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IN THE PAPER **TODAY**

NEW AT HOME

Dear Readers:

On Thursday, June 1, a new At Home section will debut in your Eccentric. The new section is a broadsheet like the other sections in your hometown Eccentric. This larger size means more local news about gardening, home decorating, home improvement and landscaping. Many features that our readers look forward to each week such as "The Appliance Doctor" and "Marketplace" continue.

At Home is designed for people who enjoy and care for their home, who like to entertain friends and family and who have hobbies such as gardening, cooking, home electronics, photography and decorating. The mission of At Home — with its beautiful color cover photographs and inviting design — is to help our readers enjoy the good life in their hometown.

Look for the redesigned At Home in the Thursday, June 1, issue of your hometown Eccentric and let me know what you think. I welcome your comments and your suggestions.

I can be reached at (248) 901-2537 or by email at rshamma@oe.homecomm.net.

Sincerely,

Ron Shamma
Publisher

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THE MILL POND

Next career

"You've got a job whenever you want."

That's what state Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) told Clarkston Community Schools Supt. Al Roberts at a meeting Monday night. While Johnson was giving a presentation to the Bailey Lake PTA, Roberts "baby-sat" her 11-month-old daughter, Emily, on his lap. It was hard to tell who was happier — Roberts, who was laughing at Emily's antics, or the little blonde, blue-eyed charmer.

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Memorial Day events follow tradition

■ The true meaning of Memorial Day is remembered in Clarkston, where the American Legion sponsors a parade and ceremony with patriotic music, taps and the reading of the names of all veterans buried in the local cemetery.

BY SALLY GIRARD
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Memorial Day would not be the same without that bunch of guys who sing those two songs every year.

Since 1934 a group of men has blended in four-part harmony to give special meaning to Independence Township's Memorial Day ceremonies. They don't

have a name, although 42-year member Bob Grimes says it's jokingly called the "local vocal group." The membership ebbs and flows through the years, but each Memorial Day they are there to sing Civil War-era songs "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

It's their only concert of the year.

"We practice at 10 a.m., sing at 10:30 a.m., then we go home and say 'See you

next year,'" Grimes said.

Grimes joined in 1958, but he said the group got started with a quartet from Clarkston High School in 1934. Each year he calls the regulars. Membership runs anywhere from six or eight men to nearly 20. Getting into the group requires not much more than a good voice and an open calendar on the last Monday in May.

"So far it's been kind of sexist — you have to be a man" to join, he said.

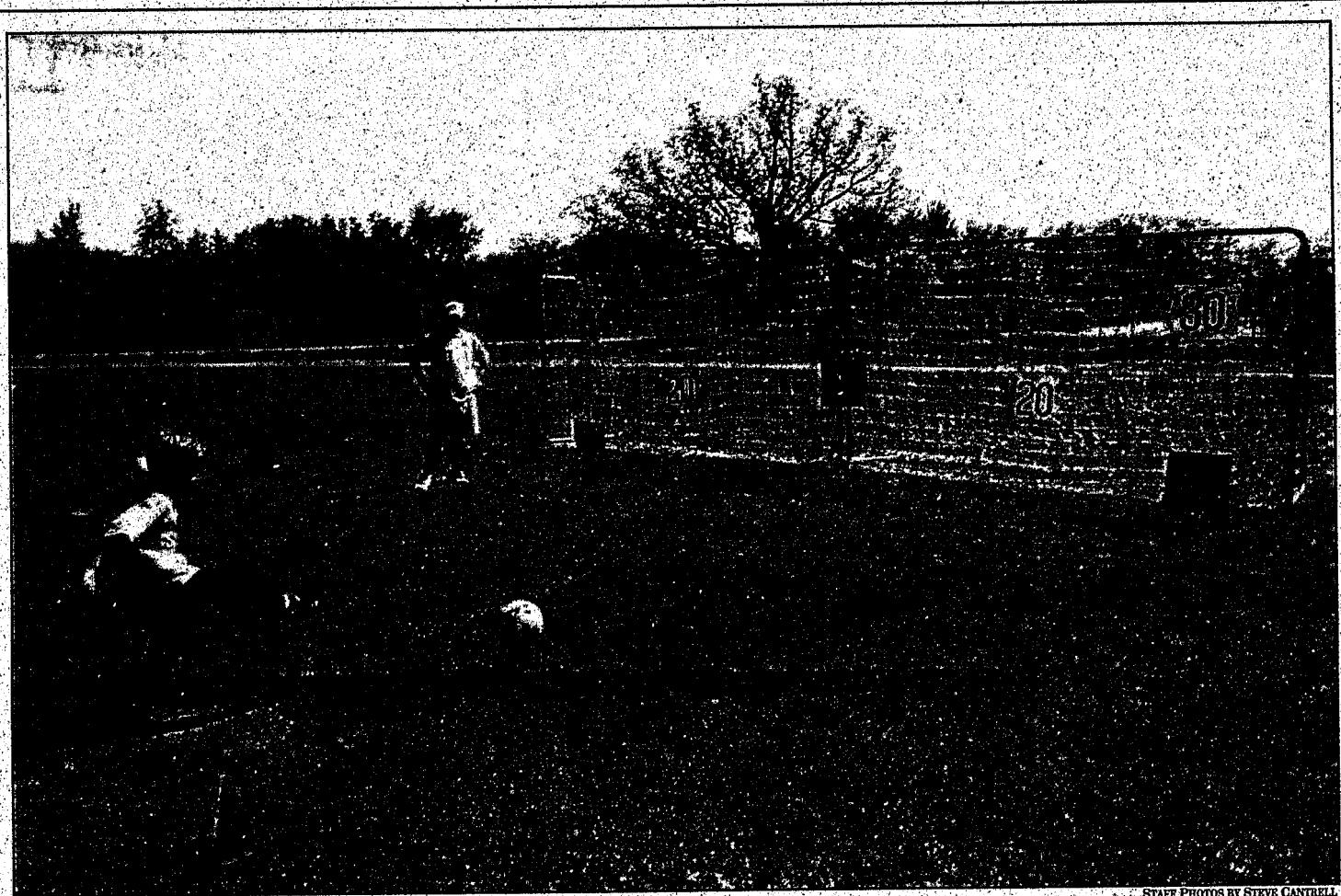
He said he never really knows how many people will be singing until he gets to Lakeview Cemetery where everyone gathers after the annual parade.

