 62.

Happy birthday, library

The Independence Township Library turned 8 years old on March 15, and staff and patrons celebrated with a party.

Staff members made a sign and were busy blowing up colorful balloons that day. Of course, cake also was part of the festivities.

Visitors from the Hawkeye State

One morning last week a Channel 8 News van, "Des Moines" news leader, was spotted on northbound I-75 just south of Independence Township. The van, which would bring live pictures from Detroit, had left Des Moines about 24 hours before, according to a receptionist at Channel 8.

People should not be surprised to see visitors from near and far because of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament held at the Palace. The Iowa State Cyclones played MSU Saturday night for the chance to advance to the Final Four.

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The plunge: Dave Pasco of Lapeer jumps into the water while the rest of the class and instructor Dave Lohr watch.

Dive into adventure

Scuba class readies students for underwater exploration



Getting ready: Carl Hartman (back) of Goodrich helps Dave Pasco of Lapeer suit up.

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Although Dave Lohr's students may not be swimming with sharks or fishing for lobsters like he does, once they complete his class they will be able to enjoy the underwater world as he does through scuba diving.

Lohr of Lake Orion has been teaching scuba diving classes at Clarkston High School and other area locations since 1977. He owns Divers Den in Lake Orion

and also teaches biology and chemistry at Romeo High School.

When students complete his course, they only have to do an open water dive and they are certified for life. His classes are usually three hours, twice a week, for six weeks. He teaches them through recreation programs like the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department. Classes take

place at the Clarkston High School pool. The next session will begin sometime in May.

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Important lessons: Carl Hartman practices surfacing.

Hands-on education: Carlos Villarreal and other students study culinary arts at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRIGIE

Student-run restaurant teaches teens skills for life

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Coffee Chats

Chat with Clarkston Eccentric editor Karen Hermes Smith over free coffee and dessert 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the Clarkston Eccentric office.

Safety path progress

Safe passage: A half-mile portion of the Independence Township safety path network along I-75 near the Ortonville Road exit should be done at the end of the week. A bridge had to be built across the Clinton River in that area. Workers were making molds last week and plan to pour the concrete during the next few days. The path will be ready for runners, walkers and strollers about a week after that.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

READER REFERENCE

- Clarkston school events**
- March 27: CMS and SMS volleyball and wrestling.
 - March 28: Middle School District Choral Festival.
 - March 29: Middle School District Choral Festival. CMS and SMS volleyball and wrestling.
 - March 30: NS Science Day
 - March 31: End of third marking period.
- 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 27: Chili dog on a bun, pizza square, veggie sticks with dip, pineapple tidbits.
 - March 28: Salisbury steak with roll, pizza square, whipped potatoes, fruit cocktail, ice cream cup.
 - March 29: Jumbo taco with meat and cheese and spice bread, pizza square, carrot coins, sliced peaches.
 - March 30: Hot ham and cheese on a bun, pizza square, golden corn, fresh fruit.
 - March 31: Warm bagel with cream cheese and yogurt, pizza square, celery with peanut butter, fruit choice.
- Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu**
- March 27: Chicken patty, chili dog, fiesta, tator tots, pineapple.
 - March 28: Nacho with breadstick, tuna on a bun, tossed salad, fruit cocktail.
- March 29:** Chicken nuggets, roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, peaches.
March 30: Little Caesar's pizza, egg salad sandwich, fruit cup, banana.
March 31: Hamburger, hot pocket, pizza square, seasoned fries, fruit cup.
- Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu**
- March 27: Little Caesar's pizza, jumbo chili dog, chicken salad in a roll-up.
 - March 28: Chicken fryz, Salisbury steak, ham and cheese on a bagel.
 - March 29: Little Charlie's pizza, bacon cheeseburger, salami and cheese sandwich.
 - March 30: Nacho with breadstick, taco boat with churro, tuna in a roll-up.
 - March 31: Pizza square, fish on a bun, ravioli with breadstick.
- Independence Township Library**
- March: Drop off books for the spring sale.
 - March 28: Friends of the Library open business meeting—7 p.m. Speaker at 7:30 p.m.
 - March 29: Storytime—10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Subject is library favorites.
- Independence Township Recreation**
- A "Bunny Poolooza" splash party is planned for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, in the Clarkston High School pool. Tickets are \$3 per person and go on sale April 3. Tickets must be purchased by April 12.
 - Summer youth baseball/softball camp registration is going on now. There are three camps for ages 4-14.
 - The Clarkston Riverdewg tune-up tournament takes place May 5-7 at Clintonwood Park. There are still openings in the 11- to 12-year-old division. Call the recreation department for more information.
 - 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.
- 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, supervisory 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
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- City of the Village of Clarkston General Information**
- City Hall — 625-1559
 - Library — Residents use Independence Township
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by Dr. Allen J. Seiter

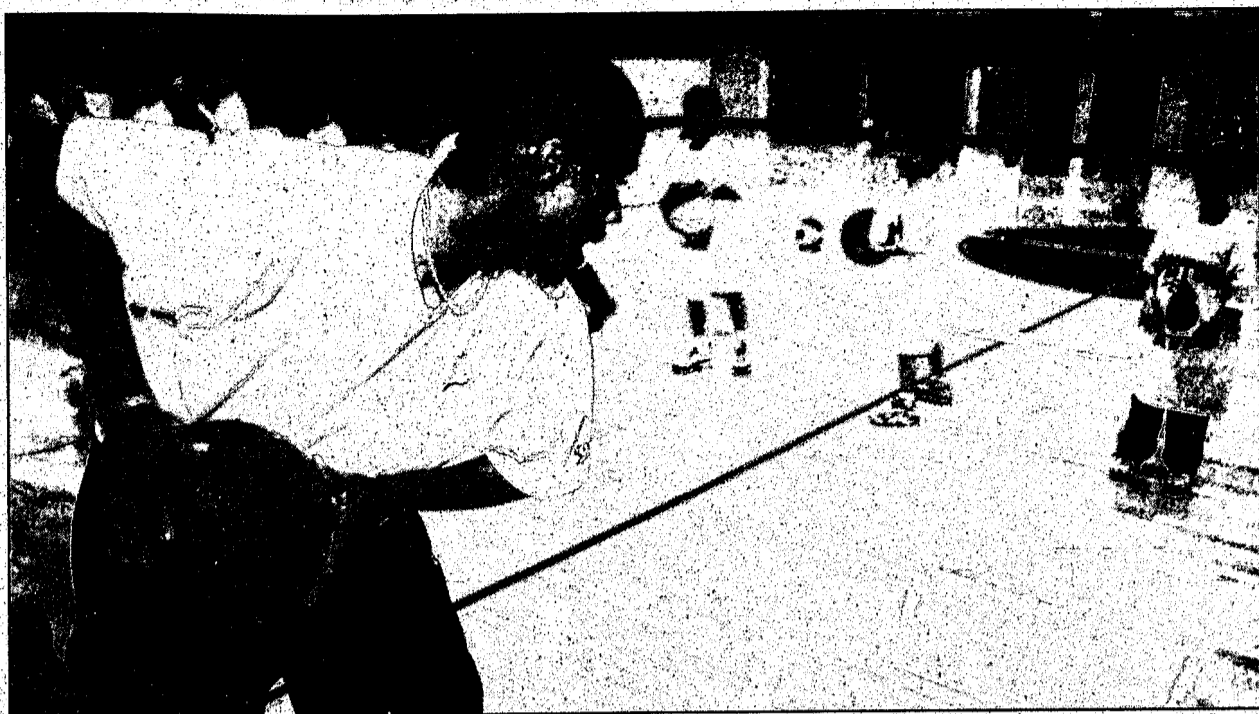
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In recent years, scientific research has borne out the importance of diet and nutrition to health and well-being. Chiropractic applauds the popular interest currently being shown in good nutrition practices. Since the early 1900's, the regular curriculum in several chiropractic colleges has included the teaching of nutrition and dietetics, while the subject has been given short shrift elsewhere. Since chiropractic regards nutrition as a cornerstone of well-being, patients can rely on their chiropractors for basic, knowledgeable advice concerning food, water intake, and vitamin and mineral supplementation to attain and maintain health. A diet rich in essential nutrients will not only nourish the body as a whole, but also supply essential elements for the maintenance of nerves, bones, and muscles.

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Allen J. Seiter, D.C.
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Here's how: Aaron Smith, a Summer Camp counselor for the Pistons Partner Project, demonstrates a proper throwing technique.

Basketball basics

Pistons pass along to pupils tips for court, life

Independence Elementary students will share the spotlight with the Detroit Pistons basketball team Wednesday at the Palace.

They'll be introduced during the pre-game presentation on the Pistons Court as Pistons partners before the 7:30 p.m. game against the Charlotte Hornets.

The Independence Elementary School youngsters became partners after participating in a clinic at the school with the Pistons Thursday, March 16. In addition to taking home T-shirts, posters and certificates, they had fun fine-tuning their basketball skills and finesse on and off the court from Pistons youth camp coaches Aaron Smith and JW Ruff.

The young basketball players

The young basketball players also met earlier in the month with camp coach Steve Moreland to talk about such things as resolving conflict on and off the court, maintaining a good attitude and winning and losing with dignity.

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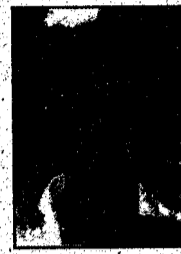


Participation presents: Aaron Smith points second-grader Elizabeth Doud to the stacks of gifts the children received for participating.

Former treasurer remembered for community spirit

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Although Elizabeth Hallman had been living in Venice, Fla., for nearly 20 years, Clarkston area residents still remember her fondly as a caring community leader.



Elizabeth Hallman

Hallman and her late husband, Keith Hallman, owned Hallman Apothecary on Main Street for many years. The building now houses a furniture store.

"They were so involved in the community for so many years. There was probably no one in Clarkston who didn't know them," said daughter Susan Gibbs of Springtown, Texas.

Hallman worked in the township treasurer's office for many years and was elected treasurer in 1972. She served one term.

Rosemary Howey began working for the township in 1972. Eventually she was Hallman's deputy treasurer and remembers a petite, hard-working woman with a love of life.

"Everything was simpler then. Everything was done by hand," Howey said. "She was just out there waiting on customers with us. She wasn't just sitting in her office."

Building department employee Flora Yingling was just 15 years old when she met Hallman as a co-op student.

"It was my first job, my first interview. I was so nervous," she said.

She must have made a good

'They (Elizabeth and Keith Hallman, owners of Hallman Apothecary) were so involved in the community for so many years. There was probably no one in Clarkston who didn't know them.'

Susan Gibbs
daughter

impression because later Hallman told Yingling that even though she didn't want to hire the first person she interviewed, she didn't talk to anyone else.

"I was just a kid," Yingling said. "I idolized Betty and Rosemary both."

She said Hallman taught her about the work world and the two became friends.

"It was almost like having a second mother," she said.

Yingling recalls taking Hallman to the co-op banquet at Clarkston High School.

"I bought her a corsage... We just had so many wonderful times," she said.

Mrs. Hallman grew up in Pontiac. She moved with her husband to Clarkston in 1952. The Hallmans moved to Florida in 1981 where they enjoyed golf, bridge and spending time with friends.

Hallman is survived by her daughters, Linda Faircloth of Orangevale, Calif., Jane Mills of Mount Pleasant and Gibbs; sons, Dan Hallman of Clarkston and Mark Hallman of Goodrich; brother, Floyd Boardman of Saginaw and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday in Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 6055 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, Fla., 34238.

Practice makes perfect: Pistons camp counselor J.W. Ruff watches as the students practice their free throws.



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

Breaking and entering
On March 20, someone entered a detached garage in the 4000 block of Pinedale and removed a tool chest with tools valued at \$500.

Tampered mail
On March 22, an officer found 50-60 pieces of mail that had been thrown on the ground. The officer discovered some of the mail had been tampered with. It

came from addresses on Fawn Valley and Deer Ridge.

Springfield Township

MDOP to window
On March 22, someone shot two holes through a laundry room window with a BB gun at a residence in the 8000 block of Pine Forrest.

Larceny of equipment
On March 22, someone removed a generator valued at \$7,500 from a construction trailer parked in the 8800 block of East Holly.

Clarkston Police

Operating under the influence of liquor
On March 23 at 11 p.m., police

stopped a vehicle on Clarkston Road at Robertson Court for erratic driving. The driver, a 45-year-old Clarkston man, was found to be intoxicated. He scored .14 on a breathalyzer test. The legal limit is .10. The man faces arraignment in 52-2 District Court April 4.

Independence Fire

Fire calls
Independence Township Fire Department responded to 17 calls from March 20-22. These included eight medical calls, seven personal-injury calls, one call for a carbon monoxide investigation and one for a vehicle fire.

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Herrera. Technical assistant Debbie McCartney makes sure waiters and waitresses take good care of the customers.

And who are the people preparing such mouth-watering dishes as the taco salad or the potato-crust whitefish and the carrot cake?

High school students. They're part of the Culinary Arts Program at Oakland Technical Center, Northwest Campus, at 8211 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township.

Junior and senior students from the Clarkston, Lake Orion, Waterford, Brandon and Grand

Blanc school districts are eligible to take classes beyond what's offered at their high school at OTC-Northwest in arts and communication; business, management, marketing and technology; engineering, manufacturing and industrial technology; natural resources and agriscience; health services and human services.

They spend two-and-a-half hours a day studying culinary arts. They rotate 10-week sessions learning how to prepare hot and cold foods, pastry and working with customers in the front of the restaurant.

"The purpose of this two-year

program isn't to make all the students into chefs or professional waiters or waitresses," said Herrera. "What we're striving for is for them to become responsible, reliable, dependable workers who are serious about a career, whatever that may be," Trudeau added.

"They work hard here," she said. "They don't get credit if they get a grade below a C. We have industries calling us for reputable employees who have good attendance, who know how to handle themselves professionally in the kitchen and in front of customers, and that's how we prepare these students."

One day last week, Brad Hariman, a senior from Clarkston High School, stood tall and ready to serve lunch to customers. He had on his white tuxedo shirt and black cummerbund, looking like the consummate waiter. He and other students are trained how to approach customers and how to serve according to the traditions of American, French and Russian fine dining. They're also learning how to use computers to order food and how to cash out a customer's bill.

Back in the kitchen, Herrera is giving Ryan Gageby, a junior at

Northwest Inn hours, menu

Location:

Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus, 8211 Big Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Hours:

11:30 a.m. for lunch Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45 a.m. for breakfast buffet, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch buffet Thursdays. Not open when school is closed. Closed during Spring Break from April 21-28. Closes for the

Special menu:

Special menu on May 26: Spanish Day Buffet, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 7. Call 248-922-5644 or 48 for reservations. Cost is \$7.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. Grand De Mayo Buffet Day, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 5. Call 248-922-5644 or 48 for reservations. Cost is \$7.95 per person plus tax and gratuity.

a lot more about culinary arts than she ever expected.

Herrera and Trudeau agreed that the OTC program offers students an opportunity they couldn't find through many other school districts.

"These facilities are the best I've worked with and this is the third or fourth school district I've been in," Herrera said as he showed a student how to make attractive orange slices minus the rind for a salad. "We teach these students how to be professionals in different parts of the kitchen. They are learning skills they can use for life, whether they are in the food industry or whatever their job."

And in the meantime, customers such as Bill Dungan, who eat at Northwest Inn, appreciate the skills these students are learning.

"I highly recommend the food here," said the marketing instructor. "It's delicious. I often order carry-outs to take home for dinner."

Clarkston High School, tips on making potato pancakes as Ryan stirs the mixture.

The chef then moved on to look over the large salads prepared by Waterford Kettering senior Robert (Rob) Swanson and Waterford Mott junior Colin O'Dowd. They each already work in food-related jobs in restaurants.

Trudeau said Carlos Villarreal, a senior at Waterford Ket-

tering, already has the makings of a top pastry chef. Clarkston High School senior Justin O'Conner also has an interest in baking. He's honing his skills at Pete's Oven bakery in Waterford Township.

Shelly Vasquez, a Clarkston High School junior, is interested in preparing hot and cold foods in commercial kitchens. Leeya Pascoe, a senior from Our Lady of the Lakes, said she's learning

Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission to the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

Amend Article II, Definitions, Section 2.00, by adding the following definition:

POLITICAL SIGNS: A temporary sign relating to, or used in connection with, a local, school, state or national election.

Amend the following subsections of Article XVI, General Provisions, Section 16.07, Signs:

Amend subsection 16.07.2.d(7) to read as follows:

Signs affixed to utility poles or to trees, rocks, shrubs or natural features, provided signs on a rock denoting a site of historical significance or a person being honored may also be allowed.

Amend subsection 16.07.2.e(4) to read as follows:

Real estate and political signs subject to provisions of paragraph eight.

Amend subsection 16.07.8.b to read as follows:

h. Political Signs

- (1) Political signs shall be allowed without permit provided such signs are located on property whose owner(s) have granted permission and that the signs do not violate subsections 16.07.2.d(1), 16.07.2.d(2), 16.07.d(6), 16.07.d(7), 16.07.d(8), 16.07.2.d(10) or 16.07.9.
- (2) Political signs may not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in total size or six (6) feet in height in all single family residential districts, or thirty-two (32) square feet in total size and six (6) feet in height in all other districts.
- (3) Political signs may not be placed within the township more than twenty-one (21) days in advance of each election where the candidates or issue will be on the ballot, and said signs must be removed within thirteen (13) days.

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NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Day care from page A1

turning directly onto M-15 because of the traffic, she said.

Board said the current driveway where the day care is proposed would go straight onto M-15.

"The site was just not large enough," he added.

Besides the size and safety issues, Board said some members thought a day care center was too commercial a use for the area, even though it is permissible in a residential area.

"The logic behind that is when you think of residential you

'Having it drop in there could encourage commercial development farther down.'

Steve Board
Independence Township Planning Commission chairman

think of families and when you think of families you think of children," he said.

The Planning Commission has

tried to discourage more commercial development near the residential portions of M-15. He said it now ends at Paramus Street, which is a block south of Princess Lane.

"Having it drop in there could encourage commercial development farther down," he said.

There are at least six other day care centers in the Clarkston area. However, Jean Dasuqi, owner of Lil' Peoples' Place on Citation Drive, said she has more requests for care than her 86-child building can handle.

"I get five or six calls a day. I have a waiting list I can't get to," she said.

That is why she is looking forward to opening her new building in a complex of commercial buildings yet to be constructed on Waldon Road near Sashabaw Road. The center will hold 250 children and may be open by January. She said the space is needed, especially for elementary school children who need to be watched after school.

Scuba from page A1


Lohr said. Anyone interested can call the parks and recreation department at 625-8223.

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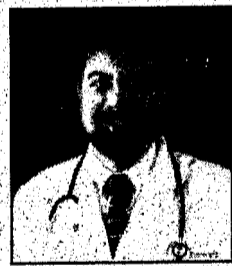
Lohr said many people take classes to prepare for a vacation

or because it was something they had been wanting to try.


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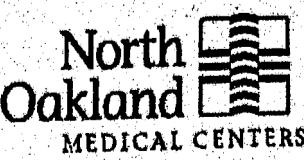
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Subsections 16.02.7, 16.02.9.b and 16.02.9.g of Section 16.02, Off-Street Parking, of Article XVI, General Provisions, are proposed to be amended to change references to "Township Board" to "Township body responsible for approving a site plan".

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SEMCOG seeks input on traffic

Over the next 25 years, 6,800 miles of road in Southeast Michigan will be resurfaced or rebuilt, according to a draft of the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan for southeast Michigan released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The plan, a collaborative effort managed and directed by SEMCOG with input from local and state transportation planners, transit agencies, the general public and special interest organizations, concentrates on preserving and, where possible, enhancing existing transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, non-motorized pathways and transit vehicles and facilities.

The plan will spend \$17 billion over 25 years, but will not fix everything. Of the 22,576 miles of public roads in southeast Michigan, only 417 miles will be widened and only 13 miles will be newly constructed.

A continuing need is public transit. The plan calls for a vision that would provide a basis for growing transit beyond the status quo, including a continuing need for local operating subsidies.

A vote on the adoption of the

■ 'We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future.'

Paul Tait
— SEMCOG executive director

2025 Regional Transportation Plan is scheduled for SEMCOG's General Assembly meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2000, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle, beginning at 4:30 p.m. SEMCOG invites and encourages public comment on the plan.

"While we have received broad input on the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, our job reaching out to the region is not done," notes Paul Tait, SEMCOG Executive Director. "We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future."

SEMCOG will hear public comment on the plan at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Southfield Centre for the Arts, Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile, Southfield.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

On her way: Christine Ploski plans to ride across the country to raise money for lung cancer research.

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

Most people dream. Few people actually do. Christine Ploski does. The Farmington athlete plans to bike across America to raise money for lung cancer research June 19-Aug. 5. As part of the American Lung Association's Big Ride Across America, she'll ride from Seattle to Washington, D.C. That's an estimated 3,250 miles.

"I fulfill my dreams," said the 19-year-old Oakland Community College student. "I don't know why I do. It's just something inside me."

Personal cause

She's participating in the second annual fund-raising event for the love of outdoors and the love of an uncle who was diagnosed with lung cancer. After 40 years of smoking, Ploski's uncle miraculously beat cancer. "The lung association sure had something to do with that," Ploski said.

To prepare for her adventure, Ploski rides about 50 miles a day, unless it's precipitating. She sometimes gets bored on these treks, until she remem-

■ 'Sometimes I get mad when people don't care. Doing this makes me feel good, but it makes me want others to be supportive.'

bers why she's doing it. "Cancer can affect you, your whole family," Ploski said. "If my uncle had died, I think this would be more emotional."

What does get Ploski emotional is apathy.

"Sometimes I get mad when people don't care," she said. "Doing this makes me feel good, but it makes me want others to be supportive."

One way she'd like her com-

munity to show support is through donations. Ploski must raise \$7,000 to participate. Her contribution will benefit the local lung association.

So far, she has \$20. Her uncle gave it to her.

"I'm a college student, so it's not like I have any money or my friends have any money," Ploski said. "I really want to participate in this event, but I need help to do it."

Donation forms are available at the Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River in downtown Farmington. For more information, e-mail Ploski at cploski-1998@hotmail.com or call the American Lung Association at (877) BIG-RIDE.



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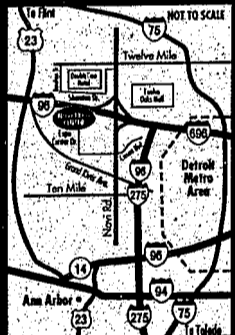
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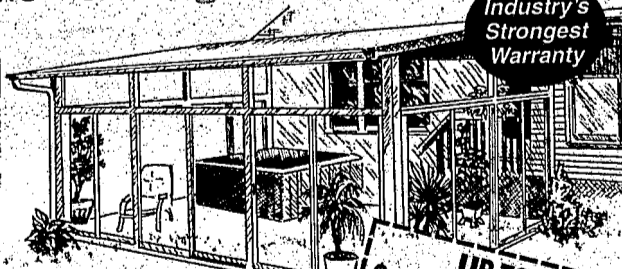
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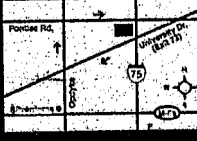
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Love it, or leave it, logo mania has returned

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Logos - it's a trend that sprouted in the 70s and 80s and was nurtured by the upper-crust, status-starved consumer.

Considering that designers are borrowing from the no-holds-barred, glitzy era, it's not surprising logos are back in style.

So love it or leave it, or just your speed, you're likely to see loads of logos from all the usual suspects - Prada, Christian Dior, Hermes and Louis Vuitton - and others.

Once upon a time, exclusive fashion houses like Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Chanel built their reputations on their famous symbols.

For Gucci, an interlocking series of the letter "G." Louis Vuitton's trademark, a brown "LV" is unmistakable. And, could anything be more classy than Chanel's double-linked letter "Cs."

In recent years, these logos, for one reason or another, were relegated to the backs of consumer's closets.

But, like all that is new again, designers are stepping back in time and taking inspiration from the logos of days-gone-by.

This time around, the rule isn't necessarily all things obvious and loud; logos, too, can be subtle.

Designer Marc Jacobs, who now has influence over the Louis Vuitton monogram logo, has embossed the classic "LV" on pastel-colored, patent leather. It's a totally unexpected move, but one that renders his Kelly bag one of the sexiest and most lady-like looks around.

For those who want just a touch of the look, a savvy buy might be Louis Vuitton's Pochette Accessory bag, which resembles a cosmetic bag with a strap and zipper.

At \$140, it's unpretentious, just the right size to hold the essentials - a cell phone, keys and lipstick - and bears the classic brown and camel "LV" logo.

Recently featured as a hot item for spring on both The Today Show and Good Morning America, the Pochette bag is ideal for modern living, whether for a night out on the town or as a compliment to daytime business attire.

Not surprisingly, Chanel is also going crazy for logos this season.

But forget about the house's simple, gold and padded leather "C" emblem. At the Chanel counter at Neiman Marcus, the vinyl totes were presented in unexpected shades of purple and orange with emblems that literally scream for attention. For \$210, "CHANEL" is boldly spelled out across the front of the totes.

Another plentiful source for logos is Gucci. Stroll into their Somerset Collection store in Troy. You can't miss the trend.

Here, under the direction of designer Tom Ford, the famous "G" is miraculously, yet tastefully, placed everywhere - on ties, shoes, hats, visors. It's even used as an all-over print on trench coats.

True, luxury is back in style, so maybe now is the season to splurge a little.

On the other hand, for what you'd spend on an exclusive logo, you could probably outfit your child for a month.



Logo Dior: Many of Christian Dior's spring handbags come with a dangling "D."

Or, hop on a plane to New York, and snag a few fabulous fakes from the nearest street corner.

Hey, even the latter might be less costly than buying the real deal. Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com.

Goodbye casual Friday Dressing up is making a comeback

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

nstafford@oe.homecomm.net

Amanda Turner, fashion director at the Somerset Collection opened her spring fashion show at the upscale Troy mall with a surprising prediction.

"It's all about dressing up," said Turner, who was attired in a soft coral, luncheon suit for the occasion.

And, while many of the outfits featured in the show, held last week for a private audience, were quintessentially casual - one segment was devoted to athletically-inclined attire - it was obvious a more glamorous, pulled-together elegance is making a comeback.

The show's evening wear segment, designs influenced by Latin culture, seemed to drive home that point; even playful, liberating attire translates into elegance and grace.

"I think people are just tired of being casual. I think women want to be more feminine, more elegant. Women want to dress again," explained Turner following the show.

Perhaps we went too far with casual Fridays?

Maybe we've decided to rebel against our quest for comfort and utility?

Regardless of the reasons, women have a choice today.

And, having options drives a desire to dress-up, said Turner, who featured not only dressy evening attire but also a series of very feminine, pastel luncheon suits and a run of glamorous beach wear in the Somerset Collection show.

"It's going back to that Hollywood glamour," she said of her pool-side looks, feminine-cut bathing suits with sheer, flowing coverups, big hats and dramatic sunglasses.

"Even your weekend wear is getting more polished," said Turner. "You know denim is a big trend, but it, too, has gone dressy with so much beading and feminine details."

Outside of the decorative beading, sequins, flower appliqué and embroidery we've grown accustomed to seeing on denim and cashmere twin sets,

fashion designers have resurrected many other feminine elements for spring and summer use.

Ruffles and pleated skirts, polka dots and gingham check, lace and hosiery, hats and hand-held handbags are just a few that showed up on Turner's runway.

Once more, dainty handbags and lady-like slides have been decorated with delicate beading and flower appliqué, rendering even accessories ultra-feminine.

Chiffon is also readily available this spring. And, while the sound of the word conjures up images of taffy-colored bridesmaid's dresses and other fussy, formal attire, many better-casual designers with contemporary aesthetics, namely Donna Karan, have incorporated chiffon into their collections.

Indeed, the bigger picture suggests we're yearning for a neater, more delicate, if not dressed-up, look.

How to achieve it quickly and inexpensively? Turner suggested buying these five pieces:

- a luncheon suit (dress or skirt with a jacket)
- an elegant, slim pair of pants
- a cashmere twin set
- a gingham or polka dot blouse
- a silk handbag with a handle

But, is casual dressing on its way to extinction? The notion of comfort and utility a thing of the past?

"Elegance and sophistication in our wardrobe is something that we always yearn for," said Cheryl Hall Lindsay, fashion and special events director at Saks Fifth Avenue. "But will casual wear go away?"

"No. It will have its place. The totally casual look, that very relaxed, almost utilitarian way of dressing, has run its course, not that we haven't learned from it. It's just that we know now comfort can be included in elegance."

'Elegance and sophistication in our wardrobe is something that we always yearn for. But will casual wear go away? No, it will have its place.'

Cheryl Hall Lindsay
—Saks Fifth Avenue



Beach glamour: Dress up your suit with a flowing, sheer coverup, big hat and dramatic pair of sunglasses. It's that 40s Hollywood starlet look all over again.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMIZANO

Latin elegance: Bohemian, peasant and latin looks may be in style but that doesn't rule out dressing up. That was obvious at the Somerset Collection's spring fashion show where an entire segment of the presentation was devoted to formal wear inspired by Latin dance and culture.



Plaid pose: Even plaid can be dressy. A Burberry signature plaid shirt tied above the belly offsets a black ball gown skirt, both from Burberry at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

HEALTH SCREENING EVENT

Receive free and low cost medical testing and health information at Healthy Living (formerly Health-O-Rama) at Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile Road, through March 30. Sponsorship is provided by Channel 7, Botsford Hospital and the United Health Organization. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

SPRING GOWN SHOW

View an extensive collection of spring gowns from such designers as Badgley Mischka, Pamela Dennis and Halston through March 31 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture Salon, third floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

TRAVEL LIGHT TO NEW YORK

Lynn Portnoy, travel writer and owner of Lynn Port-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

noy Women's Clothier in Southfield, talks about her latest book on traveling well, "Going Like Lynn, New York," at Borders Books & Music in downtown Birmingham. She'll also show patrons how to pack lightly when heading to the Big Apple, 7:30 p.m.

TODDLERS STORY TIME

Borders Books & Music at Troy's Oakland Mall host Borders Explorers Story Time, an introduction to the world of books for toddlers, 10 a.m. For details, call (248) 585-6029.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

RALPH LAUREN FASHION SHOW

Hudson's at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi presents a fashion show featuring looks from Ralph Lauren's spring collection, 7 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call (248) 443-6328.

HARARI TRUNK SHOW

Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Harari's spring and summer collections through April 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For details, call (248) 855-8877.

CHANEL COSMETICS CLINICS

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Chanel cosmetics clinics through April 1. Cosmetics department, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-3300 ext. 2101.

THEORY WARDROBE DAY

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a wardrobe day with a representative from the Theory label, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Casual Sportswear department, second floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3386.

friday, march 31

STILA MAKEUP ARTIST VISITS

Personal consultations are available with Stila's national makeup artist at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. To make an appointment, call (248) 614-3366.

MEN'S TRUNK SHOW

Jacobson's in Rochester Hills presents a trunk show of Hickey Freeman's collection, 4-8 p.m., Men's department. For additional information, call (248) 651-6000.

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) 901-2655 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:**
- A reader has a 1998 Muffy Bear Sugar Plum Fairy.
 - A reader has the 1930-1940 Time/Life book series.
 - A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000 can be bought at Barnes & Noble on 6 Mile and Newburgh roads.
 - Sander's cream puffs can be purchased at the Chocolate Shop, 3316 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, (248) 553-3366.
 - A reader has African-American dolls.
 - Facial spray by Evian can be purchased at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Mall in Livonia and at the CVS store on 5 Mile and Levan roads.
 - A mailbox shaped like a tractor can be purchased at the Hardware Classic Company, 7 Mile Road in Livonia.
 - A reader has the WDIV channel 4 video tape about influential people.
 - A reader has a Singer sewing machine table.
 - A reader has a piano/organ.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- Hospitals and nursing homes take and use old magazines
 - We found an organization that would like one of our reader's exercise equipment
 - A reader has old National Geographic magazines to donate to an organization.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- A June, 1997 Rochester Adams High School yearbook for Bryan.
 - The Nintendo game North & South for Doug.
 - A store that sells parts for a counter Nutone blender.
 - A store that sells Nail Tek for split nails for Peg of Redford.
 - A store that sells Hammer's Rustoleum metal finish to use with a brush or roll for Norma of Garden City.
 - An electric omelet pan by Sultan (formerly Maxim) for Kathy of Garden City.
 - A Detroit Tigers comforter/blanket (full-sized) for Tama of Canton.
 - A store that sells Scotch Brite Rescue soap pads by 3M for Frances.
 - A store where ice cube trays that form letters of the alphabet and numbers can be bought for Christine.
 - A videotape copy of Disney's "Bambi" movie and its soundtrack for Norma of Livonia.
 - A business that can repair a GPX phone (with a clock and an alarm) for Daniel.
 - A videotape of the movie, "Dad Can I Borrow the Car?" for Billy and Jimmy of Livonia.
 - The body lotion "Andre" by Ben Rickert, formerly carried by J.C. Penney, for Shirley of Commerce.
 - The book "Memories of a Non-Jewish

- Childhood" by Robert Burn for Richard of Canton.
- A store that sells Heinz Spicy Brown mustard for John of Livonia.
 - A store that sells men's sweaters with shawls or lapel collars for Al of Livonia.
 - A store that sells shoe stretchers for ladies shoes for Elsa of Livonia.
 - A store that sells "Guesst" cologne for Diane of Livonia.
 - A store that sells tall, black kitchen trash bags for Dell of Livonia.
 - A store that sells "7UP" and root beer-flavored popsicle treats that are flat for Tom of Rochester Hills.
 - An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun kerosene heater (Omni model #105) for Luke.
 - A store that sells jeans made by the Midwestern Jean Company, formerly carried by Winkleman's, for Karen.
 - The 1999 Hallmark Christmas ornament "Dorothy & the Good Witch."
 - The children's toy the "Sticker Maker," which uses photos to make stickers, for Kay of Canton.
 - A store that sells the women's Levi's 517, boot-cut jeans for Lonie.
 - A store that sells the Jacqueline Smith perfume "California" for Karen of Commerce Township.
 - A store that sells lipstick by Dana of New York in "Palm Desert" for Jane.
 - A store that sells a two-light tube light with metal cover for attachment inside of a china cabinet for Delores of Livonia.
 - A used, 32-volt, Delco system generator for Walter.

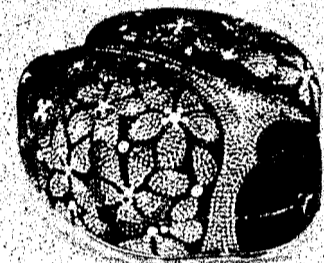
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STUFF WE CRAVE



On course: Hugo Boss has added golf wear to their line-up of sophisticated men's fashion. They say golf is a game of confidence, so boost your ego with some style from the retailer's spring and summer collection for the links, shirts, \$69.50-135, pants, \$135-185, and sweaters, \$135-270, at Hugo Boss.



Spirited: Designer Judith Leiber's handbag collection for spring explodes in vibrant color from bright blue to pale blush tones. Her fabric and pattern choices are even more vivacious; keep an eye for her 70s "Flower Power" minaudiere and uses of metallic python and alligator, prices vary, at Neiman Marcus.

Annual garden show at Somerset set to go

If spring has yet to take hold in the backyard and you're itching for a dose of colorful blossoms and fresh scents, you can always take a stroll through the Somerset Collection.

The Troy mall's annual Home and Garden Collection show is slated March 30 through April 22 in the Somerset North Grand Court.

The show features a series of elaborate gardens by Gerald Salerno, landscape designer and president of the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, and three children's playhouses designed by architect Dominick Tringali.

The show's theme, "Season of Sharing," was chosen as a way to draw attention to related fund-raising activities and events.

A black tie gala for the Beaumont Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund and University Cancer Foundation, 7 p.m., Friday, March 31; \$125 ticket includes strolling

supper by Unique Restaurant Corp., live auction, raffle and the sounds of the Simon Vitale Band.

A garden party brunch to benefit the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 2, \$40 ticket includes buffet brunch by Unique Restaurant Corp.

A garden party brunch to benefit the Children's Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, \$40 ticket includes buffet brunch by Unique Restaurant Corp.

On weekends during the show, the Somerset Collection will hold a "Create Your Dream House" contest for children.

Each child who draws a sketch of his or her dream home will receive an architect's tube, sketch paper, ruler and pencils. And, for each sketch submitted, the Somerset Collection will donate \$1 to Share Our Strength. After the contest period, three drawings will be selected, and winners will receive a play

mini-car from FAO Schwarz. To entice young, budding architects, the cars will be on display outside each of the three children's playhouses.

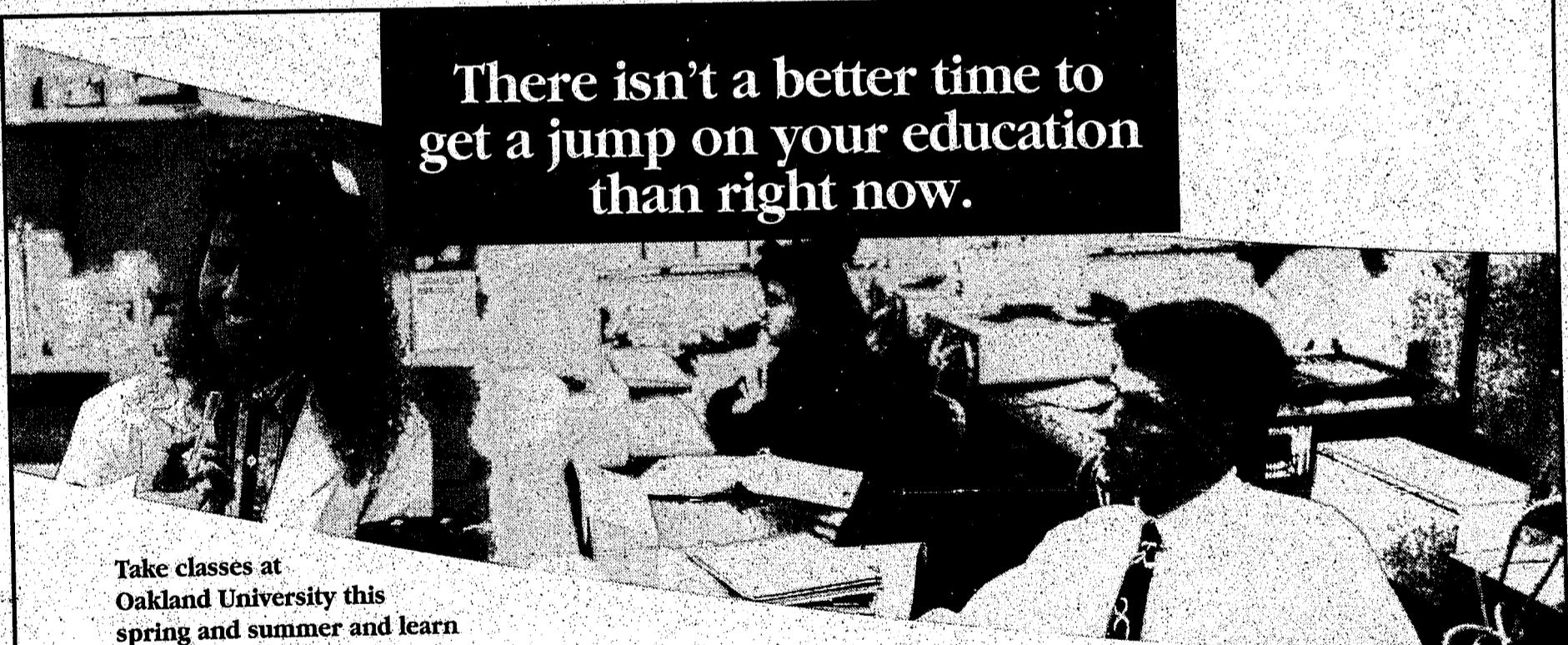
In keeping with the "Season of Sharing" theme, two of the children's playhouses will be auctioned at the March 31 black tie gala, and the third will be donated to Variety, The Children's Charity.

For car lovers who think on a larger scale, a 2000 Jaguar sedan, courtesy of Troy Ford, will be raffled to benefit the Henry Ford Estate at Fairlane. Only 1000 tickets, at \$100 a piece, will be sold.

Also, several presentations will be held during the garden event, including talks given by local gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag on April 9 and 16.

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Do baby-drop bills preserve life or cheapen it?

By MIKE MALOTT
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A rash of abandonment cases in Michigan, in which newborns have been put on church steps or in dumpsters, has left Lansing lawmakers looking for a way to address what they believe is a growing "national crisis."

State Sens. Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Joanne Emmons (R-Big Rapids) have introduced bills that would give new mothers immunity from prosecution if they at least leave children in the hands of emergency service personnel at hospitals or police and fire departments.

"This is crisis intervention," Johnson said. "We are looking for ways to get to that teen mother, that unmarried mother, those historically who have been the ones to give birth and leave the child behind, in a bathroom or a wastebasket. That's who we want to reach."

"We want to save her baby," she said. "In many respects, we want to save the mother as well. Imagine her feelings, her emotions, 10 years later as she starts to have a family and has children and begins to relate to them."

"How will she feel about the baby she abandoned that died? Wouldn't it be better if she knew it was with somebody who would love it, with somebody out there?"

The scope of the problem appears to be increasing, but by how much, no one knows.

According to State Rep. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), no one keeps statistics on cases in which newborns are abandoned, either in the state or



nationally. The best figure available comes from a 1998 *Chicago Tribune* article, which estimated that 57 children are abandoned across the country each day.

Local cases

There certainly has been a rash of abandonments in the area recently. Last November, a baby boy was found outside St. Louise Catholic Church in Warren. In December, a Waterford girl kept her pregnancy secret and gave birth to a premature baby boy, which later died. Recently, a newborn was found in a dumpster in Detroit. Over the past weekend, a baby boy was found in a garbage bag outside Grace Salvation Church in Detroit.

Kids Count in Michigan, an advocacy group for children's rights, says its statistics show

the number of abandonments is on the rise. According to Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate for the Michigan League for Human Services, a member of Kids Count, the number of abandonments of all kids, at all ages, in the state has jumped 48 percent over five years. There were 764 cases in 1993. She said the figure rose to 1,136 in 1998, the latest figures available.