Memorial Day festivities are organized by American Legion Post 63. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Church and Buffalo streets, post adjutant John Lynch said. The parade proceeds to Main Street and then onto Washington Street. The procession turns onto Holcomb and then on to Lakeview Cemetery.

Once at the cemetery, the Clarkston High School Band will play the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

Next the names of each of the veterans buried in Lakeview Cemetery will

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Take a shot: Andrea Roberts gives the ball a good boot to try to score.

Dribble, pass, shoot

Kids compete in soccer skills



The pressure's on: Markus Rogers takes careful aim.

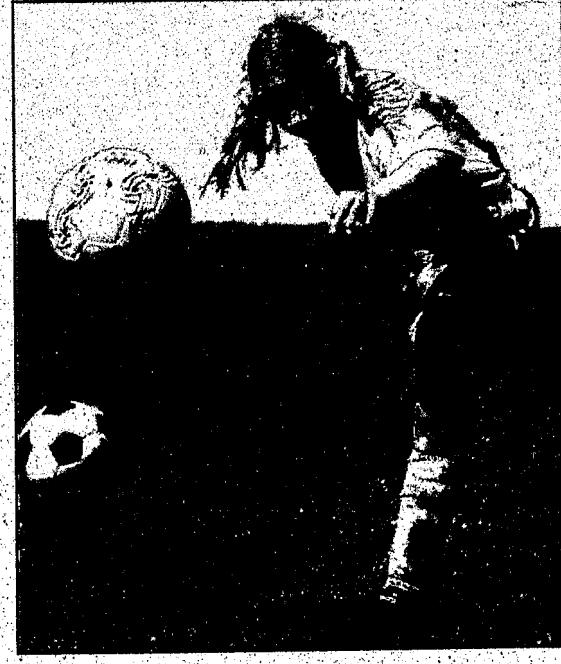
Even local children will move on to the sectional competition of the Major League Soccer New York Life Dribble, Pass and Shoot program.

The local contest took place May 20 at Clintonwood Park in Independence Township. Recreation specialist Derek Lechman said turnout was a little disappointing for the event. It was the first time Independence has hosted the competition and only approximately 25 children participated.

The contest is a way for youth to compete in the three essential soccer skills — dribbling, passing and shooting.

Participants garnered points in each category. The person with the most points in each age group moves on to the next level of competition. Eventually, winners in the three oldest age groups could compete at the national level for prizes.

Local winners are Emily Harmon, Carly Harmon, Andrea Roberts, Kristen Mercado, Bradley Wacek, Tyler Workman and Nik Rogers.



Flag maze: Nik Rogers takes on the dribbling course at the skills contest.

Court ruling shouldn't affect local cable viewing

BY SALLY GIRARD
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Cable customers will see little change in view of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld a lawsuit filed by Playboy Entertainment Group.

Playboy had challenged a 1996 federal law that restricted televising some of its programming to 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., unless it offered to scramble the signal during the day for those customers who requested it. The law was part of a package of legislation to keep what was termed "indecent" programming away from

the eyes of children, according to The Associated Press.

The high court, on a 5-4 vote, last week upheld an appeals court decision. Unlike obscene material, indecent material is protected under the First Amendment's free speech clause.

Southfield-based Comcast Cablevision will continue to scramble audio and video signals for those customers with channels like Playboy who don't want their children to have access during certain hours, said Diane Dietz, vice president of corporate affairs for Comcast.

"We've always taken measures so parents can con-

trol what their children watch," she said.

Within a few months, Comcast will be the cable provider for the Independence and Springfield township area. Comcast already has gone to Springfield Township to take over the franchise rights from Adelphia Communications. Right now, Independence Township is served by TCI Cable, which was taken over by AT&T. Now AT&T has announced it plans to buy Media One, another cable company. Dietz explained that what will happen is Comcast and Media One will swap some territories so that large

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Students paint the town with goodness

A local home has a new look, thanks to the day-long efforts of the Clarkston High School Student Council and National Honors Society students.

The two groups worked together one recent Saturday repainting a resident's home, redesigning the landscaping, and planting new gardens and doing other jobs around the house. The student council spearheaded the project.

"It feels good when you know you're making a difference," said Laura Barnett, a CHS Student Council member.

Thanks to 19 community sponsors, the students fixed up the home at no expense to the

Heave ho: Clarkston High students Dan Ferguson (left to right), Edgar Cumbo, Eric Bauer and Adam Kretz participate in helping others through the CHS Student Council event, 'Paint the Town.'