The problem may be even larger. Statistics are kept on so-called, "boarder babies," children left behind at the hospital when mothers check out after delivery. Nationally, an estimated 30,000 children are left at the hospital each year,

according to an aide for Rep. Jacobs.

Jacobs, along with Rep. Patricia Lockwood (D-Fenton) have been drafting similar legislation but have yet to introduce it. There are differences in the proposals. Jacobs' proposal would provide "immunity" from prosecution if the child were left with medical personnel at a hospital. Johnson's bill would give an "affirmative defense" in an abandonment prosecution if the child were left with medical personnel, police or fire personnel.

Jacobs' bill would allow the mother to deliver the child up to 72 hours after birth. Johnson's bill would give 30 days.

Jacobs said she will likely withhold her bill, working with Johnson on her plan. Johnson said she is likely to adopt Jacob's 72-hour limit.

"Newborns have an immediate need for medical care," Johnson explained, saying the shortened time period would encourage young mothers to get the child into the hands of a nurse or doctor quicker.

"Thirty days is too long," Jacobs contended. "At that point, they really need to be moving into the system that we already have in place for putting your child up for adoption."

Both versions allow for reunification, if the young mom has a change of heart. When dropping off the child, the mother would be given an identification number that would allow her to remain anonymous but would



allow her to be connected to the baby later if she so desired. Reunification, however, would be closely monitored.

"That would automatically trigger a Family Independence Agency investigation. FIA would be asking, 'Are you a fit mother? Why did you abandon the baby in the first place?'" an aide to Sen. Johnson said.

Hearing scheduled

The bills are scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee March 29 and are getting support from a variety of interest groups. Johnson said both Michigan Right to Life and Planned Parenthood have signed on to support the plan.

"That may be a first," she said.

Sharon Claytor Peters, president of Michigan's Children, an advocacy organization, said that while the group has yet to take a position on the bill, she believes it would be "a step in the right direction."

"I don't think that by doing this you would add to a lack of responsibility," she explained.

"The people who would do this would not be made more responsible by not putting this program in place. Rather, I think it would just lead to more mistreatment of children."

Zehnder-Merrell, of the Michigan League for Human Services, said that while her organization is not opposing the bills, she believes it does not do anything to get at the "root" of the problem, poverty and an erosion in parental support programs.

Johnson said her bill is modeled on legislation already enacted in Texas in 1999. Similar programs have been initiated in Kentucky, Alabama, Minnesota, New York and California. She said these states have not seen any increase in the number of abandoned children as a result, but lives have been saved.

In Europe, drop off programs appear to have increased the number of orphans.

"In Germany, they have a chute at the hospital," Johnson said. "You drive up, drop your kid in the chute and they, quote, land in a safe, warm bed."

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COOKING CONQUESTS



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Haute cuisine considered finest in the world

Think of fine food, and undoubtedly the French come to mind. Haute cuisine enjoys the reputation of being considered the finest cuisine in the world.

Literally meaning "high cooking," haute cuisine, with the rich sauces, fine ingredients and exquisite taste, typifies classic French cooking.

Through the efforts of the great French chefs, haute cuisine first came to the attention of the rest of the world at the time of the French Revolution.

Before 1789, chefs were employed by the richest families to prepare food similar to what was being served to the royal court. These chefs established a proving ground for the elaborate recipes that formed the basis of haute cuisine. The style at the time was elegant food served in many courses, often with rich sauces to accompany the many meats on the menu.

Restaurants grow

Although the food was unfamiliar to common citizens and beyond their reach, it emerged to popular consumption after the revolution. The fall of the aristocracy meant the great chefs were out of work, which resulted in the opening of numerous restaurants. Before the revolution, there were at least 100 restaurants in Paris, which increased to more than 500 after the social changes. Those who had never tasted a truffle now were able to visit the burgeoning restaurants to sample new delicacies, such as quenelles, tripe cervelle de conut, and foie gras. Restaurants became temples of haute cuisine.

Today, the French influence remains prevalent in American restaurants. At an elegant restaurant, the "maitre d'" leads diners to their table. Back in the kitchen, the "saucier" whisks sauces. In the "garde manger" salads are prepared, while the "chef de cuisine" oversees the cooking operation.

Guests are served "hors d'oeuvres" and presented with the soup "du jour."

However, you don't have to dine in the finest restaurant to enjoy one of the easiest and most used French culinary techniques. The literal translation for "saute" in French is "to jump" (from the verb, sauter). When sauteing items, chefs frequently make the contents in the pan "jump" by shaking the pan. Sauteing is best defined as "cooking in a small amount of hot fat in a shallow sided pan usually over high heat."

Preparation is key

As with stir-fry, most of the work in sauteing is involved in the preparation stage. Once the ingredients are assembled, the cooking is done in a matter of minutes.

These are the basic steps to a quick and delicious saute meal. First, sear your meat in a hot pan turning only once. When cooking in batches, remove the meat from the pan and place on a warm platter in a medium oven.

Cover lightly with foil. After cooking all the meat, a flavorful liquid such as lemon juice, wine, liquor or stock is then added to the pan and brought to a boil. Stir with a whisk to incorporate any food particles and pan juices - this procedure is known as "de-glazing."

Add any final ingredients and seasonings. Finally, add the meat to the saute pan to finish cooking a few minutes more.

When sauteing, chefs insist that the pans are "smokin' hot." A less than hot pan is a common and serious mistake. Once the pan is hot, add a small amount of fat. When the fat is hot (it will only take a few moments), add your favorite meat, vegetables or seafood and begin preparing your "Four Star" meal.

• See recipes inside Taste.

Chef Carol Haskin is the pastry and consulting chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham. Chef Carol holds the distinction of being the first certified female executive chef in the State of Michigan.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Cooking for presidents



With lightning speed: Jamie Valvo of Farmington Hills spreads out chopped mushrooms to prepare his pate brix of mushroom in the culinary arts kitchen at Schoolcraft College to prepare for a regional Salon competition starting Friday in Kansas City. Salon 2000 team members also practice chopping red peppers and other vegetables following strict cutting guidelines.

THE WINNING SALON 2000 MENU

- A pate brix of mushroom - crisp roll of mushrooms on wilted greens, served with forest chips and a mushroom essence created by Jamie Valvo of Farmington Hills.
- Chilled salad of pickered Seviche-style, layered with a jicama red onion slaw, cucumbers with a cilantro-lime vinaigrette by Joel Vassallo of Canton.
- Ballotine of chicken, presented on black beluga lentils with braised sweet cabbage, wine merchant sauce and a sweet potato chip by John Griffiths of Farmington Hills.
- Medley of orange, orange bavarian, tangerine sorbet, blood orange sauce and a pistachio tuille from Sharon Martin of Northville.

STUDENTS Sharpen CULINARY Skills

SALON CLASS PREPARES FOR COMPETITION

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

If you were serving pickered as a chilled salad, you might place a cracker on the dish as a garnish, or set it nearby to be consumed with the fish.

Joel Vassallo of Canton, a culinary arts student at Schoolcraft College, gives a lot of thought to such matters. Garnishes aren't afterthoughts, they should complement the dish.

A sesame cracker, baked in a spiral shape, is substituted for a buttermilk stick cracker as a garnish for a

chilled pickered salad he created. The sesame cracker was placed on top of the pickered, like a skyscraper jutting out against a city skyline.

Changing the garnish adds an incredibly dramatic dimension to the dish.

"Instead of rolling (the cracker dough) flat, I used a pasta attachment to make it thin, cut it into long strips, then wrapped it around a wood dowel and cooked it," explained Vassallo.

Chef Kevin Gawronski, director of culinary arts, Vassallo, and his salon team members from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, hope judges in the two-day regional cooking competition in Kansas City starting Friday, March 31, notice their attention to detail.

"Last year we lost by five-hundredths of a point to the eventual national champs," Gawronski said. The team from Kansas won the regional competition and advanced to the nationals.

But it isn't just garnishes they're concerned about; students have slaved for weeks, making competition dishes, over and over again, tweaking them with herbs, spices and juices.

Vassallo first wanted salmon in his recipe. Then he wanted rainbow trout. After practicing, he soon decided on pickered for its leanness. His chilled salad of "seviche-style" pickered is layered with jicama red onion slaw, cucumbers and a cilantro-lime vinaigrette.

"The acids from the lime juice and the white wine cook it," said Vassallo, explaining the term "seviche." "The pickered with jicama and red onion slaw is something nice, light and refreshing. The high acid content opens up the taste buds for the next dish. "Something like that stands out."

Team competes

The team, which includes Vassallo, Jamie Valvo, John Griffiths and Sharon Martin, won a Salon competition to represent the state



Focused: Evan Demers, front, and Sondra Baier, both of Northville, practice in the Schoolcraft kitchen.

between Macomb and Oakland community colleges. Jean-Paul LePage serves as an alternate, in case one of the others is unable to participate.

That's not all. They and four other students or recent graduates - Sondra Baier, DaJuan Sandifer, Evan Demers and Traci Bahlman - will travel to Singapore April 8 for an international individual salon competition, then to Bangkok for a cooking class.

Gawronski believes Schoolcraft is the only community college from the United States going to Singapore, a competition that features 25 to 36 countries. The trip will cost \$26,000 - most of it being paid for with money from fund-raisers.

The salon class prepares students for competition, Gawronski said. "Skill development is encouraged, and they work under a severe timetable. They create and design their own dishes."

Students learn about the seasonality of foods, taste associations and food groupings, Gawronski said.

The 11 salon students are divided into two teams for the class. The team that "wins" in the instructors' eyes competes as a team, while the others compete individually.

Please see SHARPEN, B2



Practice makes perfect: Sharon Martin of Northville, front, mixes for a cake for her medley of orange dessert, while Joel Vassallo prepares pickered for his chilled salad.

Book satisfies hunger for 'Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking'

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Lenore Baum has practiced and preached natural foods cooking for more than 25 years. First in Phoenix, and for the past nine years at her cooking school in Farmington Hills.

Baum's first cookbook is "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking," (Culinary Publications, \$21). The cookbook, set to hit bookstores in April, highlights many of those cooking lessons.

"What motivated me to write this book," said Baum, "was that I had not yet discovered a down-to-earth, practical cookbook that would guide people toward a healthier diet." Baum designed a user-friendly cookbook that provides simple step-by-step instruc-

tions, and more than 260 cook's tips to help you get good results and save time.

She promotes a healthy diet, particularly the vegan (pronounced VEE-gan) diet, which excludes all animal products such as meat, cheese, eggs, milk and honey.

"People become interested in a vegetarian diet for a variety of reasons ranging from compassion for animals to religion to world hunger issues," Baum writes. "But the most recent trend in eating this way has to do with health. Research has linked lower rates of heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, diabetes and obesity with a vegetarian diet."

So what's a shopper to do? Instead of drinking milk from cattle (most of



which consume pesticides and receive growth hormones), Baum recommends dark leafy greens such as collards, kale, broccoli and bok choy for as a source of daily calcium.

The book walks the reader through menu planning, last-minute meals and eating out healthfully, explaining what to order, why and how to eat well.

Baum said many of the more than 100 recipes were fine-tuned in her cooking classes. The recipes contain less than 15 percent fat and are made without refined sugar or dairy products. "The recipes are tasty, nourishing and satisfying, not bland, boring or complex," Baum said.

Baum loves soups, like her hearty

bean soup and pressure-cooker pea soup, with a crusty whole wheat bread. Her creamy cauliflower and chickpea soup is high in beta carotene. The cauliflower is pureed, and the chickpeas add a creamy heartiness, Baum said.

She came up with spaghetti with gingered broccoli while visiting a friend and using ingredients found in the refrigerator. Now that recipe is one of her favorites.

The book calls for unusual ingredients that will require trips to specialty and natural food stores for items such as shoyu and tempeh. Shoyu is the Japanese name for naturally fermented soy sauce. Made from soybeans, roasted wheat and salt, it is fermented in wooden kegs for at least 18 months. Tempeh is a fermented soybean prod-

Please see BOOK, B2

Salon team members share mushroom, pickerel recipes

See related story on Taste front.

CHILLED SALAD OF PICKEREL "SEVICHE STYLE"

- 1 1/2 fillets pickerel (about 8-10 ounces), julienned
- 1 bulb jicama
- 1 medium red onion
- 1 jalapeno
- 8 limes, juiced
- 1 cup and 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup white wine
- zest of two limes
- 1 whole lemon
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 medium cucumber
- 1 3/4 cups flour, all-purpose
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 ounces butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 ounce tahini paste
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- egg wash
- Boston or bibb lettuce
- Frisee lettuce

Juice the limes into a bowl. Cover the pickerel with lime juice. Refrigerate until the fish is cured, about 45 minutes.

Make a smooth dough with the flour, sugar, salt, butter, tahini paste and buttermilk. Let dough rest, then roll dough to 1/8-inch thick. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake at 350° F until golden brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Strain the lime juice off the pickerel and add finely chopped cilantro and lime zest. Slowly whisk in oil to form an emulsion. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Peel jicama and red onion. Finely julienne the onions and jicama. Mix with jalapeno and enough dressing to coat.

Mold fish in a ring mold, alternating the layers of pickerel and slaw. Peel cucumber and slice thin. Line center of plate with a ring of cucumbers. Unmold sevice and place in the center of the ring. Top with lightly dressed greens and garnish with cracker.

Recipe courtesy of Joel Vassallo.

PATE BRIX OF MUSHROOMS

- 2 quarts mushroom stock (reserve 1 ounce)
- 8 cups white mire poix, cut into chunks (2 cups celery, 4 cups onion and 2 cups parsnips)
- 20 medium shitake mushrooms, split
- Garlic
- Shallots
- Parsley
- Thyme
- 1/4 cup hedgehog mushrooms
- 1/4 cup button mushrooms
- 1/4 cup cremini mushrooms
- 20 medium caps oyster mushrooms
- 2 cups Madeira
- 1/4 cup cream
- 2 lemons
- 8 ounces spinach
- 2 ounces arugula

- 2 sheets pate brix (phyllo dough can be used instead)
- 2 quarts mushroom stock, split (created with dried mushroom stems, celery, carrots and onion)
- 2 slices white bread

Mushroom stock

Prepare mushroom stock by adding dried mushroom stems to 4 quarts water and white mire poix with a sack of spices, created with one sprig of thyme or one teaspoon dried thyme, two bay leaves, a few peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley. Simmer on low for about one hour.

Main recipe:

Slice shiitakes and create chips by placing them on a buttered cookie sheet, season them with salt and cook for about 30 minutes at 275° F.

Mince garlic and shallots. Finely chop parsley and thyme.

Dice all the mushrooms except the oyster mushrooms. Clean oyster mushrooms, leaving just the large leaves (caps). Put scraps of oyster mushrooms into stock.

Sweat (or sauté 15-20 seconds) one tablespoon each of garlic and shallots, add diced mushrooms, then cook until tender. Deglaze with Madeira, add cream and reduce by half, until thickened and cream coats mushrooms. Finish with parsley, thyme and juice of half of a lemon. Season and cool. (Note: Mushroom mix must be completely cooled before placing on phyllo dough.)

Clean spinach and arugula. Combine and reserve.

Brush phyllo dough lightly with butter. Add cooled mushroom mix. Roll tightly and seal. Form into a triangle and place in a cooler.

Cut crusts off bread, place white pieces in small food processor with one teaspoon of garlic, shallot, parsley and thyme and 2 teaspoons melted butter, and puree. Place in pie tin and toast in oven at 300° F for about 10 minutes, until golden brown and crunchy.

Wilt spinach and arugula with one teaspoon each of garlic and shallots in reserved one ounce of mushroom stock. Sweat another teaspoon each of garlic and shallots in whole butter, add oyster mushrooms and finish with one teaspoon each parsley and thyme. Season to taste.

Recipe courtesy of Jamie Valvo.

Author promotes vegetarian recipes

Here is a recipe from "Lenore's Natural Cuisine: Your Essential Guide to Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking" by Lenore Baum, who teaches at her cooking school in Farmington Hills. See Taste front for a review of the cookbook.

to taste (available at natural foods stores)

Full a large stock pot with five quarts of water. Bring to a boil. Cook spaghetti until al dente, according to package directions. Gently pour cooked spaghetti into a colander in the sink. Rinse until cold. Leave in colander.

Meanwhile, steam broccoli until barely fork-tender, about 2 minutes. Set aside. In a large, non-stick skillet or wok, heat oil. Sauté ginger and garlic 1 minute. Add spaghetti. Sauté until lightly golden, 3-5 minutes. Season with shoyu to taste.

Add broccoli. Mix gently. Cover and heat through before serving, about 2 minutes. Yields four servings.

SPAGHETTI WITH GINGERED BROCCOLI

- 1 pound semolina spaghetti
- 1 bunch broccoli, stems peeled and diagonally sliced, florets separated
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 4-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and cut into matchsticks
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon shoyu or more

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FRANK PROVENZANO

Southfield Centre: The travails of a city's commitment to arts

Southfield City Manager Don Gross is soft-spoken and genial. His boldest statement might be the green-and-white MSU Spartan tie he wears on game day. But the mere suggestion that the 55,000-square-foot Southfield Centre for the Arts should depend on regional support makes him bristle. "Foremost, the Centre is for the taxpayers of Southfield," he said at a recent forum sponsored by The Eccentric Newspapers where the future of the facility was discussed. The good news is that the Centre, on Southfield Road just north of the Lodge, isn't going anywhere. The less than good news is that three years after it opened reality is sinking in, and the course ahead for the Southfield Centre for the Arts is far from clear.

Give it time

Ongoing budget deficits and low attendance at events and classes have illuminated the Centre's shortcomings — both in terms of a lack of promotional strategy and as a revenue producer.

It's worth noting, however, that at 3 years old, no one should expect the Centre to look and act like a mature, flourishing art center.

Not yet, at least. In matters of art and life, anything worthwhile takes nurturing and time.

Cynics who claim the Centre is not equipped to be a focal point for art classes and performances should back off.

Where would the city's many arts groups find affordable rental space to meet and rehearse?

If it wasn't for the Centre, where else would lower-income families find affordable after-school art classes?

Making it work

It took 12 years before the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts operated at a profit. And, that is a facility built to stage Broadway-type performances.

In contrast, the Southfield Centre for the Arts is a converted synagogue purchased in 1989 for \$1.4 million.

It works as a synagogue. As an art center, however, it takes imagination to envision how the 12 classrooms and two performing venues can be a magnet for arts groups.

While the debate continues about whether to spend additional millions of dollars to physically modify the Centre to accommodate business conferences, the commitment to the arts by the city administration hasn't wavered.

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi and Parks and Recreation Director Bill Waterhouse contend that the arts programs at the Centre are an essential part of the city's community services.

Good for them.

Original intent

During the last month, the city has been reviewing the findings of a survey of residents and businesses to determine the demand for services at the Centre.

The mayor, among others, contend that the facility also should be marketed as a rental for business conferences.

That bottom-line approach may improve revenue, but the city must be careful.

If the intent for establishing the Centre is to foster appreciation for the arts and artistic expression among its residents, then moving away from the arts could dilute the original purpose.

If lack of revenue is the most pressing issue, then the city might need to look at how the Centre can attract visitors from outside of Southfield.

That would take a major increase in staffing and a promotional strategy that builds partnerships with many of the area's cultural institutions and art associations.

After all, promoting cultural understanding is an issue that goes beyond city limits.



Classic beauty: American Ballet Theatre's all-new 'Swan Lake,' staged by the company's artistic director Kevin McKenzie, stays true to what is known of the ballet's original version.

Beauty without bounds: Garth Fagan's choreography not only pushes the boundaries of movement in dance but also challenges our notions about relationships, gender, language and community.

Language of Swans

ABT, GARTH FAGAN CHALLENGE BOUNDARIES OF DANCE

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Arabesques forming perpendicular lines that pivot on the tips of toes, or made of soft diagonals that dissolve into contractions over bare feet — it doesn't matter which.

When push comes to shove, all forms of dance speak the same language — body language.

That's what unites the current touring repertoires of American Ballet Theatre and Garth Fagan Dance.

That, and the fact both dance companies are slated to perform March 30-April 2 in downtown Detroit. ABT performs at the Detroit Opera House, and Fagan goes up at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts. "It's like a campus, like Lincoln Center, said Music Hall's president Peggy Tallet.

Beyond both companies' commitment to educating the public and cultivating support for dance, that's about it.

It's just that, given their current repertoires, they're sitting on opposite ends of the dance spectrum.

Fagan, a company of 12, performs original, contemporary works created by their eponymous choreographer. Once more, Mr. Fagan — best known as the Tony Award-winning choreographer of Disney's Broadway musical *The Lion King* — draws on an eclectic mix of influences, from Afro-Caribbean dance to American jazz to Martha Graham's modern dance technique.

Savings on weekend of dance

Attend both *Swan Lake* and Garth Fagan Dance and receive a \$10 discount per ticket for the second production you attend. Just bring your ticket stubs from the first production to the box office. The discount applies to all performances, given availability.

In stark contrast, ABT is doing the classic of classical ballets, *Swan Lake*.

Furthermore, the all-new production, staged by artistic director Kevin McKenzie, aims to resurrect the ballet's original version, which, having been changed and interpreted in countless ways over the years, has no established text.

Reclaiming and reinventing

In fact, says McKenzie, the most radical aspect of his *Swan Lake* is its fidelity to the original ballet. "I've tried to preserve what we do know is original choreography from the production," says McKenzie from Washington D.C. where ABT debuts the ballet before heading to its Midwest home, DOH.