Freestyle: Lending a hand sprucing up a resident's yard are Clarkston High School students Amy Houston (left to right), Suzy Kroepelin, Ellie Varnau, Lauren McMillen and Carly Fuller.

school groups or to the resident.

Businesses that donated funds and materials to the Paint the Town project are Merritscape, Mulligan's Landscape

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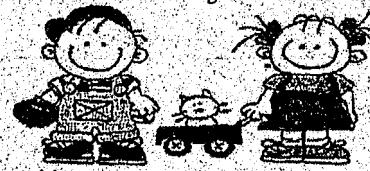
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New laws, bills designed to keep schools our 'safest organizations'

By SUSAN B. TAUBER

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"Schools are the safest organizations in society, but we don't take that for granted," Al Roberts told a group of parents, teachers and school administrators.

The Clarkston Community Schools superintendent was one of the speakers at Legislative Night sponsored by Bailey Lake Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association Monday.

Health and safety issues affecting Michigan public schools were among the topics discussed by state Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Roberts and Brian Whiston. Whiston's president of the Waterford Board of Education and the legislative chairperson for Oakland Schools.

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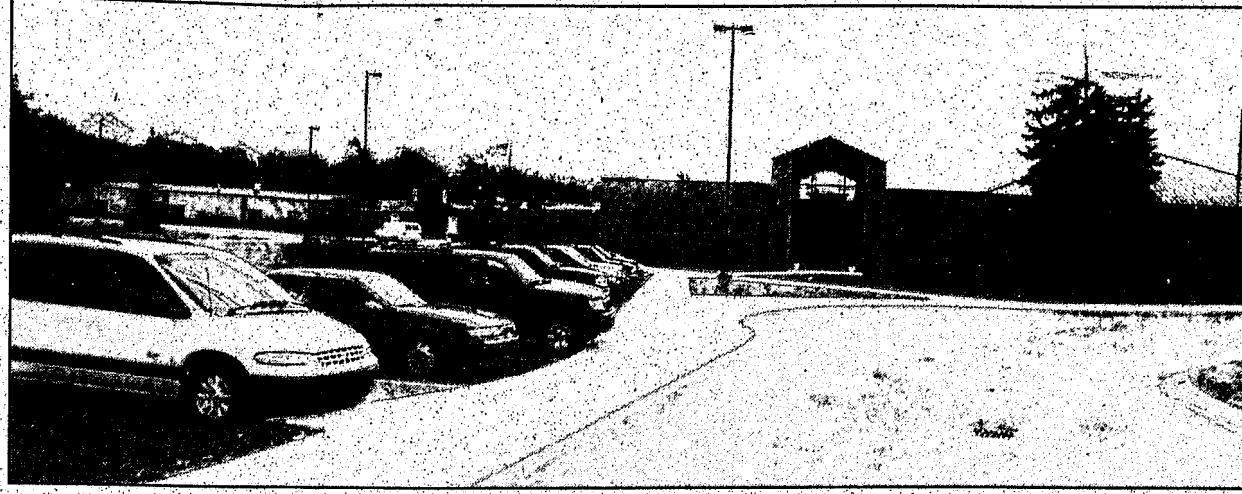
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Now: Clarkston Elementary School is a 28-room state-of-the-art facility today. It looks much different and is much larger than when it was built in 1952.

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Clarkston El

Latest expansion of 48-year-old school complete

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Four decades have passed since the first shovel of dirt was tossed aside to construct Clarkston Elementary School. The tiny building with its seven sparse rooms seems an ancient shadow to today's 28-room state-of-the-art facility.

Celebrating just how far the district has come with additions and renovations at the school off Waldon Road recently prompted a formal afternoon open house. The school's 425 students and 65 staff members welcomed parents and the community at large to stop by and see the latest improvements.

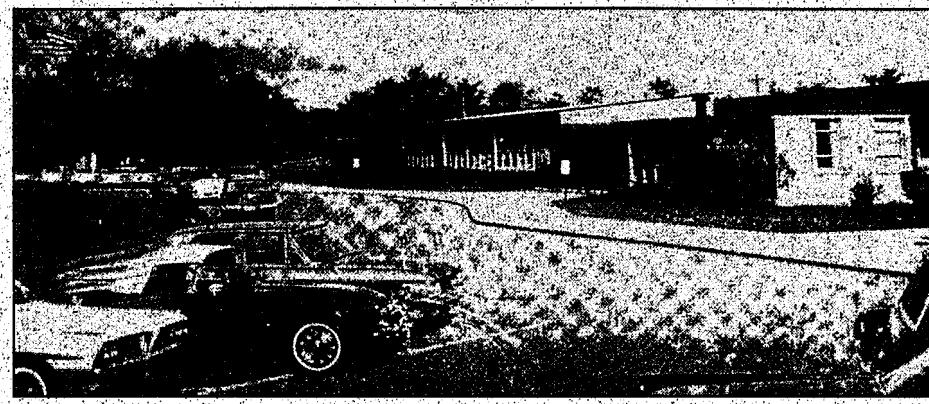
"Having this celebration is a way to welcome the community in to see what's been done here," said Clarkston Elementary School Principal Charles Rowland III. "We're very happy with all of the renovations, and it's great to have a community that is so invested in education."

"People are surprised and very happy with the building," added Head Custodian Jere Brewer. "They keep coming in and saying, 'I didn't know that you were doing all this.'"

Brewer has had a front-row seat for all the improvements. He's been at Clarkston Elementary for six years and employed in the district for 20. He said the school, which dates to 1952, was basically the center portion of what the entire building is today.

The outgrowth has come in six stages over the years. Rooms were added on two occasions in the mid-1950s. An Autistic/Impaired wing was added in the early '80s and the gymnasium/cafeteria was constructed in 1984. Renovations over the past year have included additional rooms plus overhauls for every existing part of the school.

A computer lab, library, cafeteria, main office and six brand-new classrooms complete the latest wing of the building. The new classrooms house second and third graders. Their old



Then: This 1963 photo shows what Clarkston Elementary School looked like in its early years.

rooms quickly became home to the art, science and music instructors, who had been using mobile carts to visit each classroom.

Establishing the main office was the last phase of the project. Administrators were pleased to finally move to one permanent spot after being in portable units outside. Rowland said his office was located in at least three other locations during the renovation process. He said a visitor to the building last July would have been shocked at the state of the place with ceilings ripped out and wires hanging down.

The whole summer the building was empty and gutted, explained Brewer. "The ceilings were ripped out; there are new heat, electrical and lighting systems. And all the carpets and tiles were replaced."

Getting by in tight quarters with construction crews nearby was a staple of Media Specialist Sandy Gallivan's day when she returned to school last fall. The library was crammed into what is now the computer lab. Books were stacked on top of things, and Gallivan didn't even have enough space to seat a full class. Looking around her new library today, she feels it was worth the wait.

"We call this the Taj Mahal

now," said Gallivan, smiling. "We've got all kinds of windows, a great view and lots of room to grow."

Except for the books, everything inside the library — from the bookcases, to the computers, to the sturdy new cushioned chairs — is new.

Gallivan's pride in her new room is shared by the food service workers just down the hall who were also eager for space and got it via the new cafeteria.

"The cafeteria has always been really busy, and all they had was a warmer and a sink," Brewer said.

A new spacious service area plus refrigerator, oven and triple sink make things much easier at lunch time now. The lunch area has seating for 180 students at round-top tables with modern chairs.

The kitchen is finally just that, a kitchen. Last year food service workers passed out hot lunches and milk from the hallway and couldn't think of preparing anything on the premises.

Terri Nowak, a food service employee who also runs the before- and after-school Kids Connection, said the school serves more than 200 hot lunches a day. The cafeteria addition was sorely needed and very appreciated.

"This is really nice and lots more room," she said. "And we can make hot dogs or pizza, and all the food doesn't have to come here already made."

The Kids Connection program has also benefited from the new cafeteria as it now has a permanent place to meet each day. It had been sharing a portable classroom with the music and art programs, Nowak said.

Putting the final touches on various areas of the building this summer will round out the renovation project at Clarkston Elementary. And to the untrained eye or the new kid on the block, this school hardly looks like it's ready to mark its 50th anniversary.

"The whole building has been



Lunchtime: Today's students have much more elbow room for eating and socializing.

HISTORY OF CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY

1952 — Clarkston Elementary

School, which included seven rooms, was constructed along Waldon Road. The district also built Andersonville Elementary this year. The cost for both facilities was \$375,000.

1954 — Seven more rooms were added to Clarkston Elementary School. Additions were also completed at Clarkston High School and Andersonville and Sashabaw elementaries. The total cost to the district was \$600,000.

1956 — The district's growing pains continued, and another nine-room addition was complet-

ed at Clarkston Elementary.

1984 — Voters approved a 4.0 mill renewal. A bond proposal for \$1.75 million to construct multi-purpose rooms on each elementary school was approved. Clarkston Elementary got a new gymnasium/cafeteria.

1993 — Approval of a \$16 million bond issue for a new elementary school, remodeling of the high school and upgrading technology in all other schools brought updates to Clarkston Elementary.

1997 — Voters approve a \$52.5 million bond issue to build a new elementary school and

remodel all existing facilities and improve technology in all schools.

1999 — Summer months are spent tearing out the old and putting in the new at Clarkston Elementary including ceilings, floors, lighting and heating systems. Work on an addition that includes six more classrooms, a media center, computer lab, cafeteria and main office are completed.

2000 — Clarkston Elementary hosts a millennium celebration in honor of the completion of the renovations.

POLICE NEWS

Following are some recent incidents reported to the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Vandalism

On May 20, the third green of Clarkston Creek Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road, was vandalized. A greenskeeper noticed a name sprayed in two places on the green. The person had used a fire extinguisher to write the name.

No damage estimate was given, and there are no suspects.

OUIL, child endangerment

On May 22, a 39-year-old Metamora man was taken into custody for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, third offense, as well as two counts of child endangerment.

The man was involved in an accident at the corner of Clintonville and Waldon roads at

approximately 11 p.m. According to a Sheriff's Department report, the man ran a stop sign when he was traveling east-bound on Waldon Road and hit another vehicle traveling north-bound on Clintonville Road. He fled the scene, and the other driver followed him for a distance. The other driver gave up and headed back toward Clintonville Road. Then the Metamora man turned around, too. He ended up driving off the road and into a ditch. Because of the front-end damage to his black Ford Expedition from the earlier accident, he could not get the car out of the ditch.

Deputies arrived and he smelled of alcohol. He was given a field sobriety test and a preliminary breathalyzer test. It showed his blood alcohol level to be at 1.43. He was taken to jail and a blood test was ordered. Two 12-year-olds were in the vehicle with him.

Conklin tribute planned

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart will appoint a three-member committee to discuss an appropriate way to recognize Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin's contribution to the community.

Conklin will leave Independence Township June 2 to become leisure services director for Canton Township.