But, rescuing the original *Swan Lake*, which was first presented in 1877, isn't simply a homage to tradition.

Dancers, choreographers and audiences will glimpse the roots of dance and likely grow from the experience, says McKenzie.

"There is something about going back to the time frame when something was created. It helps us to understand where we come from," he says, adding, "in order to go forward, you have to look back."

In other words, tradition is dance's teacher.

While Fagan's works blend styles and are packed with surprising and inventive, not to mention athletic, movements, the former Detroit resident — he studied dance at Wayne State University — is quick to place himself in the same category of thinking as McKenzie.

"I think of what I do as cutting-edge contemporary dance. And by that, I mean I know the rules. My teachers, my mentors were fabulous. I think it's my responsibility to show audiences what they taught me," says Fagan, who had many teachers, among them Martha Graham, Jose Limon, Alvin Ailey, Ivy Baxter and Pearl Primus.

But, like his mentors, he also has a responsibility to "push the art form forward."

Swans and CEOs

For Fagan, breaking the art form's boundaries involves more than one subject or issue. But, how dance portrays women, given their changing role in society, is a pressing one.

To put it simply, today's women aren't swans, he says.

"I am living in a different world. Women have more freedom and responsibility today. I love and respect *Swan Lake*, but my women are heads of corporations — and mommies, by the way — and they're flying airplanes, and they don't need to be graceful all the time. Although they can, if they want to be."

"They have more options, and I look to put those options on the stage."

That's why, in contrast to McKenzie's swans, Fagan's female dancers aren't apt to be so classically feminine on stage. That is, always graceful, deferential to a male partner and ornamental. "My women compete with the best of the men, and sometimes, they whoop'em," says Fagan. "And, by the same token, I allow my men to be vulnerable, what I call virile grace."

While *Swan Lake* doesn't present many

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EXHIBIT

'Crash' lands with flurry at Galerie Blu

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Tom "Crash" Matos is a rebel — fearless yet politely confrontational.

"I don't have fear of any subject," said Matos, who was taking a break from completing his graffiti-style mural inside Galerie Blu in downtown Pontiac.

In the spacious hardwood-floor gallery, an exhibit of studies for Matos' larger work hangs alongside an explosively colored wall that depicts the Crash-interpreted chronology of the 20th century.

His mural, "CRASH: The Timetable," was inspired by the alarmist talk about Y2K. In his work, Matos doesn't flinch from appearing overtly political or combining cultural icons, such as McDonald's golden arches, a computer monitor and the ominous mushroom cloud with the

inflated script found in cartoons and comic books. Clearly, the mural makes the point that history is inseparable from the contemporary cultural context.

While the graffiti-style collage doesn't offer the introspective depth of pioneer artist Robert Rauschenberg's work, Matos does demonstrate an effective light touch with complex ideas.

Unlike Rauschenberg's collages filled with esoteric symbols and associations, Matos offers a simplified bigger-than-life, 7-foot-by-36-foot narrative. History, for Matos, is accessible to anyone who's interested.

"If you want to paint something, you paint it," said Matos, sipping tea and demonstrating an unrebel-like courtesy. "My education came at two o'clock in the morning."

And he's not talking about staying late after night class. School supplies for Matos consisted of cans of spray paint and a hip moniker in the tradition of "Kilroy Was Here" that he marked on buildings and subway stations in New York City, where he lives.

Matos got his nickname in junior high when he inadvertently caused the school's computer to crash. Ironically,



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On the wall: Tom "Crash" Matos in front of his mural at Galerie Blu. Matos began his career painting graffiti in New York City subway stations.

there's little that's grating about his down-to-earth manner and blue-collar ethic.

"My main concern is to continue to work, to provide for my family and to pay my bills," he said.

That kind of spiritual grounding is hardly expected from someone who ran with a crowd that included flamboyant 1980s New York artist legends Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat, popularly remembered as a favorite among the Andy Warhol cadre.

Today, Matos shakes his head at the excessive lifestyles of Haring, who died of AIDS, and Basquiat, who died of a drug overdose. Their lives, said Matos, offer a lesson that has made him realize how fortunate he is to make a living as an artist.

"Crash brings an excitement and energy to art," said David Popa, owner of Galerie Blu. "People need to know his story and spend time with the work to understand his inter-

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When does craft become art? Cranbrook offers a dialogue

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It's been about a year since the last major ceramics show appeared at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. That's a profound contrast to two decades ago when the only ceramics exhibited in an acclaimed museum would be found in the ancient civilization galleries.

Since ceramics emerged as what some have called a legitimate branch of sculpture in the late 1970s, Cranbrook Academy of Art has stood at the forefront of teaching and promoting a broader understanding of the art form.

And now, the academy has taken an unprecedented step in heightening the dialogue about the future of ceramics.

On Saturday, the Bloomfield Hills-based academy will assemble a prestigious panel of the country's most influential ceramic artists and a scholar

What: Seven-Up: A Symposium on Ceramics, featuring Howard Ben Tre, Garth Clark, Richard De Vere, Ruth Duckworth, Tony Hepburn, John Mason, Ron Nagle
When: 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1
Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, de Salle Auditorium, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills
Admission: free. For information, (248) 645-3329.

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options for its lead swan Odette — she will either get her man, Prince Siegfried, or she won't — the character embodies more than just ideal beauty. Thus, even *Swan Lake*, can be viewed from a contemporary mindset, says McKenzie.

"To me the swan can be viewed as 180-degree polar opposites, as the ideal beautiful woman that doesn't exist in reality or as a woman who exists outside of society, outside the norm, a woman who has a past."

Great equalizers

More importantly, both Odette and Siegfried take on one of the universe's most humbling and equalizing human conflicts, the battle between fantasy and reality, which, adds McKenzie, partly explains *Swan Lake's* enduring

popularity.

"It deals with one of those universal truths. It's hubbed around the idea that very rarely is a human being able to marry his ideals to his realities," says McKenzie.

Both Odette and Siegfried want to be together, that is what drives the story, he explains. "That is what the swan wants to happen, and that is what he (Siegfried) hopes can happen, and none of them can accomplish."

Within that context, everybody is equalized both on the stage and off. The female and male leads struggle and fail within the same conflict, and each and every audience member can relate to the story. "It's a common thread that all people can talk of, relate to, access," McKenzie says.

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Educating audiences

And, the hope is productions like *Swan Lake* will encourage audiences to take an interest in all forms of dance. Though, McKenzie admits, "there's always an argument about what's going to educate the audience more. This way or the exact reverse."

True, productions like *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker* have broad appeal because they tell a story and take audiences on a journey, says McKenzie. But, ultimately, all dance has a story to tell.

"Let's face it, when you put a man and a woman on the stage together, there is always an inner story going on. There is no abstraction about that."

In Fagan's repertoire, for example, men and women are shown in competition, at odds in the corporate world. In another piece "Woza," which means "come" in South Africa, a man and a woman are symbols of the

word, but only because they're working together to forge a lasting relationship.

"Yes, on the surface, we're polar opposites," says McKenzie of his production and Fagan's. "But, what people could discover

is a common thread in dance. Dance is a primal form of communication. Some are more formalized than others, but still it's all about body language."

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credited with elevating the art beyond the realm of craft.

"Seven-Up: A Symposium," features ceramic artists Richard De Vore, Ruth Duckworth, John Mason, Ron Nagle and Tony Heppburn, chair of ceramics at Cranbrook.

In addition, the panel includes glass artist Howard Ben Tre, and scholar-gallery owner Garth Clark, whose book and exhibit, "A Century of Ceramics" in 1978, energized the flourishing ceramics movement from the west coast to the capital of the international art world.

In his scholarly survey, Clark presented ceramics as one of the world's oldest art forms, and established the link between ceramics and culture.

Shortly after Clark's pivotal 1978 exhibit demonstrated the wide appeal of the art, ceramics galleries opened in major eastern and Midwest cities.

The work of Cranbrook's Heppburn, who, in the late 1970s, was chair of the art and design department at Alfred University in New York, was included in the retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum.

Born and educated in England and teaching in the U.S. since 1974, Heppburn's approach to ceramics seems to borrow, but hardly imitate styles from Europe and America.

His work doesn't have the restrained, representational style of European ceramists. Nor does Heppburn work within a

clearly definable style, as do many American ceramists. Rather, Heppburn suggests that his work is a process "where the art reveals itself to me."

That kind of open-ended approach places Heppburn in the lineage of artists inspired by the "busting loose" spirit of abstract expressionism.

"The quality of questions you ask relates to the (quality) of art," said Heppburn, who is represented by Revolution, a gallery in Ferndale.

The symposium will explore questions submitted by Cranbrook academy students.

Gerhardt Knodel, director of the academy, will moderate the discussion.

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national appeal."

In the last 10 years, Matos' work has been exhibited in New York, western Europe and Scandinavia. Two years ago, an exhibit of Matos' paintings debuted in the Midwest at the Masterpiece Gallery in Birmingham, shortly after an exhibit of work by his studio roommate, Daze, also appeared at the gallery.

Matos doesn't hide from being self-taught or an "outsider" artist. Nor does he flinch when talking about how his career began when he grabbed several cans of spray paint and searched for a brick-and-mortar canvas, either above ground or at the subway level.

He's comfortable talking about

art, or life on the streets. He's proud, but isn't bloated with bravado. Matos' tone becomes reverential when he notes that many others who grew up in the African-American and Puerto Rican neighborhoods of the south Bronx were "tough and loyal" with no fear of dying. From the early 1970s to the early 1990s, Matos can recite the names of friends from the neighborhood who have been killed or are incarcerated.

At 38, Matos is still looking to make the big statement. Obviously, he's moved beyond painting his name on the subway and building walls. In many ways, Matos' taut optical arrangements with a street-life sensibi-

ty are a visual form of rap music.


What began for Matos as a simple, albeit rebellious gesture of painting his nickname in a gritty Bronx neighborhood where survival was its own reward has, in some ways, become an accepted style. But could one of the country's most acclaimed graffiti artist ever see himself as part of the status quo?

"At first, it was just putting my name somewhere, then it got to be like sticking up your middle finger," said Matos.

"As you get older it's a little tougher to feel rebellious. Now, for me, it's about not being categorized. I'm not a graffiti artist. I'm an artist."

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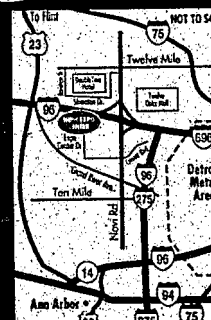
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Sun, fun sure bets on shores of Cancun

Sparkling sand, water greet Mexico tourists

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Soft, clean, white sand and water bluer than one can imagine is what attracts hordes of tourists worldwide to Cancun — from spring breakers to honeymooners.

It's what attracted myself and two friends there this year.

Our journey to Cancun, we had hoped, would be filled with Mexican food and music, interesting Mexican shops, perfect weather and pristine beaches.

We didn't exactly find what we sought.

To our dismay, Cancun is more like Florida — except with prettier beaches — than actual Mexico. In downtown Cancun, American chain clothing stores and steak houses dotted much of the area. At first, we felt like we were in a Michigan mall.

However, to our delight we fast discovered the turquoise waters and beautiful coral reefs

attract not only many Americans, but tourists from throughout the worldwide — Europe, Africa, Australia.

Rather than spend a vacation dining on fine Mexican food amongst ourselves, we were pleasantly surprised to spend the week eating mediocre American food on the beach while indulging in conversation with tourists from Germany, Italy and Mexico. And human companionship, of course, is more important than any food.

Of all the beaches we've traveled to over the last decade Cancun's are the friendliest — and that's the greatest part of the 17-mile-long peninsula.

Cancun is a place for adult socialization. We didn't see a single child during the entire week of February 21. It's a place to parasail, snorkel, boogie board, dance by the hotel pool, dance at nightclubs and swim in the clean ocean. (Be warned though, Cancun's waters and undertow can be harsh).

Days are for water fun and nights are for discos.

During winter and spring months Cancun is not a place for those who want to escape crowds or be alone — even the honeymooners are social. People mingle everywhere; on the beach, in the restaurants and on the buses. (Tip: don't spend \$10 on a taxi cab. All the buses in Cancun — no matter how far the distance — are just 10 cents, or 50 pesos.)

We took our trip just one week before American college students begin spring break. When they started to pour in and the beaches seemed too crowded, we headed west to break away from the parties in search of something richer.

Mexican culture

Nearly three hours west of Cancun lies Chichen Itza, the incredible ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization whose wealthy population believed that voluntarily sacrificing themselves to the gods granted them

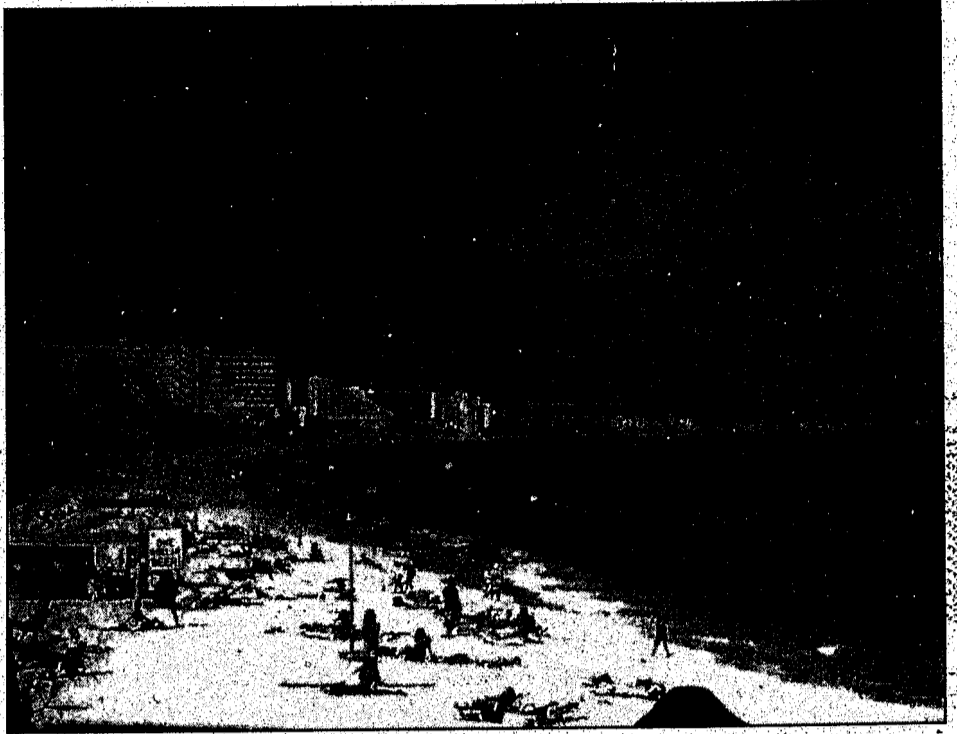


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Beach fun: Cancun waters, while somewhat rough, and powdery white sand are the main attractions. The northern end of the hotel zone is the most lively, while those seeking quiet and relaxation head to the south end of the peninsula.

eternal life.

The nine-hour day begins with a bus ride through the lush Mexican forest into Chichen Itza where educated Mexican tour guides impress visitors with tales of the Mayans and their inventions of calendars and calculus.

The largest ruin is the highlight — created partially to help Mayans determine the start of seasons. Ninety-one steep steps high, tourists climb the tower with only a chain as a railing.

Once they conquer it, even the brave often are too frightened to climb down on foot and instead take each step down on their behinds.

The cost of the tour was a mere \$55 — or 550 peso — and included lunch, a Mexican ballet and stop at a Mexican Catholic

Cathedral. It is recommended to book tours at hotels. Money swindlers who offer cheap tours (that don't exist) are everywhere in Cancun.

The island of women

Weary of techno clubs and Latin discos toward the end of our trip, we headed for an evening cruise to the island of women — Isla Mujeres.

For \$60, a double deck boat takes passengers to the Caribbean Carnival — a 45 minute-long sunset cruise filled with Conga lines and tequila. At the island, guests enjoy a two-hour evening on the beach that includes an outdoor dinner and a lively, elaborate traditional Mexican and Latin dance show with silly audience participation.

Back in Cancun, surrounded

by stores like Tommy Hilfiger, Outback Steakhouse and The Gap we found a wonderful Mexican flea market filled with treasures of sterling silver, exotic tapestries, hammocks and wood carvings at, of course, reasonable prices.

Cancun is a place where visitors, and workers, take life in stride and not too seriously. The service in restaurants is laughable because while customers are desperately waiting for a soft drink, their server is busy dancing in the Conga line — too bad life isn't like that everyday.

Despite bad food and big crowds, the culture of Chichen Itza, the beauty of Isla Mujeres, perfect beaches and friendly locals and tourists makes this Americanized peninsula worth a second week-long trip. Not bad for less than \$1,000.



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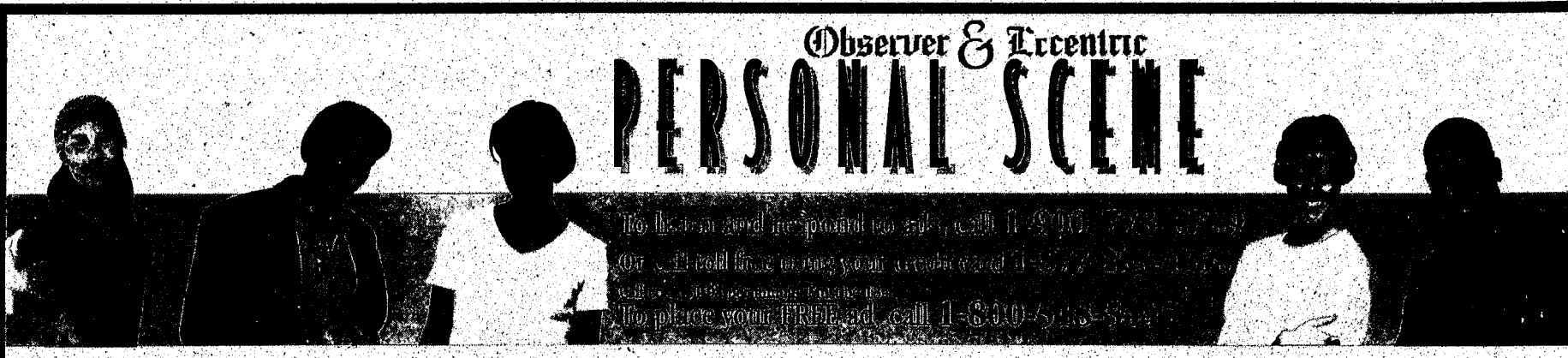
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Pitch & Catch



BRAD MONASTIERE

Get your lawn chairs and sunblock ready: Spring sports season is here

This has been one of the first springs in memory where the season gets here before the games do. A few weeks ago, we were all treated to 70-degree temperatures, and as I sit here Friday afternoon, we are enjoying the mid-60s.

I still worry though, about those infamous April snowstorms, like the one my mother always reminds me of. My sister was baptized in April of 1982, and many of my relatives were stranded at our Farmington Hills home thanks to 15 inches of the white stuff, courtesy of Mother Nature.

But I look forward to this time of year quite a bit. Spring sports are such a change of pace from the fall and winter seasons. In the spring, the atmosphere is much more relaxed. People are hanging out outdoors, some bring their dogs with them, little brothers and sisters run around like there simply isn't enough for them to do, and the hint of sunblock can be detected in the light spring breeze.

In the fall and winter, it can get so crowded, packing into gyms. Or it can get so bitterly cold, like when boys soccer season heads into the playoffs in late October. Travel is a hassle, with ice-covered roads. In the spring, people have their tops down on their convertibles, and plenty of cold Gatorade to quench the thirst of sweaty players.

Spring season is also fun because there's always something going on somewhere. Rare is the day when a team doesn't have a game lined up. Sometimes for us media types, it can be tough getting to everything as much as we want to. But that makes the games we are able to make that much more of an event for us as well.

And this spring should be a treat for area fans of all sports. We are fortunate to have a number of outstanding athletes suiting up for Clarkston, Oxford and Lake Orion in a number of sports this year. Over the next few issues, Dan the Stick Man and I will be profiling some of these athletes for you. Among them are Lake Orion baseball star Ryan Golecki, Clarkston diamond stud Chris Mitchell, and Oxford track giant Eric Ghiaciu.

Our communities will also be the center of regional events all spring. Clarkston hosts the Oakland County Track Meet on May 26, showing off its sparkling facility to 30-plus teams. Lake Orion is hosting the baseball and softball districts and regionals, yet another coup for athletic director Jim Wood, who has done an exemplary job of getting his new facility noticed and host for a number of statewide events in the past year.

So get out those lawn chairs, and make sure your younger ones don't get sunburned. It's time to enjoy the spring.

■ NCAA: We want your money.

If you were alive, not living under a rock and a resident of Oakland County last week, you could not hope to escape the hype machine that is the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

With Michigan State leaving teams in shambles and the Palace of Auburn Hills being hosts to the Midwest Regional, basketballs seemed to be on everyone's minds last week. A casual drive by the Palace on Wednesday showed enough satellite dishes and unmarked trucks to make one think Auburn Hills became Rosewell East.

However, the thing that made the biggest impression to me was the subtle, yet powerful presence of the NCAA. A glance around the inside of the Palace would show even the most casual observers how strong this organization has become.