At a recent township board meeting, Trustee Neil Wallace suggested changing the name of Bay Court Park to Conklin Bay Court Park.

Other board members wondered if renaming the park was the best idea but agreed that some sort of permanent gesture was warranted.

"I think it's (renaming the park) an honor, but not something we can't do," Wallace said.

Treasurer Jim Wenger said Conklin has a somewhat shy personality.

"She's a we person, not an I

person. I think we have to be cognizant of her personality."

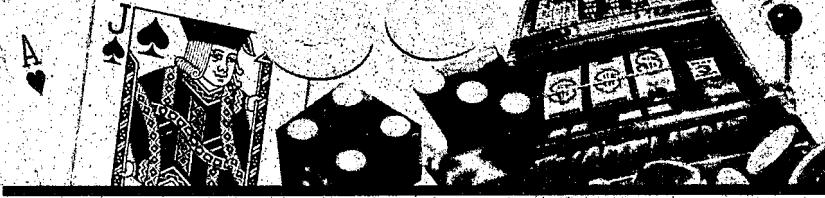
Wallace suggested renaming Bay Court Park because acquiring the park was one of the most notable things accomplished during Conklin's 11-year tenure, he said.

Stuart said the committee need not have a recommended tribute ready by Conklin's last day. At the Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Stuart gave Conklin a plaque to thank her for her contributions to the community. He said the appointed committee will be meeting to plan a larger tribute.

A community reception for Conklin also is planned from 3-6 p.m. June 2 at the Clarkston Cafe. Appetizers will be served, and a cash bar will be offered.

— By Sally Girard, Staff Writer

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geographic sections have the same cable provider.

Adelphia does not offer its customers any adult channels. Independence residents can order Spice, according to an April 1999 channel line-up.

Subscribers to channels like Playboy, Spice and The Hot Network can now watch the programs whenever they wish. Dietz emphasized, however, that scrambling is available. Comcast also will continue to make sure

no "bleed-through" programming gets to non-subscribers.

"We have many precautions," she said.

She added the cable boxes have child blocks on them for customers to use.

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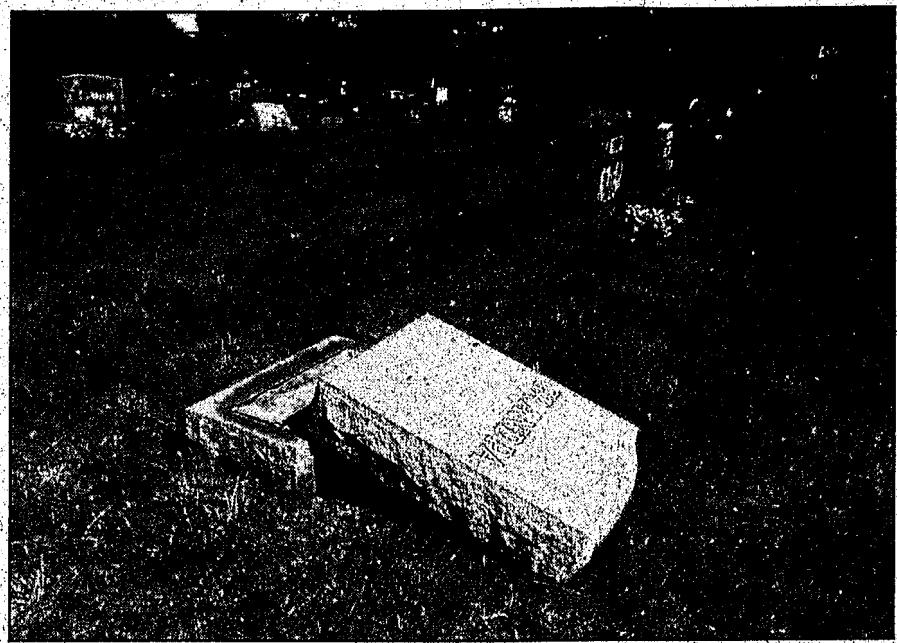
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Vandals hit cemetery



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Headstones overturned: Vandals overturned at least nine headstones at Ottawa Park Cemetery during the night Wednesday. The cemetery is located at 6180 Dixie Highway and is owned by the City of Pontiac. The damage was confined to Section Six near the area of Maybee and Marvin roads, according to an Oakland County Sheriff's Department report. That is the northeast section of the cemetery. Police have no suspects.

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be read, Lynch said. He added some date back to the Civil War and there may even be a Revolutionary War veteran buried there. After the recitation of names, the vocal group gives its annual concert.

Supervisor Dale Stuart follows that with a short address and next Rev. Bob Walters of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church will recite the Gettysburg Address.

Laying of a wreath and "Taps" will round out the ceremony, Lynch said.

"We kind of do what I call an old-fashioned Memorial service. Very old-fashioned," Lynch said.

In addition to the Lakeview ceremony, a 10 a.m. Mass will be

said at All Saints Cemetery, 4401 Nelsey Road, with Father Bob Humitz of St. Daniel Catholic Church as the celebrant.

Clarkston United Methodist Church will have a special remembrance service on Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Bells will toll as the names of all the church members who died during the past year are read.

The light-hearted part of the long weekend will be in full swing at Clarkston Christian Association, 5529 Sashabaw Road, from 6-9 p.m. Sunday. The second annual Memorial Day Bash is planned for youngsters in sixth grade and up, CCA Director Dan Niewoit said.

"We're trying to host a party for the kids," Niewoit said.

The fun is open to the community. Free hot dogs will be available as well as a band, DJ and all sorts of activities. Kids can try tricks on the BMX extreme course or play basketball. They also can try on Sumo suits which are big, padded outfits. Then they wrestle. They also could try boxing with oversized gloves in a Moonwalk or jousting. The Sony Playstation also will be hooked up.

After 9 p.m., the CCA will stay open for people 18 and older to come and enjoy music, coffee and company.



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Bill would require burial of the 'preborn children'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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An "unborn child" who dies, whether it is the result of abortion or miscarriage, deserves the "status of personhood" that comes with "a proper burial," according to State Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston).

That's the logic behind his proposed House Bill 5678, introduced in April to the Michigan Legislature, to require burial of each aborted or miscarried "embryo, neonate or fetus."

The bill actually amends public health code regulations regarding the disposal of medical waste, providing an exception for "the products of human conception." Aborted fetuses would have to be turned over to a funeral director or a cemetery for cremation and burial, if the bill is approved by lawmakers.

"When I was in medical school, we would get cadavers to work on. They might have had no name, no family," DeWeese explained. "Often they came to

(State Rep. Paul) DeWeese . . . said he believes that law-makers 'who support a woman's right to choose can still support this bill.'

us because they were alcoholics or homeless people, found on the streets with no identification. When we were done with them, they would get a proper burial even though they had no name, might have been chronically alcoholic, or had no money. The reason is that they deserved to have the status of personhood. People deserve to have a proper burial."

The proposal is likely to be contested by pro-choice advocates.

"We will oppose it because of the additional cost and trauma for parents . . . That's his morality and he is trying to impose it on the rest of us," said Judy Karandjeff, spokesperson for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan.

She said she was unsure how much burial costs might add to the price of an abortion, but DeWeese estimated it at \$70, an amount that would have to be paid for either by the patient or the insurance company.

Parents considering abortions already have difficult decisions to make, Karandjeff said. Adding burial arrangements will just make the process more traumatic for them.

But it is that "status of personhood" for an aborted fetus that raises the most troublesome questions, DeWeese admits. Strongly pro-life, DeWeese said his intention is not use the bill as a first step down "the slippery slope" toward banning abortion, nor is it an attempt to set a precedent that would impact Roe vs. Wade. If it did, he said, it would likely be declared unconstitutional.

Karandjeff disagrees. "This is just another small step these lawmakers are trying to take to gain that personhood status for a fetus," she said.

DeWeese on the other hand said he believes that lawmakers "who support a

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*Judy Karandjeff
—Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan*

nothing, what warrants the additional sanction?" DeWeese asked.

"We opposed that bill for exactly that reason," Karandjeff said. It's the same lawmakers who favored passage of the bill last year who now want to use it to support their arguments for the status of personhood, she contended.

Although DeWeese said he doesn't want the bill to enter the abortion debate, he said it "could begin to change the culture, the way the public thinks about the preborn . . . Culture drives politics, not the other way around. But if someone goes to a cemetery and sees a bunch of markers, it may change the way they think about the unborn."

The bill would not prohibit use of fetal tissue for medical research. Just as doctors might take eyes, skin or organs from the body of a deceased person, organs could be used from a fetus, the representative said. The only requirement is that the remainder of the fetus would have to be buried.

The bill now awaits action in the House Health Policy Committee.

One of OCC's first students running for place on board

On June 12, Oakland County voters will elect two people from a field of six to the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College, which has about 24,000 students on five campuses. This is one of a series of brief profiles on the candidates.

BY PAT MURPHY
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His first encounter with Oakland Community College was as a student in 1965. Richard J. Akehurst had recently graduated from Kimball High School in Royal Oak, and he was one of the original 4,000 students when OCC opened its doors.

Since then, Akehurst has earned two associate degrees from OCC, one in general studies and another in business administration. Some of the



Richard J. Akehurst

to people who want to get an education," Akehurst said when asked why he wants to be on the OCC board of trustees. "I want OCC to continue as a low-cost alternative to a four-year institution."

Being a student at OCC has given him a different take on the school, Akehurst said. So has having a wife who is both a classified employee at the Royal Oak campus and a part-time faculty member. His wife, Janet, is an administrative assistant to the academic dean of the Royal Oak campus. She also teaches American history.

That perspective — coupled with his business and management background — should persuade voters he has the qualifications to be an excellent trustee, Akehurst said. "I've been an assistant plant engineer (at Whitehead & Kales until the River Rouge company was sold and liquidated), and I've supervised union and nonunion workers."

That background is particu-

'I know how important OCC is to people who want to get an education. I want OCC to continue as a low-cost alternative to a four-year institution.'

*Richard J. Akehurst
—OCC board candidate*

ly helpful, Akehurst said, in light of the sometimes contentious labor negotiations OCC experiences with the six bargaining units that represent 749 employees. The school has 45 exempt employees, bringing the total to 794 full timers.

Akehurst has made a point of attending recent board meetings, after which he concluded that trustees tend to "rubber stamp" too many recommendations without asking enough questions.

The board does a decent job in terms of exercising fiscal responsibility, he said. "We've had minimal tuition increases over the last three years, or so," he noted.

"But the board could do a bet-

ter job," he said, particularly next year when the board is expected to ask voters to renew OCC's operating millage. The board needs a complete and accurate assessment of what needs to be done and how the money would be used, he said.

"That's the best way to approach voters," said Akehurst, who added that he willing to go out into the community to lobby on behalf of the millage. "I'd particularly like to talk to parent-teacher organizations because they should be concerned about OCC," he said. The important thing, he continued, is getting OCC's message to the voters.