Apparently, the NCAA wields a strong enough arm to wipe out the accomplishments of Bill Laimbeer, Joe Dumars, Isiah Thomas, Vinnie Johnson, Dave Bing, Bob

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Gail's Story

Clarkston sports trainer Gail Cooper does more than just tape ankles

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Ankle taper. Guidance counselor. Confidant. Healer.

These are just some of the hats Clarkston High School athletic trainer Gail Cooper wears. Cooper, who has spent the better part of 13 years tending to Clarkston athletes before practice and at games, is one of the behind-the-scenes faces that helps make Clarkston athletics what it is.

Cooper, now known by some as Gail McClellan after her October marriage, takes care of many needs of Clarkston athletes, above and beyond, her duties as a trainer.

"Gail is very nice. She talks to us, and we feel very comfortable talking to her," said Clarkston junior Tricia Brewer, a three-sport athlete. "It's a friendship with her. We come to her with our problems, and she always gives us good advice."

Cooper's corner room at Clarkston has been a popular meeting place for athletes in the madcap minutes just after the final bell rings, ending the school day. Players will flock to the trainer's room to get injury updates, feet taped, or just to chat with Cooper or their friends.

"Gail makes it fun to come in here," said junior Tovah Bazely. "It makes my day to see Gail."

All the compliments showered at Gail might be cause for a little bit of embarrassment for the Central Michigan University graduate, but she understands the importance of creating a fun atmosphere for the kids in her little corner of the school.

"I consider my job to be more than just taping ankles," Cooper said. "I don't see myself as a guidance counselor, I just like talking to them and letting them know that there's an adult who cares about them."

Although Cooper is as much a part of Clarkston athletics as the school fight song, she views the games through a different set of eyes than most people do. Players, coaches and fans determine a team's success based on the final score. Cooper judges it by a different set of numbers: the number of kids walking off the field without a limp and under their own power.

"For me, it's a win when all 22 kids get up off the football field after a play," she said. "It's hard to relax during a game, but I do get caught up in the excitement of it all. I'm happy when they win and disappointed when they lose, but if they can get up and walk away healthy and lose, it's still feels like a win to me."



Going beyond the call of duty: Clarkston athletic trainer Gail Cooper (gray shirt) tapes athletes as well as gives advice.



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Cooper's roots are firmly in the Clarkston ground she patrols during practices and games. She graduated from CMU in December 1986, and was hired as the Clarkston trainer on an interim basis in January 1987. Back then, the trainer position was not permanent at most schools, and temporary trainers were brought in every semester. By the time Cooper arrived and began establishing herself, then-athletic director Paul Tugate hired her as the full-time trainer.

Cooper left the school for a few years to act as the assistant to Dr. Daniel Bielak, a Clarkston sports

medicine doctor. She did casting, conducted physical therapy, gave referrals and organized rehabilitation programs for Dr. Bielak's patients. After a few years there, Cooper said she felt ready to return to the school environment. "I missed the kids," she says.

Cooper was also one of the trainers hired to help with the World Cup soccer tournament in the summer of 1994, and has done training work for schools such as Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. After the 1992-93 school

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Dunkaroos, sharpshooters ready to shine

Annual county slam dunk, 3-point contest set for Thursday

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Do you think Michael Jordan listened when word had it there would

never be another Dr. J? And do you think Vince Carter took it to heart when experts said there would never be another MJ?

The answer to both of those questions are definitive no's and that is why participants in the 10th Annual Oakland County Slam Dunk /3-Point Shot Contest Thursday at Troy High School won't be listening either.

The near 30 competitors in the slam dunk and better than 50 participants in the 3-point shootout will look to have their names engraved alongside such former winners as Shane Battier (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day),

David Bowens (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) and Jon Poyer (Birmingham Brother Rice).

The slam dunk field is scheduled to include Eccentric-area skywalkers Jeremy Battier (Country Day), Paris Bernard (Rochester Adams), Mike Billingsley (Birmingham Seaholm), Paul Davis (Rochester), Robert Ferns (Troy Athens), Mitch Harris (Troy), Jason Jackson (Birmingham Groves), James Mathis (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Mike McKee (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest), Jonathan Merritt (West Bloomfield), Greg Merser (Southfield), Ken Moore (Southfield),

Lathrup), Brett Myers (Waterford Mott), Maurice Searight (St. Mary's), Ben Simonton (Bloomfield Hills Roeper), Ralph Sylvester (Birmingham Brother Rice) and Kip Szostek (Walled Lake Western).

Eccentric-area sharpshooters will feature Neil Ashmon (Roeper), Bernard, Nick Body (Waterford Lakes), Marlon Burt (Groves), Brandon Cassar (Lahser), Chris Cischke (Athens), Matt Coombs (Waterford Mott), Greg Crenshaw (Southfield), Jenero Dawood (WL Western), Javier Diaz (Auburn Hills Avondale), Luke Fijar (West Bloom-

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First down the slopes

Adams, Lake Orion dominate All-Area Boys Ski Team

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Perhaps this winter was the season when Southeastern Michigan made its presence known in boys skiing and finally earned some long-awaited respect.

Although no team from this area of the state cracked the top three at either the Class A or Class B-C-D state meets, the overall talent level downstate was at a level not seen in years, as several teams from Southeastern Michigan dotted the state rankings all season.

"The SEMSL was as tough as ever, especially the Pine Knob Division," said Lake Orion coach Norm McKee. "There were so many good skiers and good teams in this area this year — a lot more than in past years."

A total of 19 skiers from the 43-school SEMSL garnered Class A All-State accolades this winter — 11 which hailed from schools inside the Eccentric-coverage area — and in Class B-C-D, two of the SEMSL's three all-staters call the

Eccentric region home.

Not bad for an area not known for its talent on the slopes. On this year's All-Eccentric Area squad, as selected by a panel of area coaches, all 13 of those all-staters can be found on either the first- or second-team. Below is a brief profile of each member.

FIRST TEAM

ERIC BARAZSU, Birmingham Brother Rice — This senior concluded his fine four-year varsity career at Rice by becoming one of two area performers named to the Class A All-State First-Team. A captain this season, Barazsu won all but one dual meet, placed second in the GS and 11th in the slalom at the Alpine Valley Divisional, third in the GS and 12th in the slalom at the SEMSL meet, third in both events at the Alpine Valley Regional, and was third in the slalom at the state meet.

"Eric just had a great season," said Rice coach Robert Rhoades. "He was a good team leader and the way he performed trickled down to the other kids. He worked hard and set an example."

SCOTT BELL, Rochester Adams — The top skier on the Highlanders' depth-laden squad, Bell was instrumental in leading Adams to one of its finest seasons in school history. A three-year varsity performer and a team captain, Bell was the Pine Knob Regional champion in the slalom and placed fourth in the GS, was third in the GS and 12th in the slalom at the SEMSL meet, second in the GS and 11th in the slalom at the Pine Knob Divisional, second in both events at the Pine Knob Quintet II, and posted a pair of Top

30 finishes at the Class A state meet, which landed him on the All-State Second-Team.

"Scott was the team leader and as his season went, so did the team," said Adams coach Joe Kosik Jr. "When he was on, so was the rest of the team. You couldn't ask for anything more from a kid like Scott Bell."

Bell was also a MHSAA scholar-athlete finalist in his sport.

CHRIS CUMBERLAND, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — After being selected to the All-Area First-Team last year as a freshman, Cumberland did everything this season but suffer the sophomore jinx.

"Amazing. He just had an amazing season," said Lahser coach Jeff King. "He's a phenomenal athlete who beat just about everybody. At the state meet, he even beat some kids that qualified for the Junior Olympics, and that says a lot."

Cumberland, a Class A All-State First-Team selection, was the only area performer to medal in both events at the state meet as he took third in the GS and 10th in the slalom. He also won both events at the Pine Knob Divisional, was fifth in both events at the SEMSL championships, second in the slalom and sixth in the GS at the Alpine Valley Regional, first in the GS and third in the slalom at the Pine Knob Quintet II, and won seven of eight dual meets.

MIKE GOLDMAN, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day — Goldman, a senior, suffered an off day at the Class B-C-D Mt. Holly Regional, which kept him from competing at the state finals and off the All-State teams, but during

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2000 All-Area Boys Skiing Team

Eric Baraszu Brother Rice, Scott Bell Rochester Adams, Chris Cumberland BH Lahser, Mike Goldman Detroit Country Day, Colin Land Rochester Adams, Sean Lowry Detroit Country Day, Brian Popeller Lake Orion, Brandon Rosengren Clarkston

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the rest of the season, he was clearly one of the best in the area. Goldman finished in the Top 10 in both races at the Pine Knob Divisional, was fifth in the GS and seventh in the slalom at the slalom and 25th in the GS at the SEMSL meet, and placed in the top five at each of Country Day's dual meets this season.

"Mike is a very enthusiastic kid who always cared about how his teammates were doing, and that was sad to see him have a bad day at the regional," said Country Day coach Dan Costigan. "He's a great kid that skied behind Sean Lowry, but didn't mind being second fiddle. He cared about the team."

DEVIN JAROSLAWSKI, Walled Lake Central — Like Country Day's Goldman, Jaroslowski didn't have the best day at the regional level, qualifying for the Class A state meet in only one event, and he fell during his run at the state meet, which inevitably kept him off the all-state teams. But throughout the season, this four-year varsity performer dominated most opponents. A captain, Jaroslowski was champion in the GS and second in the slalom at the Alpine Valley Divisional, placed second in the GS and ninth in the slalom at the SEMSL meet, and was sixth in the slalom at the Alpine Valley Regional. He also won six dual meets at Alpine Valley.

"Devin is one of the best that I've

coached," said Central coach Adam Sparks. "He is a great competitor that hated to lose. We'll miss him around here next year."

COLIN LAND, Rochester Adams — The Highlanders' No. 2 skier was consistent all season, which helped him garnish All-State Second-Team accolades.

"He was always dependable for points," said Kosik. "He rarely had a bad day. He was pretty consistent all season. And as one of our co-captains, he was a good team leader. He was well-liked by his teammates."

This season, Land was seventh in the slalom and 14th in the GS at the regional, 25th in both events at the SEMSL meet, fourth in the slalom and seventh in the GS at the Pine Knob Quintet II, and was inside the Top 30 in both events at the state meet.

"Sean is one of the best athletes I've

"He's a great role model for the younger kids and just a great skier. Knowing Sean, his future is full of possibilities."

BRIAN POPELIER, Lake Orion — This junior emerged from the pack as the Dragons' top skier this season and helped lead Lake Orion to its first-ever state finals appearance. Besides winning the slalom at the Flushing Invitational, he was first in the slalom and third in the GS at the Pine Knob Quintet I, sixth in the slalom at the Pine Knob Regional, 18th in the slalom at the SEMSL meet, and was a top 30 finisher in the GS at the Class A state meet, which help him claim All-State Third-Team accolades.

"Brian was our top scorer all season and he demonstrated incredible improvements from last season," said McKee. "He was one of the top 4-5 skiers at Pine Knob and had a strong outing at just about every meet but the state meet. We're looking forward to seeing how far he'll go next season."

BRANDON ROSENGREN, Clarkston — Rosengren debuted on the scene as one of the state's premier freshman and he didn't disappoint. An All-State Third-Team honoree, Rosengren was fourth in the GS and sixth in the slalom at the Pine Knob Quintet II, was seventh in the slalom and 10th in the GS at the SEMSL championships, second at the Pine Knob Regional in the GS, and placed 10th in the GS at

the state meet. He also just returned from the Junior Olympics in Colorado, where he participated in several events in the 13-14 age bracket.

"Brandon stepped in at his first dual meet and won and continued to be one of the top skiers around all season," said Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren. "For someone his age to do so well at the high school level against juniors and seniors, it doesn't happen too often. He has the potential to do a lot of great things if he continues to work at it."

SECOND TEAM

JAMES MacBETH, Rochester Adams — No team in the area presented as much depth as Adams, and MacBeth was one of many reasons why. Although he never finished first at any meet, this senior was usually found in the top half, which helped him garner All-State Honorable-Mention accolades. Among his more notable finishes, MacBeth was third in the slalom at the Pine Knob Regional.

"He wasn't the best, but he was really consistent, which helped us out all season long," said Kosik. "He was a really solid competitor and one of the reasons why we did so well the past two years."

CHRIS McCLOSKEY, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook — McCloskey winds up as a repeat All-Area Second-Team performer after a fine senior season. Named All-State Honorable-Mention in Class B-C-D, this four-year varsity

performer was second in the GS and fourth in the slalom at the Pine Knob Quintet I, third in the GS and 12th in the slalom at the Mt. Holly Regional, 13th in the GS and 23rd in the slalom at the SEMSL meet, and 32nd in the GS at the state meet.

"Chris had another strong season. He was honorable-mention all-state the last two years," said Cranbrook coach Thom Halsey.

JUSTIN MCKEE, Lake Orion — In his second varsity campaign, this sophomore was steady as a season for the Dragons up until the state meet, where he had an off day. McKee tied for eighth in the GS and was 15th in the slalom at the regional, placed fourth in the GS at the Pine Knob Quintet I, fifth in the slalom at the Flushing Invitational, and was 31st in the slalom and 37th in the GS at the SEMSL meet.

"Justin's a very strong skier who really came into his own this season," said McKee. "He's come a long way the past two years."

JOE MIRCH, Rochester Adams — Perhaps no other area skier improved over the course of the past year than Mirch. After posting a mediocre junior season, Mirch emerged this year as one of the Highlanders' top four skiers and landed a spot on the All-State Honorable-Mention list. This year Mirch was second in the slalom and seventh in the GS at the regional,

and was 24th in the GS and 26th in the slalom at the SEMSL meet.

"Joe was a pleasant surprise for us this season because he really improved since his junior season," praised Kosik. "He worked hard and was just a great kid to coach."

MIKE RUTKOWSKI, Rochester Adams — One of five seniors at the top of Adams' line-up, Rutkowski was just one of the factors in the Highlanders' memorable season. A three-year varsity member, Rutkowski was fifth in the GS and eighth in the slalom at the regional, fifth in the slalom at the Pine Knob Quintet II, and was 12th in the GS and 43rd in the slalom at the SEMSL meet. He was named All-State Honorable-Mention for his efforts.

"Mike was another strong skier for us who we could usually rely on for points," said Kosik. "He was just a really consistent all season."

RYAN THULIN, Lake Orion — This senior captain claimed All-State Honorable-Mention status after finishing 23rd in the slalom at the state meet — Lake Orion's highest finisher. He was also first in the slalom at the Pine Knob Quintet I, third in the slalom at the Flushing Invitational, 14th in the slalom and 47th in the GS at the SEMSL meet, and fourth in the slalom and 27th in the GS at the regional.

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Lanier and Chuck Daly. That's because the NCAA ordered the Palace to take down the retired numbers of the greatest Pistons of all time during its three-day bash. Also, all references to the Pistons, or anything non-NCAA was removed. And just to make the Spartans' opponents from Iowa State and Syracuse feel all warm and cozy, the key was painted black and green.

The NCAA also banned alcohol sales at the Palace. Here is the ultimate contradiction. The NCAA can ban sales of alcohol at a site off campus, yet it accepts millions of advertising dollars on its broadcasts on CBS to help justify its billion-dollar price tag to broadcast the events. And how much of that money goes legally into the pockets of the real attractions — the players? Zip.

The NCAA is the only organization I can think of who would use a stuffed bald eagle to advertise an environmental protection campaign. Let the games continue.

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"Ryan was our team leader, both on and off the hill," said McKee. "He was All-Region last year and was able to get some sort of All-State recognition this year, which was a nice way for him to end his career. He's a great and interesting kid, and eagle scout among

many things. Just the type of kid you like to have on your team." **JASON WALKER, Lake Orion** — When it came to invitationals, this senior and third-year varsity member usually just raced in the GS, but that didn't prevent him from being selected

as All-State Honorable-Mention. Among his top accomplishments this season was a third-place showing in the GS at the regional, a 34th-place finish in the GS at the SEMSL meet, and a fourth-place showing at the slalom-only Flushing Invitational. "Jason was our giant slalom specialist and he had some very strong performances for us, especially at the regional," said McKee. "We didn't have many seniors in our program this year and he was one of our leaders."

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field), Justin Fuller (Troy), Jermaine Gonzales (St. Mary's), Hayes Grooms (Brother Rice), Ray Guthrie (Country Day), Steve Horn (WL Central), Dave Inman (Oxford), Greg Irish (Clarkston Springfield Christian), Jonte Jones (St. Mary's), Jamal Joseph (Southfield-Lathrup), Steve Kilpela (Bloomfield Hills Andover), Ryan Marino (Clarkston), Jason McKenzie (Northwest), Jimmy Mehlberg (Oakland Christian), Jason Miller (Lake Orion), Josh Molnar (Franklin Christian), Walker Russell (Rochester), Phil Watha (North Farmington), Kyle Wood (Seaholm) and Chad Woodhull (Waterford Kettering).

Included in the evening's activities will be a scheduled appearance by a select member of the Detroit Pistons, and raffles for such items as a Grant Hill autographed basketball, pairs of Pistons tickets, and the opportunity to make four shots from the floor — lay-up, free throw, 3-point and halfcourt — to win a two-year lease for an automobile.

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Cooper returned to her post prior to the start of the 1997-98 school year, the last in the old high school building. With the opening of the new Clarkston High School in August 1998, Cooper had brand-new facilities to work with, but new challenges ahead of her as well.

Since moving to the new school, Clarkston has added boys and girls swimming teams, boys and girls freshman soccer teams, and a girls golf team, with more sports possible in the future. Additionally, the boys and girls soccer programs started playing home games at the old high school field in the fall of 1999, drawing even more of her time away from the high school site. Despite having improved facilities and a handful of student trainers ready and willing to

help, Cooper says she needs more permanent help to get the best coverage of all the active athletes.

"I drew up a proposal and sent it to the board office to have an assistant," she said. "For 15 years, people have known there is a trainer here taking care of their kids. And I feel bad that I can't be everywhere. I can't do a good job without having someone else to cover for me."

Although few would ever accuse Cooper of not doing a good job, she said there are injuries which she simply can't do much about. Football season has a number of these type of injuries, where only rest and rehab will make the player better.

"It's very disappointing and frustrating when a kid has an injury that there isn't anything I can do about," she said. "I see those football players on the sidelines with tears in their eyes

because they can't play, and it's just tough."

An affirmation of the way Clarkston athletes feel towards Cooper came on a day she had always waited for — her wedding day. Cooper got married on Oct. 9, 1999, the same day as the Clarkston Homecoming Dance. As the happy couple walked out of the Waterford wedding chapel, around 35 football players stood, forming a tunnel with their helmets.

"We had a small wedding, only 13 people, and I never expected any of the kids to show up," Cooper recalled. "Others might not understand how much that meant to me, to have them come there on their own. It was real nice."

It only seemed appropriate — athletes playing the role of tunnel for a person who plays so many roles for them.

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FIRST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Eric Barazsu	Brother Rice	Senior
Scott Bell	Rochester Adams	Senior
Chris Cumberland	BH Lahser	Sophomore
Mike Goldman	Country Day	Senior
Devin Jaroslowski	WL Central	Senior
Golin Land	Rochester Adams	Senior
Brian Popeller	Lake Orion	Junior
Brandon Rosengren	Clarkston	Freshman
Sean Lewry	Country Day	Senior

SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
James MacBeth	Rochester Adams	Senior
Chris McCloskey	BH Cranbrook	Senior
Justin McKee	Lake Orion	Sophomore
Joe Mirch	Rochester Adams	Senior
Mike Rutkowski	Rochester Adams	Senior
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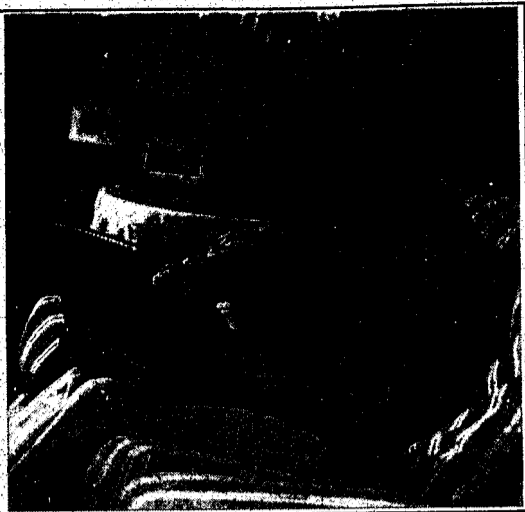
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ous events. This year she is looking to fill a wide range of positions, including medical and business assistants, registered nurses and ambulatory workers.

"One of the things we really look for when conducting interviews is stability in a candidate's employment history," Goings said.

This fair also features radio personality and job coach Larry Goldsmith, who provides the "Employment Tip of the Day" on WPON 1460am. Goldsmith will be on hand to provide helpful hints about resume writing and interview techniques.

"The key to the success of a job fair is to be prepared before you walk through the door," said Goldsmith, who will provide job candidates with what he refers to as "pep talks."

"Identify both the companies you have interest in and the skills you can offer them. Instead

of worrying about what the company can do for you, be specific about what you can do for the company."

Because there will be so many recruiters at the event, organizers encourage job seekers to bring multiple resumes. However, for those who do not bring enough or happen to run out, there will be a Xerox machine available to make copies.

Ultimately, the objective of the event is to provide a conducive environment where job seekers will have the opportunity to meet as many recruiters as possible.