Akehurst said he is not particularly concerned about enrollment at OCC — which has

dropped to about 24,000 students, compared with the peak of 30,000 in 1992. OCC is still the largest community college in Michigan, he said, and the 12th largest in the nation. "And it's still a bargain," he added.

Distance learning — or the use of telecommunications or the Internet to teach classes — is very likely "the wave of the future," according to Akehurst. "But it's not for everybody. Some students need more direction than others."

Akehurst has been on the Citizens Advisory Committee in Royal Oak for 15 years, and he's currently vice chair of the organization — that oversees the use of federal block grants.

He and his wife have two children, JoAnn, 27, who attends OCC, and Kay, 13, who attends St. Dennis Elementary School in Royal Oak. They also have one grandchild.

Other candidates for the OCC board are Carol L. Crew, Pamela Davis, Athena Dumas-Lawrence, Marjorie Namian Mugerian and John A. Wangler.

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New shops and eateries debut in local malls



If you just can't shake thatincessant sweet tooth while shopping at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia, head to Godiva Chocolatier, the mall's newest store.

The shop, a stand-alone kiosk located in the commons area, sells premium chocolates, packaged gourmet coffee, biscotti, and mini-biscotti. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, a quarter mile east of I-275.

More at Laurel Park

Sweet Lorraine's Cafe has opened in its fourth Detroit-area location at the Marriott Hotel in Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia.

The eatery is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a menu that emphasizes fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Lunches range from \$6-\$12. Dinners are from \$7-\$19. Selections range from deli-style sandwiches to main courses. (743) 953-7480.

New in Auburn Hills

Look for these three new stores at Great Lakes Crossing, located at I-75 and Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills:

■ Master Spas manufactures and sells spas, jacuzzis and patio sets.

■ Noah's Ark, a kiosk in the "district 6" section of the mall, carries Beanie Babies and accessories.

■ Sprint PCS, a kiosk in "district 7," sells a variety of wireless phones.

New in Dearborn

Three new businesses have opened at Fairlane Town Center, located north of Michigan Avenue and west of the Southfield expressway in Dearborn:

■ Games Workshop sells war games, pieces for war game sets and miniatures. Customers can play Warhammer on Tuesdays, Mordheim on Wednesdays and Battlefleet Gothic on Thursdays and Warhammer 40,000 on Thursdays. Gaming runs from 5-9 p.m.

■ Fusion Spa & Salon offers coloring, highlighting, hair extensions, perms, cuts and styling. Services are available on a drop-in or appointment basis.

■ Bourbon St. Grill offers New Orleans-inspired cuisine with seating for 834 patrons.

New in Lake Orion

Fortress Games, Inc., sells historical and science fiction miniatures, games and game terrain.

It also runs open gaming from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Participants bring up to 1,000 points of any painted Warhammer 40K army to battle.

The shop is located at 8 Shadbolt West in downtown Lake Orion.

At the lake

Venture Outdoors of Plymouth has ventured north, opening a second store on the shore of Walled Lake.

The store specializes in Necky kayaks, imported from British Columbia, Canada. Shoppers can test drive any kayak in Walled Lake at anytime during store hours.

They also can join a Wednesday night class, taught by a certified American Canoe Association instructor, to increase their paddling skills.

The Plymouth store is located at 44601 Five Mile. (734) 453-1987. Call the Walled Lake store at (248) 669-2000.

At Lakeside Mall

Catherine Wing, a Troy resident, is the new marketing director at Lakeside Mall.

Wing, who spent five years with Michael Flora & Associates in Troy, has worked with a variety of retail clients, including Somerset Collection, Car Tuner and Alvin's Bride.

Lakeside Mall is located on M-59 and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.

At Somerset Collection

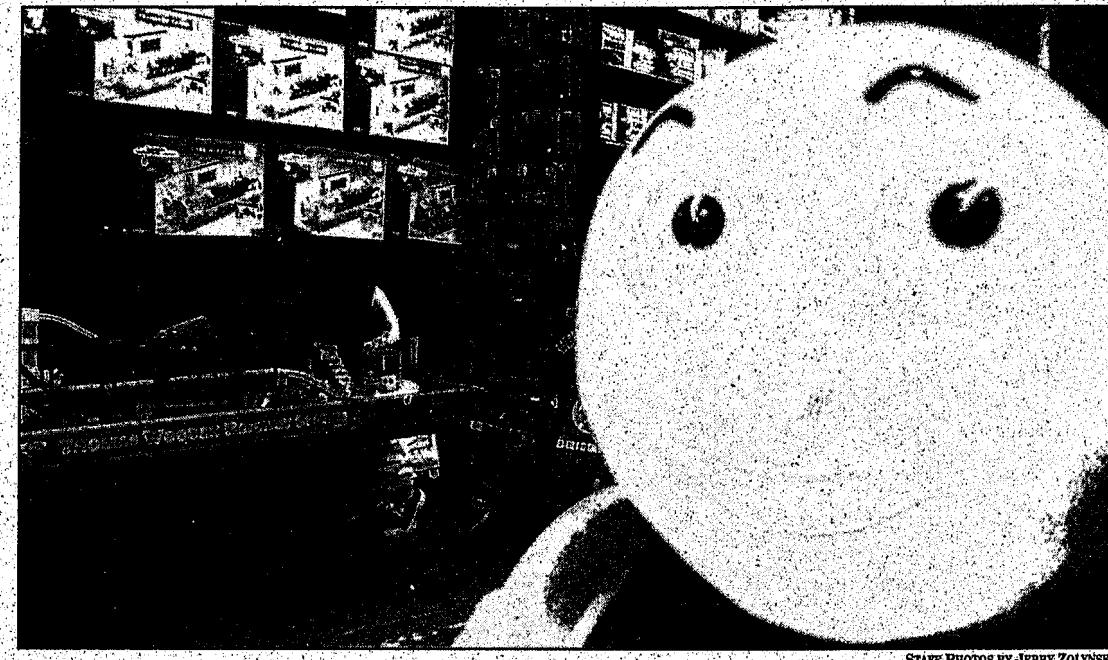
James Westcott of Lake Orion is the new assistant general manager at Somerset Collection.