"You can't beat the price, and there will be plenty of free parking," said Ficorelli, who advises candidates to dress appropriately. "Come prepared as if you were going to a job interview."

For those who can't attend the event, the next O&E/Hometown Job Fair has already been scheduled for Sept. 27.

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People use all kinds of descriptors to characterize the urgency and style of their job campaigns. It ranges from "casual" to "somewhat selective" to "desperate."

Trouble is, these definitions are largely meaningless. On an emotional continuum, job seekers can be in a "kind of looking" frame of mind in the morning and slide into the "I gotta get out of here" posture later in the day.

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Team with contractor



STEPHEN J. TAGLIONE

When you hire a contractor, it's smart to look at him as a partner. As partners, each makes sure the other gets what is needed to finish the project.

You set the parameters for the job. The contractor uses these to do his part.

Begin with the budget. Once you've settled on a number, an experienced contractor can help determine what is and what is not appropriate. In a kitchen, for example, without a budget, a contractor can't know whether to allocate \$3,000 or \$30,000 for cabinets. As your partner, the contractor can help keep you from blowing your budget.

To help get what you want, show the contractor what you want. Pictures can be a big help. Cut them from magazines and from catalogues. Take snapshots to show what you like locally. Such examples can be for the style of a window, the color or finish on cabinetry, or the shape of a room, ceiling or roof line. The better you show what you have in mind, the faster your contractor can hit the target for you.

Make a list of what you want from the project: how many people will use it, which activities to include, etc. List your priorities such as budget, style, size, etc. If your contractor warns that a particular decision is ill advised, listen - you hired him for his expertise. And successful projects are the building blocks of his reputation.

Let the contractor schedule the work - he knows when decisions have to be made. For example, marble may require months of lead time; a paint color might be chosen just a few days ahead. It's your job to make such choices. It's his job to make it happen.

If you work together, you get a completed project to live in for a fair price and the contractor makes his living by successfully completing your project.

Stephen J. Taglione has 13 years experience as a builder, is first vice president of the Building Industry Association and is president of Westminster Abbey Homes.

Upscale condos are part of city

Just about everything you would possibly want - and more - is included in upscale form at Charington Condominiums in Clawson.

Fifteen attached units in four buildings have been built behind the South Oakland YWCA on a well-landscaped parcel at the northeast corner of Crooks and Normandy.

"You're going to pick out an appliance package and light fixtures, and that's it," said Larry Lenchner, president of Abington Development. "It's all done. Everything else is in."

"Luxury and opulence are in every home," said Gale Korn, sales representative.

Every home includes fireplace, air conditioning, two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry with built-in sink and cabinets, and wood flooring in every room on the first floor.

All include granite countertops, marble flooring, solid core doors and fancy moldings at the ceiling, floor and around doors.

All include jet tub, separate shower and a mounted television set in the master bath. All include a 90-percent efficiency furnace.

The appliance allowance is \$2,500, the light fixture allowance \$500.

"Everything is ready to go," Lenchner said. "They can move right in."

The townhouse-style homes, essentially the same, range from 1,606 to 1,730 square feet. All contain three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths. Prices go from \$239,900 to \$298,900 based on location within the small community.

"Some have a formal dining area with a kitchen and nook, some second-floor balconies, some cedar deck," Lenchner said.

"We put phone and cable jacks everywhere," he added. "Anything we could do for windows and light, you're going to see. We have lighting above and under (kitchen) cabinets."

"Everybody who's walked in has been wowed," Lenchner said. "People we're dealing with like decisions being made."

"No hassles, no uncertainties," Korn said.

Brick, vinyl siding and dimensional shingles are primary exterior materials.

Charington Condominiums has attracted prospective buyers already familiar with the area, Lenchner and



Charington Condominiums: Just 15 have been built, but all offer an opulent lifestyle.

Korn said.

"I call this midtown," Lenchner said. "To me, the center of the world is 13 Mile and Woodward. I lived within a mile of here for 12 years in earlier days."

"I know Royal Oak and Clawson pretty well," he said. "South, north, east and west, I'd call this the middle of the metro area. Fourteen Mile and I-75 are a couple of miles away."

"We're near freeways, near business offices," Korn said.

"We've heard people say, 'This is the nicest workmanship I've seen in town - absolutely magnificent,'" Lenchner said.

"They love our luxury," Korn added.

The model features a two-story foyer, custom-made spindles on the staircase and low-voltage lights illuminating the steps.

The great room flows into the nook

and kitchen. A pedestal sink is in the powder room.

The master is upstairs, along with a two other bedrooms or an optional bedroom/study and a second full bath.

The model is priced at \$298,900.

Charington Condominiums is served by city water and sewers. All utilities, including water, are metered to individual residences. The condos are within the Clawson school boundaries. Pets are allowed.

The property tax rate is \$39.16 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$275,000 condo there would pay about \$5,400 the first year.

The monthly maintenance/association fee is projected at upwards of \$130.



Charington Condominiums in Clawson

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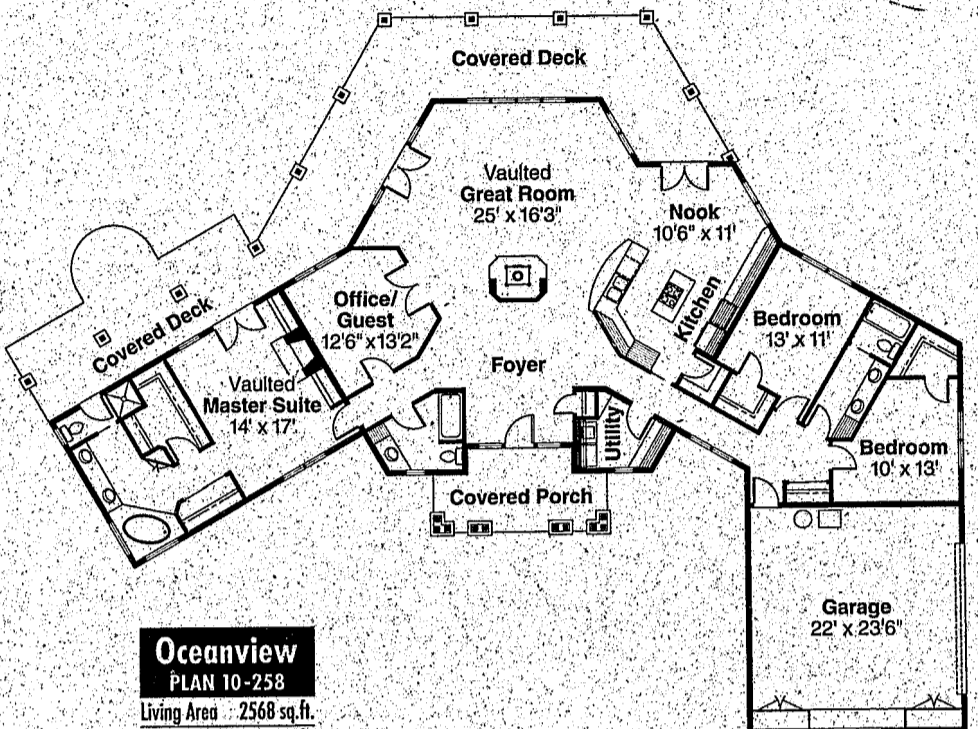
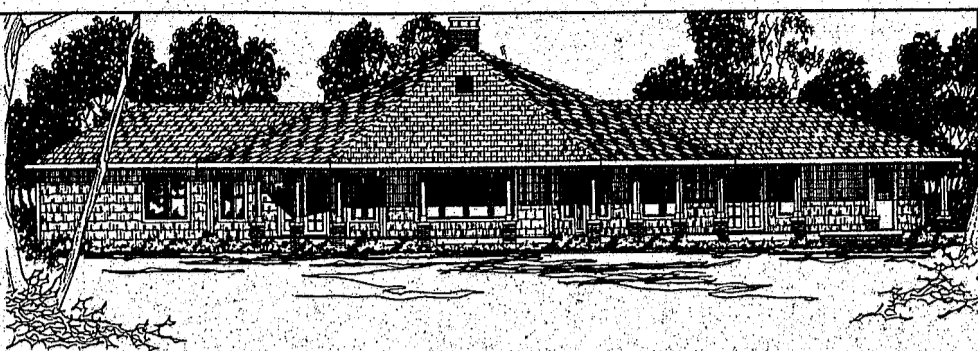
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Cedar shakes cover the roof and exterior walls of the Oceanview, somewhat unusual for a contemporary home.

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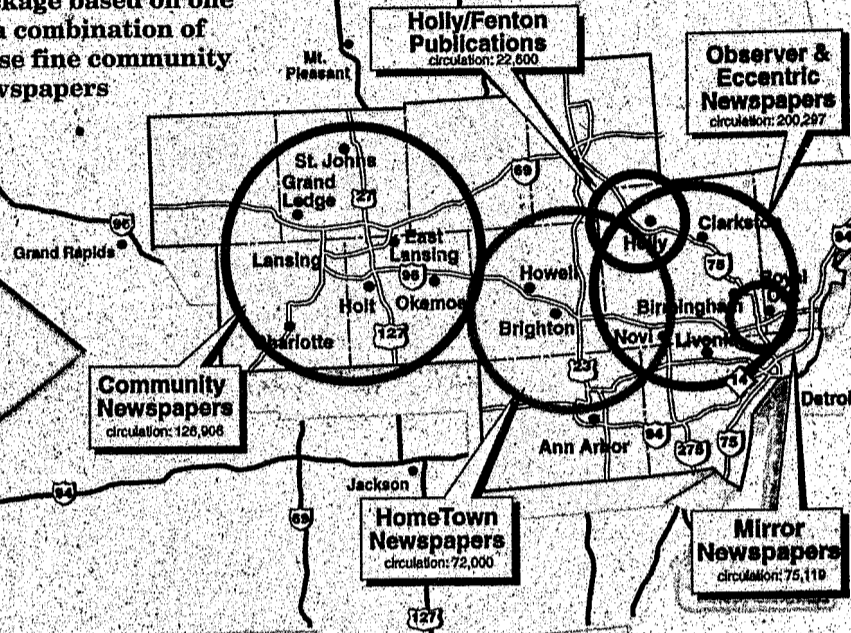
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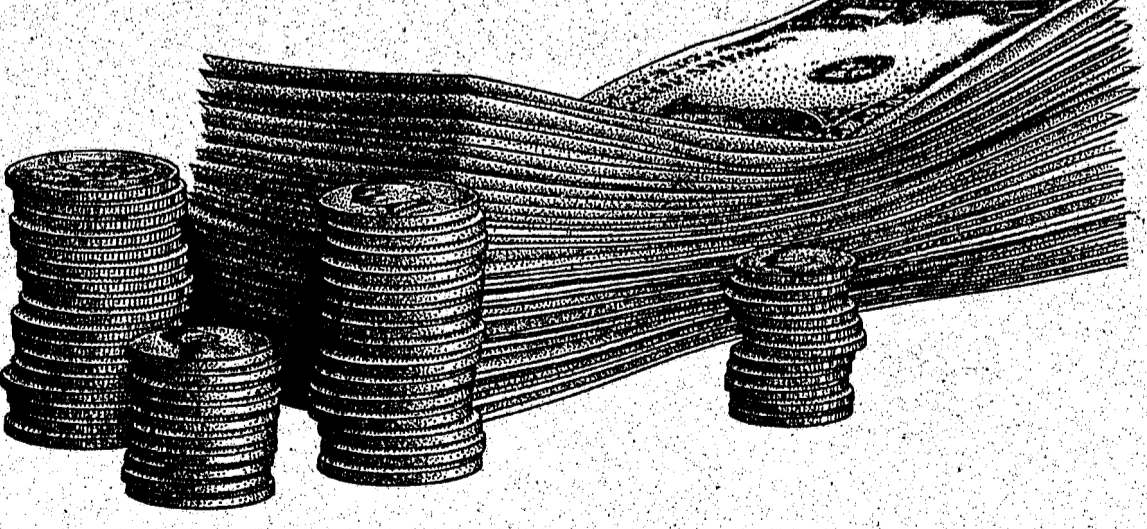
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LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'11", 118lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, loves movies, reading, working with people. Seeking DM with similar interests for dating. Possible LTR. #21557

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned SF, 5'7", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, dating, reading, working with people. Seeking DM with similar interests for dating. Possible LTR. #21557

ATTRACTIVE/PASSIONATE DR.
Brunette 30s, never married, NS, with great smile, and zest for life, who likes to travel. Seeking serious, intelligent, successful, financially secure gentleman, SW, 37-47, with a graduate degree. #21626

A CUTE, YOUNG, NEW START
Caucasian, 20s, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walking, dancing, driving. Seeking nice-looking, smart, SW, 50-60, NS, N/D, short in stature/fit. #21627

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, NS, 30s, 5'10", 160lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, who likes to have fun. #21628

HOCKEY TOWN GIRL
SW, 27, brown hair, never married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, dancing, driving. Seeking SW, 35-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #21629

THE ICON IS LOVE
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional, 30s, 5'8", 130lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, professional, intelligent, passionate, fit, SCMN of integrity, 30-40, NS, for one-on-one dating and romance. Serious only. #21630

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 35, 135lbs, light brown hair, blue eyes, loves reading, swimming, gymnastics, reading, cooking, walking. Seeking serious, honest, romantic, successful, professional, NS, 35-45, for friendship. #21631

SEXY SINGLE
SBF, 40, 120lbs, black hair, light complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, travel. Seeking SM, 40+, 6', for friendship. #21632

BRIGHT & CHARMING
Intelligent, inclusive SF loves movies, dancing, singing, reading, poetry; meeting new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. #21633

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SBF, 41, no dependents, NS, over 40, to share interests. Race open. #21634

LOOKING FOR RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SW, 5', blonde/blue, HW, professional, no children, NS, never married. Seeking S/D/W/M, 28-38, for possible LTR. #21635

SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SW, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful, Catholic SW/M, 32-40, who is interested, for friendship first, possible LTR. #21636

BEARS OLDER GENTLEMAN
Seeker, 41, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white movies, and computer. Seeking SW, 40-50, 6', clean-cut, humorous. #21637

FUN & SPONTANEOUS
SW, 41, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white movies, and computer. Seeking SW, 40-50, 6', clean-cut, humorous. #21638

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY
No lie been told. Down-to-earth, 25-35, 5'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks fun, short, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. #21639

HORSEMAN WANTED
SW, 51, 170lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, one 13-year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, and all things equestrian. Seeking SW, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. #21640

ADVENTURE SOME
SW, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family time. Seeking fun-oriented, outgoing, computer-minded SW/M, for romance and monogamous LTR. #21641

ROMANTIC/PASSIONATE
SW, 35, 5'7", 140lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks fun, intelligent, successful, financially secure man for possible LTR. #21642

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, HW, professional, long reddish-brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys Harley, outdoors, traveling, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. #21643

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SW, 32, 5'6", 120lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks fun, intelligent, successful, financially secure man for possible LTR. #21644

WALKING & EASYGOING
SW, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking fun-loving, intelligent, successful, financially secure man for possible LTR. #21645

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured, 30s, 5'8", 140lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, independent, down-to-earth, warm of humor, seeking serious, positive, monogamous. SBF for LTR. #21646

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DW, 5'8", 120lbs, blonde hair, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Reading games. Seeking attractive, tall, 5'10"-6'0", who is similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. #21647

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW, 40, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde hair, enjoys sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can understand the purpose of life. #21648

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Attractive, young-looking DW, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde hair, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21649

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, 40s, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21650

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SW, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21651

SMART AND SASSY
SW, 30s, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21652

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DW, 40, 5'8", 120lbs, blonde hair, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21653

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sweet, easygoing, financially secure, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21654

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SW, 40, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21655

ARE YOU READY FOR?
Bright, outgoing, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21656

ANY GOOD LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SW, 35-45, who would like to meet a woman who is similar. #21657

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SW, 33, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21658

STYLISH
Medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21659

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, outgoing, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21660

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21661

ARE YOU READY FOR?
Bright, outgoing, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21662

CUTE CLASSY, BLONDE
DW, 40s, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21663

THE EYES HAVE IT
SW, 40s, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21664

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Bright, outgoing, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21665

DEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DW, 40, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21666

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/intellectually secure, honest, caring DW, young, 50, 5'4", blonde hair, NS, looking to love again. Seeking SW/M for possible LTR. #21667

SHARING TIME
Attractive SW, 52, 110lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21668

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SW, 62, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, blonde eyes, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21669

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DW, 41, full-figured, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21670

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21671

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'9", 145lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21672

COULD IT BE YOU?
SW, 30s, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21673

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown hair, HW, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21674

SEEKING SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SW, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21675

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBCPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SW/M. Race unimportant. #21676

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, enjoys movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking a beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. #21677

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED
For LTR, possible marriage, DW, 35, 5'7", 150lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21678

SEEKING LADY
SW, 35, 6'3", dark/blue, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking attractive SW with no children, for dating, possibly more. #21679

NICE GUY
SW, 35, 6'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21680

HERE I AM
Tall SW, 35, light complexion, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21681

NO GAMES, NO LOGGAGE
100% nice guy, 0% loser, SW, 30, 5'10", 110lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21682

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Outgoing, fun-loving, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21684

IF BRUCE WILLIS HAD A BROTHER
I'd look like him, 32, 5'10", 160lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21685

SEEKING SWEET ISLAND GIRL
Widowed, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21686

ATTENTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SW/M, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21687

PROFESSIONAL
Charming, down-to-earth SW/M, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, reading, fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life. #21688

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21689

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SW, 33, tall, dark hair, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21690

SEEKING HONEY
Down-to-earth SW, 51, 5'10", 170lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21691

BLACK LEATHER
SW, 57, 140lbs, enjoys motorcycle, movies, horses and the lake. Seeking SW, 25-35, with similar interests. #21692

TALL, HANDSOME KNIGHT
Adorable, sensitive DW, 43, 5'11", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21693

EDUCATED ATHLETE
SW, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21694

OLD-FASHIONED
DW, 35, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21695

NEW SPECIFIC GAL
Clean-cut DW, 46, 6'1", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21696

FORTH RIGHT AND FAITHFUL
Handsome professional DW, 38, 5'10", 160lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21697

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Very nice SW, 40, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21698

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SW, 40, 6'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21699

LOYAL
Honest, nice guy, college-educated, spontaneous, fun-loving, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21700

HONEST NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, fun-loving, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21701

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, professional, attractive SW, 40, 5'11", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21702

SHARE
DWM, 57, medium build, HW professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21703

UNION LAKE AREA
Adventurous, fun-loving, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21704

WALKING WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SW, 26, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21705

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DW, 35, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21706

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SW, 61, 255lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21707

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SW/M, young 55, 5'7", 175lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21708

TOGETHERNESS
SW, 46, 6'1", 200lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21709

SEEKING SUNSHINE
Easygoing DW, 44, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21710

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SW, 50, 5'11", 160lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21711

LET'S GO CAMPING
DW, 41, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21712

HANDSOME SW, 44
Enjoys sports, travel, family and friends, long for hugs and kisses, love and marriage. Seeking SW, 35-45, who is similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #21713

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DW, 52, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21714

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SEEKING FOR SOULMATE
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SEEKING LADY
DM, 51, 170lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21718

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Attractive, very caring, outgoing SW, 46, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, intelligent, successful, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, and all things fun. #21724

WESTLAND AREA
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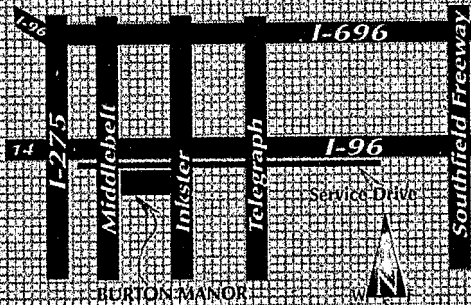


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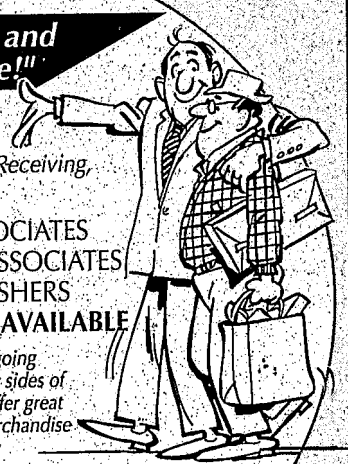
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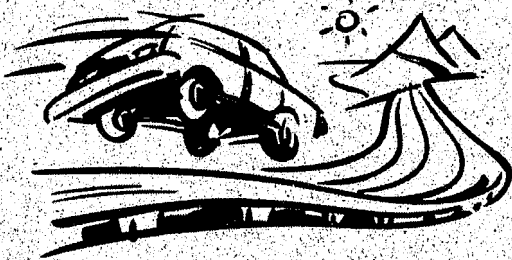
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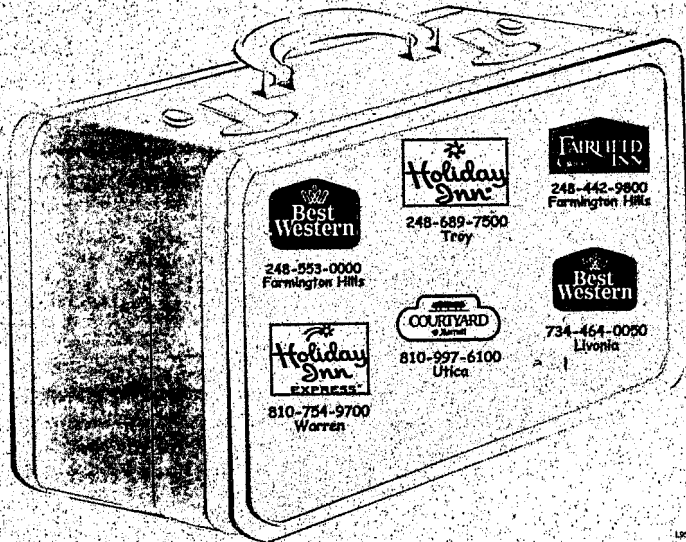
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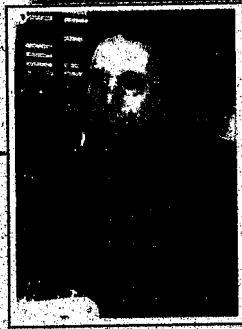
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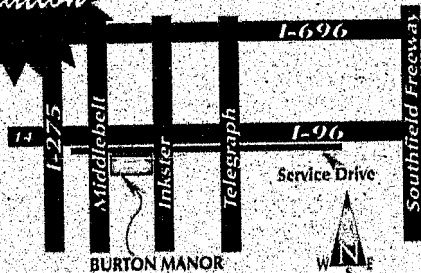
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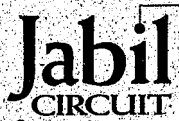
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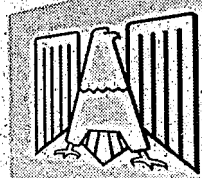
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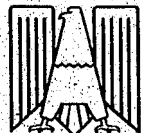
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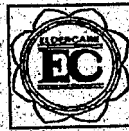
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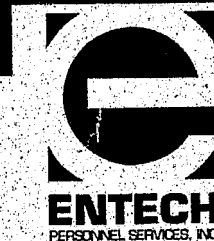
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Assisted Living Residents Come Home To Courtyard Manor

In February, Courtyard Manor, an assistive living facility for memory impaired adults, such as those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or other type of Dementia, held a Valentine's Day Ball. All patient participants wore tuxedos or evening gowns donated by local businesses and, of course, a king and queen were crowned. This is an unusual activity, when compared to playing cards or bingo, but such widely-varied and creative activities are necessary therapy for patients, according to Bonnie Everett, M.S., regional director for Courtyard Manor.

"Stimulating activities help to slow the progression of the disease, prevent withdrawal and depression and improve quality of life," said Everette. Pet therapy, recreational therapy and other individualized, comprehensive therapy helps enrich patients' minds and lives, she added. Certified Recreational Therapists are on staff at Courtyard Manor and are diligent about incorporating such programs and activities.

Fourteen years ago, Courtyard Manor opened its doors to the families that could no longer care for their loved ones who were suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia, or those who were physically frail. It is a fully-licensed, full-service facility with a continuum of care in a residential atmosphere. "We are an affordable alternative to other medical care facilities," said Everett. Courtyard Manor has facilities in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Auburn Hills, Sterling Heights and Wixom.

Licensing is not mandated by the State of Michigan, but Courtyard Manor is licensed facility. This means that they are governed by the State of Michigan's regulations and conform to their laws. Each facility is subject to on-site inspections or licensing action if they do not comply with licensing rules. This provides families with the reassurance that their loved one is well cared for.

Courtyard Manor is staffed 24 hours with healthcare assistants and licensed nurses. Attending physicians, physical therapy evaluation and rehabilitation, psychiatry, podiatry, laboratory, x-ray, vision care, dental exam and treatment and a full-service beauty salon mean patients never have to leave the premises. Hospice care is also available to ease patients' suffering as they near the end of their life.

Each campus has four specialized "cottages," which separate patients into four levels of need. Each suite, either private or companion has emergency call buttons in bedroom and bathroom, a bedroom, sitting area and a bathroom with private walk-in shower and safety handle bars. Buildings have an open floor plan, with secured exits. The great room resembles a cozy ski lodge with a fireplace, wooden vaulted ceilings and ceiling fans. Gorgeous courtyards are a trademark of Courtyard Manor where residents can sit outside on benches or garden, if they so choose.

Services offered include three home-cooked meals and snacks daily; medication administration; assistance with daily personal care; dressing and bathing; incontinence management; daily housekeeping; linen services; and personal laundry services.

"Residents are encouraged to bring personal items (i.e., hobbies, photos, furnishings or furniture) from home to make them feel comfortable and to stimulate long-term memory," said Everett. Staff is especially accommodating and flexible. "We treat every situation as unique," said Everett.

The decision to place a family member or spouse in an assistive living environment can be a difficult one. Some Alzheimer's warning signs include: recent memory loss, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problem with language, disorientation of time or place, misplacing things, changes in mood, behavior or personality and loss of initiative.

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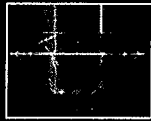
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New Pendleton Store In Rochester

Since the pioneer days, Pendleton has been recognized for outstanding woolen products, made with a commitment to quality, value and craftsmanship. Products last season after season, year after year and generation after generation. Initially known for their blankets, Pendleton began making classic, durable clothing for men in the early 1900s and added a women's line in 1949. Today their tradition is stronger than ever as is evidenced by the newly opened Rochester Pendleton, one of 54 Pendleton Woolen mill stores.

Rochester Pendleton offers a complete line of Pendleton clothing for men and women as well as some home furnishings. Male shoppers come in looking for the classic Pendleton flannel shirts, which are known for their comfort, durability and style, not to mention their washability. They are available in over 75 exclusive patterns and in ten different shirt styles, to suit any lifestyle or wardrobe. Pants or trousers, shirts, sweaters, golfwear and sportswear, jackets and coats, a variety of knit shirts and a wide range of accessories are also on



display. Female shoppers can discover sweaters, skirts, blouses, shirts, vests, outerwear and knit shirts, all designed for comfort and fashion. Sizes range from petite to missy.

Pendleton utilizes a variety of wool for their products. Whisperwool is known for its incredible softness. Worsted wool, a light fabric that is suitable for year 'round wear is often mistaken for cotton. Non-wool garments, such as those made from cotton, rayon or denim are added to the line to make Pendleton a year 'round sportswear retail company. All Pendleton

products are made in the USA. This year's commemorative blanket, "People of the Longhouse," will be available in May. Stop by to view the new spring line of merchandise at Rochester Pendleton, 115 E. Third St., in Rochester. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information or to be added to the catalog mailing list, call (248) 601-1282. For complete company history, visit the website @www.pendleton-usa.com.

Classic Golf Apparel For Women



Guylene Martignon, Owner of Front Tee Golf Classics

As a golfer herself, Guylene Martignon, Owner of Front Tee Golf Classics, had the same complaint as many of you, "there seemed to be a shortage of great golf clothiers for women and even fewer places to purchase a nice selection of styles and sizes". "Not everyone can break 90", she said, "but everyone can and should look great". Comfort and classic styling are the key components. Women want to invest in clothing they can wear on and off the fairway; fabrics should travel well and fit into a busy lifestyle.

Guylene has served Rochester and surrounding areas for many years as an interior designer. Her love for color, design, style and quality has inspired a long awaited golf, tennis and resort wear boutique dedicated to women. "The goal is simple", she says, "offer beautifully designed pieces which

span the gap from the fairway to dinner after your game and even to the work place".

Responses from first time shoppers is pretty much the same, "you have really great things and they are very different from what I've seen any where locally". The next comment is usually a question, "who is Jamie Sadock?" "I

love all my lines, says Guylene, Jamie Sadock is a New York designer who fills her line with fun trims and functional pockets such as her famous "Tee" pocket; Elendale offers a beautifully constructed classic golf look; Sugar Mag has a unique young look for the fairway and Belle Pointe adds to our resort wear with their usual great cotton sweater designs.

You'll discover friendly old fashioned service, the latest in fabrics and designs, custom bags and lots of accessories, all tucked into this quaint little Mackinaw style house.

Front Tee Golf Classics is located in Downtown Rochester at 308 East St. Showroom hours are Tues. - Sat., 10 AM - 5 PM. Evening appointments are welcome or shop anytime in our on-line catalog www.frontteeclasics.com for more information call 1-800-695-8969 or 248-656-8588.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger presents top fitness award to down town developer of World Gym Fitness Centers



Arnold Schwarzenegger presenting Christian Babini, "Old" A&P site developer with Top Franchise Award

Last week, at the Arnold Classic, Fitness Icon and Hollywood top box office draw, Arnold Schwarzenegger presented Christian Babini, developer of the 4 acre "old A&P" site to the new upscale World Gym Fitness Center, the organization's most prestigious award, The Joe Gold Award of Excellence for his World Gym Fitness Center in Shelby Township. Annually the Joe Gold Award is presented to the top World Gym Fitness Center Club and owner (out of 300 globally).

Schwarzenegger went on to say "Not only does Christian make money, but also gives money back" referring to Babini's relentless effort in raising money for charity, "Raising \$50,000 for Inner-City Games foundation, Multiple Sclerosis as well as several local families with physically challenged children...he is the best," Arnold continued.

Babini's World Gym Fitness Center in Shelby Township also received the award for Best Staff. Amazingly he has had only two employees turnover in close to four years.

During the awards presentation, Schwarzenegger went on to have fun with the 300 plus crowd by saying "Now Christian is moving into my territory." Referring to the movie business. "I had him visit me last year on the set of "End of Days" (Arnold's latest film release which has grossed over 200 million dollars.) "We used him in a scene and you saw Christian for a second just before he blew up in the restaurant explosion!"

Last week, the Eccentric newspaper was able to catch up to Christian Babini and find out about his New World Gym Fitness Center in Downtown Rochester.

Observer/Eccentric - Congratulations on winning the Joe Gold Award. What were your thoughts?

Babini - I was absolutely thrilled. My partner Frank Palazzolo and I brought down 37 staff members and friends and sharing this experience with them was fantastic.

Observer/Eccentric - How does one win the Joe Gold Award?

Babini - Owners are required to submit objective criteria, such as, financial components, member retention numbers, employee retention numbers, member services and programming diversity and community service activities. The Franchise office and Joe Gold himself take it from there.

Observer/Eccentric - Tell me about the status of your Downtown Rochester World Gym Fitness Center. There has been a lot of speculation as to what the final product will be.

Babini - The Downtown World Gym is a dream in the making. I called on that downtown property 10 years ago for the same use, it was financially untouchable for me back then. I was overwhelmed with excitement when we closed on the property last summer and 10 years later:

Yes there is a lot of speculation and misinformation regarding the project and hopefully I can clarify. First, let me say that the City of Rochester has been absolutely supportive, professional and fair with the planning and building process. Ed Alward, Building Inspector and Ken Johnson, City Manager were "in the loop" from the start. They gave me very specific direction as to what I could and couldn't do. This cooperative spirit helped the process along, as there have been no surprises thus far.

As for the site plan. This property includes 4 acres and all four acres will be developed. Most people see the building and the parking lot in front. What most DON'T know is that we have an additional 2 acres that are also going to be developed for parking and pool. The parking there will be outstanding. The pool will not be developed until we are certain it won't affect parking.

In addition, what makes this downtown location unique is that it's situated on Paint Creek Trail and Rochester Municipal Park. Imagine, any time of year, being able to pick-up cross country skis, snow shoes or bikes right at the club, walk in our backyard and access Paint Creek Trail for a cardiovascular workout then, when your finished, bring the equipment back to the club and finish your workout or enjoy a massage! Moreover, our site plan was approved for an outdoor fresh air exercise patio that overlooks Paint Creek. For 5-7 months of the year one can enjoy exercise outdoors with the same state of the art equipment you will have indoors.

Speaking of the indoor area. We are adding close to 10,000 square feet to the building. When it's all said and done, the club will offer 25,000 square feet of fitness space. We are using the expansion for related tenants. Such as, a vitamin outlet, a full service day spa and we are actively recruiting a national coffee house chain.

The fitness areas will include massive cardiovascular, strength, aerobics and spinning areas. The aerobics room will also be used for special population (osteoporosis, post rehab, limited range of movement, pre and post natal, fibromyalgia) programs. We will also offer an expansive Kids Klub a supervised children's activity area. The huge juice bar will be strategically located for easy access.

Without question, however, the heart of our club, as it is with our World Gym in Shelby Township, is our education with regard to fitness and nutrition. Our nutrition programming staff has expanded to six directors. The programs offered are diverse, from group dynamic to individual programs. But the common thread that binds the success of our members is the

ability to teach each participant how to increase their metabolism, so that they're burning calories when they're not at the gym. The nutrition staff coordinates very well with our certified trainers for a complete program.

I can go on and on. Simply put our goal is to cater to the mature adult. We are proud that our Shelby Township location consists of about 70% women. AND About 70% of that number are women with children. In the mornings, out of every 100 members that come in, 98 of them will be moms. Furthermore, we realize that these people can only squeeze in about an hour for exercise. Our goal is to make that experience educational, convenient and fun.

Observer/Eccentric - Wow! That sounds great. Are you concerned about the competition in the area?

Babini - I had the opportunity to play college and professional football. In addition, I ran sales for a billion dollar, fortune 500 surgical device company where our major competitor was ten times larger than us. It's interesting to note that even though they were much bigger, our company commanded 70 to 80 percent market share consistently. From these experiences, I've learned to always take competition seriously. I believe that the reasons for winning the Joe Gold Award of Excellence and Best Staff Awards will be the driving force behind the Main Street World Gym. Let's face it. Anyone can go to any club and find equipment and aerobics. What people want is a positive and motivating experience everytime they walk in. Our goal is to provide them exactly that. It is simply a matter of fact that in any business, employee turnover translates into customer turnover. Our success in retaining employees comes from hiring well and providing an atmosphere where employees and members feel good about themselves. We eliminate pressure. For example, we've never had a sales department. No one gets paid commission for member sign-ups. Think about it. Potential customers are sick and tired of being cornered in a sales room office then being told that if "you join today your price is this. But if you join tomorrow it will increase to this." Ca'Mon! This is sophomoric. It's hard to believe but there are still clubs that do this. We pride ourselves on encouraging any potential customer to take information home, review it then make an informed decision. The staff that "sells" the club are the ones that educate and develop relationships long after the member has joined. In other words, everybody.

Another one of my pet peeves as a consumer was having to pay an initiation fee. What the heck does that mean and what does it go towards? The public has become conditioned to this nonsense. Since we opened our first club four years ago, we never had an initiation fee. In addition, we have always offered a 30 day money back refund.

These are just a couple examples of differences that a customer may recognize. In a more pragmatic sense, the industry is growing incredibly fast. After a stagnant period from the mid 60's to late 80's, the number of members in this country has tripled in the last decade to 29 million. By the year 2010, it is expected to triple again to a staggering 100 million members! That's with only a 10 to 12% market penetration. With that said, even the clubs that do a poor job of servicing customers will benefit from the growth. Indeed, there are enough members to support the current and future area health clubs. The decision the consumer has to make is simple. Where do I enjoy going? Because if they enjoy going, they'll keep coming back to achieve their goals.

Observer/Eccentric - When do you expect to be open?

Babini - We feel it's very realistic to be open in September of this year. Much of the hard work (site plan) is out of the way. Permits are in the works and as we get closer to opening, we will offer a pre-opening customer, incentive membership drive where anyone can join and use our Shelby location for work-outs while we put the finishing touches on the Main Street World Gym. Which reminds me, any member that joins either the Shelby Township or Mainstreet World Gym will have membership reciprocity to both. In addition, there are over 300 World Gym Fitness Centers around the globe where you can work out for free every time you travel.

Well there you have it. It only takes seconds before realizing that Christian Babini is passionate about the fitness business and customer service. If you have questions regarding this Award winning World Gym operation, you can call World Gym Shelby Township at 810-566-6275 for more information...



Enjoying dinner with Arnold during the "Ends of Days" filming.

ELI OF TROY MENSWEAR HAS IT ALL - SOCKS TO SUITS

Many women know the frustration when the man in their lives resist new clothes or shopping in general. Women who shop at Eli of Troy Menswear have a secret: they purposefully buy the clothes they love for their guy in the wrong size so that he has to return to the store to get them altered. That's all it takes to get hooked. One shopping trip. Customers quickly get used to the free, on-site alterations, the variety of high quality, practical clothing at a value and the personal attention every shopper receives. The guy who doesn't like to shop? He doesn't have to hunt for clothes himself — a store employee will pull items from which to choose.

Socks to suits, Eli of Troy Menswear has everything a man needs: Suits by Hart Schaffner Marx, Millennium and Gianni Marzonné. They offer a large selection of Sansabelt slacks, sports coats, tuxedos and dress shirts by Enro. The recently expanded

casual wear section meets the needs of customers and reflects the changing trends in menswear. Sportswear by Woolrick, Jack Niklaus golfwear, summer apparel, shorts, short sleeve shirts, swimwear, rain coats, topcoats, outerwear, jackets and leathers are in stock. Ties, various accessories (i.e., watches, tie tacks, money clips, cuff links) and Burlington socks completely outfit any man for the day or week ahead of him.

Eli of Troy Menswear offers layaway, gift certificates and after-hour appointments if necessary. Four Italian tailors on staff ensure quality tailoring for special orders or emergency tailoring needs. Come in during the month of April to shop the Inventory Reduction Sale. Eli of Troy is located in Troy, at 5067 Rochester Rd. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (248) 689-2010 for more information.

Bead Works beads have ancient lore and contemporary flair.

A visit to Bead Works in Franklin is like taking a trip around the world. In one display area, Austrian crystal dazzles, while another area in the shop showcases shimmering silver from Bali. Nearby, beads from

structure that once was a rooming house. Furthermore, staff members at the shop are quick to share the origin and ancient lore of the thousands of beads that fill the store.

For those who need consultation regarding creative ideas, the shop's four staff members are happy to oblige. "Customers can design their own 'vintage' purse straps for beaded or needlepointed bags and learn how to knit or crochet their own beautiful beaded evening purses," says Joyrich. "Or they can make necklaces, bracelets, earrings, stick pins, eyeglass holders and the newest fashion accessory, jeweled hair pins and barettes." Employees also can help with the selection of semi-precious stones, such as onyx, jade, coral, lapis, malachite, amethyst and many others.

Bead Works brims with supplies, including threads, needles, looms, and a full selection of instruction books and videos. The staff also can help redesign and restring old jewelry.

"The allure of beads has always been strong, throughout history," Joyrich says. "Beads represent different cultures and artistic design, different methods of workmanship and standards of creativity."

Bead Works is located at 32751 Franklin Road. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues. through Sat. Call (248) 855-5230.



Czechoslovakia, Africa, China, Turkey, Pakistan, Jordan, India and Thailand draw customers to their unique styles. "We also have a large selection of American and Venetian art glass," says Ida Joyrich the owner of Bead Works.

Not only is shopping for beads a worldly experience, but one also can get quite a history lesson. For example, the building that houses Bead Works is a 150-year-old

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Brandy's has been serving classic American food at its Bloomfield location since 1973. Two years ago it was bought by veteran restaurateur, John Rugani and two partners. This popular restaurant is suitable for a quick meal in the bar area to a business dinner in the dining room to a family dinner.

The traditional restaurant fare includes four kinds of steak, four pastas, two kinds of lamb chops and a long list of fish and seafood. Hungry diners can start their meal with a selection from the appetizer list which includes barbecued baby back ribs, crab cakes and shrimp cocktail. The recently expanded menu includes a mix of



standard and unusual entrees, from calves liver and pork roast to Shrimp Portabella Fettucine and Fettucine Alfredo with salmon. Each dish is hearty and made from scratch with plenty of meat, potatoes, fresh vegetables or seafood.

Lunch patrons can choose from a variety of soups, sandwiches and salads. Sander's hot fudge sundaes are on the dessert menu and are still as good as you remember. Help selecting wine or drinks can be found in the menu labeled, "Spiritual Guidance."

Brandy's servers are aimed at pleasing and often offer suggestions as to the best choice of the day. Live, light jazz music can be enjoyed Tuesdays and Saturdays. The restaurant is 75% smoke-free.

The newly-remodeled Club Room can accommodate 40 guests for business luncheons, dinner meetings or other gatherings. A children's menu is available. Brandy's is located at 1727 S. Telegraph, north of Square Lake Rd., in Bloomfield. Hours are Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m.-9 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call (248) 338-4300.



The original discount dinette store

Some furniture stores sell furniture for every room of the house, specializing in none. Dining Furniture focuses on just one: furniture for the kitchen and dinette. With such a specialized focus, they are able to offer customized furniture at true discount prices. "We'll beat anyone's prices," said owner and President, Danny. "Dining Furniture is your final answer for all your dinette and kitchen area needs," he added.

Danny teams up with Barbara and Kenny to share their 35+ years of experience with each and every customer. Shoppers will find what they are looking for, said Danny, whether they decorate with a modern, traditional, or eclectic theme. Kenny and Barbara have a keen sense for interior design and often help customers decide which sets to choose (or which ones to mix and match) to coordinate with their home decor.

"We sell upscale dinettes for casual, game or great room needs," said Danny. Tables and chairs can be found at Dining Furniture in a variety of materials like wood, formica, glass, tile and corian. Special fabrics are on display and others can be ordered. A large selection of bar stools are also available.

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Ann Abrams finalizes color selections and scheduling dates.

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Some of HomePro's customers - painted their garage floors with gray porch and deck paint or one of the do-it-yourself flooring kits, only to find themselves disappointed when it started to peel up only after a few short months. HomePro has a full line of epoxy floor choices, from a simple solid color to their beautiful Royal Flake system.

A professionally installed epoxy floor covering is appealing to homeowners for many reasons. An epoxy floor really makes any garage look terrific. It can even be color coordinated to match the rest of your home. Epoxy also resists damage from automotive fluids and is easy to clean. Warm soapy water quickly cleans dirt, gasoline, salt, oil and other debris before it can be tracked into your home. Both new and older concrete can be coated, and HomePro can even repair your cracked or damaged concrete.

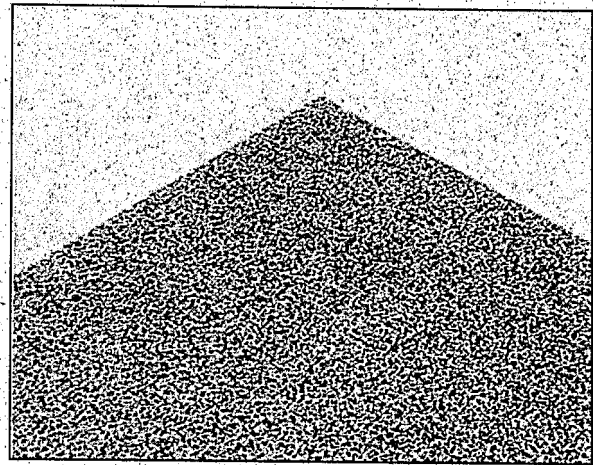
A SHOWROOM FOR GARAGE

HomePro Flooring has developed four flooring systems to meet a range of customer needs. Homeowners find themselves struggling to make a final selection from the wide range of color combinations. While the basic gray floor with black and white chips is still popular, HomePro finds many homeowners leaning towards the more colorful color combinations such as tan, beige and brown that complement each other and are beautiful to look at.

One important factor that homeowners should consider is that the key to a successful flooring installation is proper preparation of the concrete. HomePro Flooring specializes in surface preparation, they use state-of-the-art shotblasting machines to prepare concrete for coatings. Shotblasting opens up the pores of a floor, allowing the epoxy to penetrate and form a structural bond with the concrete. Shotblasting also removes any contaminants that may be present on your floor. No other surface preparation method guarantees success like shotblasting. In the past HomePro had tried to use a chemical wash to prepare floors, but they found that this did not give a proper surface for the epoxy to bond to, and the epoxy would just lay on



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top of the concrete, causing it to chip and peel up.

All floor systems come with a warranty against peeling and premature wear, but, Ann Abrams, Manager of Operations from HomePro, said a HomePro epoxy floor will last much longer than its warranty. "Keep in mind that this is the same epoxy installed in factories and warehouses - this epoxy is designed to stand up to heavy forklift traffic, so parking a car on a HomePro floor will pale in comparison", says Abrams.

Urethane topcoats are recommended, as they add to the life of the floor by offering protection from chemicals and scratches. Urethane is harder than epoxy, and the two products work well together to provide homeowners with an attractive, long lasting floor.

Installation takes between two and four days, depending on the type of system chosen. The only thing customers need to do in preparation for the floor coating is completely empty their garage of its' contents. HomePro Flooring does the rest. Their installation teams take all the guesswork out of this complicated process. The floor can be walked on or driven on 24 hours after the job is completed.

HomePro Flooring began installing their specially formulated epoxy flooring systems in 1993, after their parent company, a national installer of industrial flooring systems, found there was a tremendous demand for epoxy floor in the residential market. HomePro was founded to focus on this market niche, and they have been successful because they concentrate solely on residential garage installations. HomePro flooring can also be installed inside the house in rooms that have a concrete floor, such as basements or sunrooms.

HomePro Flooring prides itself on its customer service and quality installation. Ann Abrams reports that seventy percent of their business is from referrals. Here are a few customer comments: "My garage is beautiful! My HomePro floor actually coordinates with the exterior of my home! And it is easy to keep clean. Thank you HomePro Flooring" Lillian Reinert, Shelby Township. "I love to show off my garage!" Dorothy Wilson, West Bloomfield.

The website of HomePro Flooring (www.homeprofloors.com) showcases floor covering choices, offers a brochure with detailed company information and has franchise (or employment) opportunities for their rapidly expanding business.

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Rochester Veterinary Hospital of Rochester Hills has recently expanded its full service hospital. The new facility was designed by G.S. Yurk & Associates, of Rochester Hills. The hospital provides the latest state of the art equipment for diagnosis and treatment for small companion animals. The recent expansion includes a total of five examination rooms, spacious waiting and reception area, on site laboratory, pharmacy, radiology room, and sterile surgical area.

Susan S. Borenstein, DVM, has been caring for pets in the greater Rochester Hills area for the past 17 years. Her ongoing involvement with veterinary associations on the local and state level has had a positive influence on animal health care. Susan Borenstein, DVM with Kenneth Corino, DVM and Lori McInnis DVM, complete Rochester



Susan Borenstein, DVM with her dog and faithful friend, Maizy

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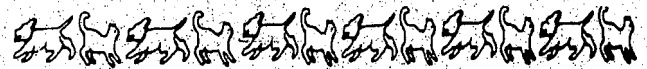
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Peg Matthews

When you're looking for a mortgage company, it is often an overwhelming decision. How do you differentiate one company from the other? Who do you trust? Peg Matthews, owner of Creative Capital Inc., of Royal Oak says, emphatically, "us."

"Creative Capital Inc. offers new home mortgages, refinancing and commercial loans. Creative Capital Inc. has been in business since 1994 but Matthews has over 15 years experience in the field. "You have to trust your own judgment," she tells people when they are looking for a mortgage company, "and whether or not you like the person you're dealing with."

She believes in the basic qualities of any long-standing business: loyalty and honesty. Her mortgage company is different from some in that she makes sure each client understands the whole loan process, start to finish, in easy-to-understand language. She wants her clients to know exactly what they're signing, she said. She strives to make the process easy for her clients.

One-to-one, personalized attention is the norm at Creative Capital Inc. Matthews gets to know each customer and naturally builds a rapport with them. "In a sea of sharks, we are not." She added, "we want you to come back to us again, we intend to be your lifetime mortgage company."

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The Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College (OCC) is situated on 160 acres of gently rolling hills southwest of Pontiac. This career development-oriented campus has three innovative degree and certificate programs that will help students prepare for a bright future in the Allied Health fields of Massage Therapy, Exercise Science and Technology, and Medical Assisting. These unique programs work together, providing interdisciplinary course work that allows students to acquire multiple skills for greater marketability.

Massage Therapy Program Coordinator Janine McKay says the OCC program offers a medically and scientifically-based curriculum that enables graduates career opportunities in this growing healthcare field. This program has approximately 300 hours of "hands-on" practical experience on and off campus. This enables students in the program the

Exercise Science and Technology (EST) prepares students to enter a health/fitness profession in a setting that uses exercise therapeutically. This science-based program provides a wide variety of experiences, in the lab and through internships in the field. EST also provides two extended degree options in Gerontology and Business. The Gerontology emphasis will allow students to work in senior adult services and the Business concentration will prepare the student for more entrepreneurial endeavors.

Karen Kittle, the coordinator of the Medical Assisting (MDA) program states that the 1 year certification or 2 year degree curriculum helps students become proficient in both administrative and clinical skills in the allied health field. According to the AAMA, medical assistants are multi-skilled practitioners who can perform a wide range of



Left to Right, Janine McKay, Vicki Kloosterhouse and Karen Kittle

opportunity to work in settings where message therapy is used. Graduates from this program easily fit into physical therapy clinics, hospital settings, chiropractic offices, nursing homes, or sports medicine clinics. Students are able to obtain a certificate in Massage Therapy or a 2 year Associate Degree in Applied Science.

roles in physician's clinics, hospitals, insurance billing agencies, medical transcription agencies, and others. Kittle stresses that this program is CAAHEP accredited, which enables students to apply for the AAMA certification exam. In today's job market, time and money are at a premium so the MDA department offers several options for acquiring marketable skills in less than a year. These options include Administrative Medical Assistant, Clinical Medical Assistant, Insurance/Coding Specialist, EKG Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician. With additional classes and/or training the medical assistant may move into other allied health occupations such as Ophthalmology Assistant (also offered by this department).

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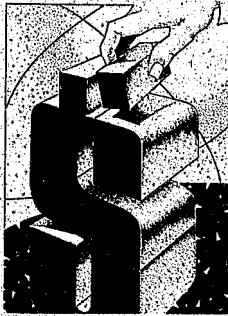
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Sisters Joanna Baratta and Ninfa Crocenzi master minds behind Giovanna Italy

Joanna Baratta and Ninfa Crocenzi, sisters and business partners are the creators behind a revolutionary new skin-care line, Giovanna Italy. (Introduced in 1996, it was a way for Joanna to help her sister, Ninfa, an MS survivor. Ninfa's skin was traumatized by the medication as well as the disease itself and became patchy and dry. This motivated Joanna to utilize her 20 years of experience in the cosmetics industry to create a skin care product that it is now being used to help individuals who have similar reactions.

Giovanna Italy products help repair brown spots, uneven tone, lack of luster, patchiness or dryness associated with medications or diseases such as MS, cancer, fibromyalgia and lupus. The cream and moisturizer can also repair or prevent bad skin or premature wrinkling. They have also proven

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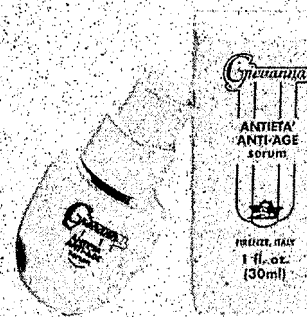
The secret of Giovanna Italy is the unique combination of fresh, extra-virgin olive oil and a specialized delivery system, also referred to as the EU complex exclusive to Giovanna Italy. It is comprised of minerals and botanicals freshly picked and harvested at the Eurfarina Cosmetics in Florence, Italy. Ingredients found near the Mediterranean, like mint, aloe and bladder wrack elements, star anise, thyme, licorice, ginseng and many others serve to enhance the therapeutic value of the product line. The facial skin-care products create a regenerative restructuring of new cell formation at the same pace as when your skin was young resulting in skin that is renewed, moistened and soothed, said Joanna.

Giovanna Italy contributes a percentage of its profits to the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for rehabilitation and research. They sponsor yearly fundraisers and women's luncheons and help the MS Society with their fundraisers. "We're supportive of any group in need and regularly contribute product baskets for fundraisers," said Joanna.

The facial skin-care line for all skin types includes a cleanser, refresher, day cream, night cream, eye moisturizer and anti-age serum. Product lines slated for future development include hair care, men's and whole body and spa products as well as aromatherapy and baby products. Giovanna Italy can be purchased at specialty stores and spas throughout the Detroit area. Orders can also be placed by phone (810) 294-7727 or fax (810) 294-6610.

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Larry Daye at Clearance Center

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Unlike any other store, Amish Reflections' 5000 square feet contain absolutely nothing that has been machine wrought. Each and every item was crafted from real wood. Veneer, laminate and plywood have no place here; only solid oak and cherry, and some walnut and maple. Each piece was hand tooled in the Amish tradition and Vankote finished for a very hard, durable finish that can withstand both daily use and the test of time. Mrs. Swaney says of the furnishings that "you can leave something wet on a table for 24 hours without damaging the piece."

Amish Reflections' heirloom quality furniture lines include dining and kitchen tables, entertainment centers, desks, bedroom and living room suites, occasional tables, jelly cupboards, and even an upholstered line. Many pieces can be customized, too. For instance, a very wide variety of sizes, shapes, or stain colors can be chosen for tables. But that's just the furniture.

Amish Reflections also carries an assortment of small Amish handcrafts. Pictures, dried and silk flower arrangements, baskets, candles and other items also carry on the Amish tradition. The store even has a line of hand forge wrought iron pieces, although it is not made by Amish.

The Swaney and Butcher personally pick up the furnishings that stock the store, right from the craftsmen, to leave nothing to chance. They will also personally deliver anywhere in Michigan, but must ship elsewhere in the U.S. The store is open Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Amish Reflections can be reached by phone at (517) 835-3253.



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Four Seasons is a member of the Construction Association of Michigan and the Better Business Bureau. Leininger is a certified professional master builder by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The skills of their design consultants won the 1994 "Before and After Design Contest," which judges the enhancement of the appearance and livability of a building.

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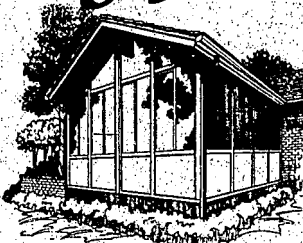
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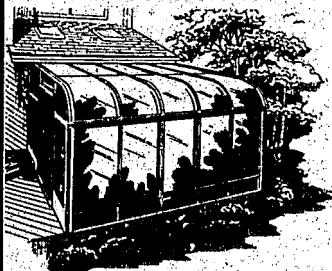
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FLY FISHING SPECIALTY STORE OPENS IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Does fly fishing for bonefish in the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean appeal to you? "Where there's fish to be caught, we're going," said Mike Miller, managing partner of Westbank Anglers Michigan, a new Bloomfield Hills-based storefront that caters to the sport of fly-fishing and adventure travel.

Westbank Anglers has personally fished every destination they offer, from Alaska to New Zealand to Chile, said Mike. "We teach our clients about the destinations we represent and whether there are great guides or good food and accommodations. We let them know where they can find exactly what they're looking for, as well as places for great non fishing activities", he added. Non-fishing spouses often tag along to kayak, swim with the dolphins, visit a rain forest or golf while the other one is fishing.

Westbank Anglers can make all the necessary arrangements for your trip and outfit you with everything you need, from fly fishing equipment to clothes for every type of destination we represent. Names like Patagonia, Royal Robbins, Tommy Bahama, Ex-Officio and Woolrich are available for both men and women.

"We have the best selection of products in the industry whether you're a beginner or expert," said Mike, referring to the line of fly fishing tackle from top manufacturers like Sage, Simms, Winston, and Scientific Anglers. "We carry introductory packages for beginners

and packages for the experienced fishermen," said Mike. With over 100 rods and 100 reels from which to choose, fishermen are ready to hit the water.

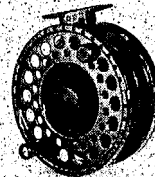
The staff of experienced men and women are savvy with the sport of fly fishing which creates a comfortable, learning environment where women will feel as comfortable as men, said Mike. "We want every customer to leave feeling as if they've gained something by shopping at our store, maybe it's as simple as learning a new knot or picking up a tip on casting," he added.

Fly casting schools, fly tying schools (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and private clinics will be offered throughout the year. "We plan to do mom and daughter, dad and son or family group sessions," said Mike. Women-only fly tying and fly casting schools are also in the works. A womens-only trip to Jackson Hole, WY is currently being organized.

Westbank Anglers is located at 6612 Telegraph in the Bloomfield Plaza. Store hours are Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sun., 12 p.m.-5 p.m; Call (248) 538-3474 (FISH). Don't forget to ask about the extensive speaker schedule throughout the year or the free outdoor casting demonstrations every Saturday through the fall. To learn more about the company or stores nationwide, visit their website at www.westbank.com and add your name to their email list by sending it to wbam@mich.com.

Westbank Anglers/Michigan is Now Open.

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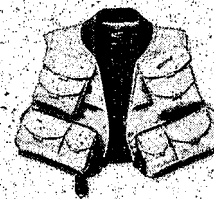
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AMISH DIRECT FURNITURE: QUALITY & VALUE

The Amish make furniture one piece at a time. This attention to detail ensures the highest quality of furniture on the market, said Paul D'Anna, who along with John Wist recently opened Amish Direct Furniture of Utica. They sell Amish-made furniture from several Amish orders from Indiana, Ohio and Maine.



Paul D'Anna of Amish Direct

All pieces that can be ordered are displayed in the showroom or are in catalogues. Customers can peruse a vast selection of dining room or kitchen furniture, hutches, curio cabinets, rocking chairs or gliders, bedroom furniture and headboards / footboards, coffee and end tables, office furniture, entertainment centers, book cases and chairs. Some children's furniture can also be ordered. There's something to complement every decorating motif, including French Country, Royal Mission, Heritage, Shaker, Queen Anne, Turn Leg Style and the largest selection of Mission style furniture in Michigan.

"On average, it takes 8-9 weeks to receive a piece of furniture," said D'Anna. "The wait is well worth it," he added. The furniture is made from 100% wood and is handcrafted from kiln dried Red Oak or Cherry. The furniture is screwed and glued, not stapled. Drawer corners are "English Dovetail," an old world method of drawer construction. All

joints are tenon and mortise joints. When ordering, a variety of custom stains are available. A specially formulated finish used is a smooth varnish that can resist almost anything. "If you think you pay more for this kind of craftsmanship, you might be surprised," said D'Anna.

Visit Amish Direct Furniture for their Re-Grand Opening to see the recently expanded showroom. Sale prices effective March 24-April 2. Twenty-five percent of the purchase price is necessary to place an order; the balance is due upon delivery or 90 days same as cash financing is available. Amish Direct is located in Utica at 45849 Mound Rd. Store hours are Mon. & Thurs., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sun. 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Closed Tues. Call (810) 323-4895 for more information.

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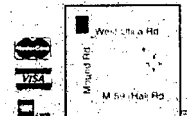
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WATER QUALITY A TOP PRIORITY FOR KINETICO

You wouldn't willingly drink an ice cold glass of chlorine or benzene. Nor would you drink water that someone told you contained "just a little bit" of lead. Yet, thousands of people every day do just that. The government allows certain levels of these and many more toxins in the public water supply, but many people would rather not take the chance that these chemicals are "safe" at any level.

Kinetico by Village & Country Water Treatment makes water safety and purity their number one concern. Kinetico by Village & Country has been an authorized dealership since 1976, serving Oakland, Livingston, Genesee and Washtenaw counties.

Kinetico by Village & Country has a wide selection of different makes and models of drinking water systems and water conditioners to suit everyone's water quality needs. Kinetico—a manufacturer of water conditioners and purifiers—has a superior product line. It is unique from its competitors in that it produces the only non-electric drinking water systems and water conditioners on the market. The re-generation process (how a unit cleans itself) of both conditioners and purifiers uses the same high quality of water produced, therefore greatly extending the life of the unit. An automatic shut-off feature on Kinetico water purifiers takes the guesswork out of filter replacement. Kinetico is the leader in manufacturer product warranties and is rated a "Best Buy" by Consumer's Digest.

Kinetico by Village & Country Water Treatment is located in north Oakland County as well as retail locations in Livingston, Genesee and Washtenaw counties. They service residents and businesses throughout all four counties. They provide three services to both home and business customers: Installation of water conditioners or water purifiers; delivery of bottled water; installation and set-up of water coolers and delivery of salt for conditioners; and a retail storefront where customers can shop for the necessary supplies or accessories for any water treatment system.

Water conditioners are in high demand in many Oakland County communities

due to the hard well water many communities draw from. Hard water contains minerals like iron, lime, rust and calcium which leave stains or soap scum around the house. It can also leave a white residue on cooking pans or coffee pots. Installing a water softener can remove hard minerals so that water not only "feels" softer but works "better" in your house.

For example, soft water extends the life of clothes, saves users money on soap and cleaning agents (you use less) and causes less wear and tear of household fixtures.

Hard water also contributes to taste and odor problems for drinking and cooking. For customers who want to remove the salt from their drinking or cooking water, a water purifier can be added to ensure the highest quality of water throughout the entire house (or business). A water purifier improves taste and removes odors and many of the harsh, toxic elements commonly found in drinking water (i.e., chlorine, arsenic, lead, nitrates and turbidity/organic particles and more). Some charcoal cartridge water filter systems that you can purchase at the hardware store only filter taste and odor, not harmful toxins.

Kinetico water purifiers utilize reverse osmosis to ensure the highest water quality.

The retail section of Kinetico by Village & Country stocks a variety of salts and sodium free salts, purifier equipment, bottled water, filters or cartridges for water filter systems and a display of softeners and purifiers. The trained staff answers questions and explains the differences between various models or products to help guide customers in choosing the best product for their home or business.


Kinetico by Village & Country offers rentals, leases and sales of all their systems. They service all makes and models of water softeners. The Oakland County retail store is located in Clarkston at 5926 Ortonville Rd. (M-15); they can be reached by calling (248) 620-5460. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sat., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. To schedule a free, in-home water analysis or estimate, with no obligation, please call (248) 888-WATER-10. Customers are welcome to bring a sample of their water to the store for a free, on-site analysis.



Jack Tracy, Aaron Martin and Jerrad Beauchamp of Kinetico By Village & Country in Clarkston.

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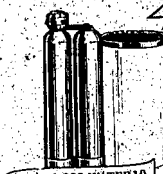
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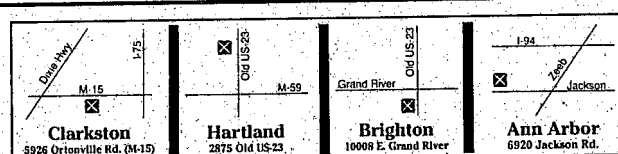
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