Westcott had been general manager and marketing director since 1993 at Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills.



Some local hobby stores might carry what we do, but it's not as extensive.

Chris Niclo
The Great Train Store



Goodbye Thomas: Ian Larson, 2, of Clawson, plays with a Thomas wooden railway station at The Great Train Store which will close this summer.

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Troy train store rolls out of town

BY SHARON DARGAY

STAFF WRITER

Nancy Adams has a fool-proof method for shopping with reluctant tots.

She promises her son, Erik, 4 1/2, a trip to The Great Train Store where box cars clatter along an overhead track, a wooden engine rolls on tyke-sized terrain and — best of all — hundreds of smiling Thomas the Tank Engine toys greet adoring preschoolers.

"It's the only way I can get him to come to the mall with me!" Adams mused, carting a bag of Thomas merchandise from the store. "These guys had everything for Thomas here. The only other place I know where you can get this much is at the traveling Thomas tour, which we saw in Baltimore."

The Birmingham woman will have to find a new bargaining chip and toy source this summer when Thomas and his friends chug to the end-of-the-line at the Somerset Collection store.

The 15-year-old toy store chain, which boasts the largest inventory of Thomas toys, is closing the doors of all 48 stores, including its only Michigan store in Somerset Collection North.

Anyone with a preschool-aged child knows all about the BBC program, Thomas the Tank Engine, broadcast on PBS stations, including Channel 56 in the Detroit area.

And they know about the railroad-theme merchandise, from tee-shirts to train cars to baby dishes, that the series has spawned.

Then there's Theodore Tugboat and his floating pals, stars of the Canadian-made PBS animated series and of their own product

line.

And Brio, a high quality brand of wooden train parts for tots.

The Great Train Store stocked a better-than-average supply of all three merchandise lines, but parents of preschoolers counted on the store to carry a broad inventory of Thomas toys.

"We have the largest selection," said store manager Chris Niclo. "We have 62 characters."

The store also carried trains and related merchandise for more serious collectors and adult hobbyists.

"We wanted to appeal to the entire family with something for everyone," Niclo explained.

Niclo closed the chain's Buffalo, N.Y. store before heading to Somerset to train a new manager. A few weeks later the company ordered him to close the four-year-old Somerset store. He's not sure of the final business day, but everything in the store is for sale.

"There were a lot of crying children when we closed the Buffalo store," he noted.

He said the company began reorganizing more than a year ago to combat financial troubles, although "business was good" at the Somerset store.

"Some local hobby stores might carry what we do, but it's not as extensive. This was exclusive to our

company," he added, showing off a wall of Thomas the Tank Engine clothing.

Adams left the store with Thomas pajamas, four new Thomas train cars and doubts about finding a comparable source for her son's toy collection.

But Sandy Sygiel of Berkley isn't worried.

She suggests shopping Noodle Kidoodle stores.

"It's a wonderful program. Your kids either like it or they don't," said Sygiel, who bought several Thomas items at The Great Train Store last week.

Aaron, her 3-year-old, does.

"He's got about \$1,110 worth," Sygiel said, quickly adding "mostly from his grandparents."

Andrea Guttila of Beverly Hills bought a collectible engine from the store. She's confident other shops will carry train toys for her son, Alessandro, 3.

"I am sad it's closing. It's a nice store," she added.

Parents can find Thomas toys at Adventures in Toys, Birmingham; Brighter Toy Store, Canton Township; Noodle Kidoodle store; Store of Knowledge; Toys-R-U's stores (plastic cars only); The Learning Tree stores and Toys International, Auburn Hills.



Buying: Patricia Zimolzak bags toys for Connie Tramel, while Lauren Lewis (left) and Hailey Tramel check out merchandise.

Children's book author visits Rochester store

BY SHARON DARGAY

STAFF WRITER

Cammie Mannino remembers the first time children's author and illustrator Patricia Polacco visited her downtown Rochester book store.

"Hardly anyone knew her name. That was about 10 years ago. We've watched her crowds grow and grow as the years have gone on," Mannino says. "This is the fourth time she's come here."

This time, Mannino expects an overflow crowd for the Union City, Mich. author. She'll sign books and talk about her work on June 4 at Mannino's store, Halfway Down the Stairs.

"Meeting her is like eating a big bowl of hearty soup," Mannino says. "She's a deeply moral, thoughtful and wonderfully funny and warm person."

"She is one of the most gifted story-

tellers I've ever met in my life. She's one of those rare people with the ability to tell stories orally and translate it into print. Hearing her in person is a major treat for the audience. She'll leave you with tears in your eyes."

Polacco's latest book, *The Butterfly*, tells the story of her great-aunt, Marcel, a member of the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied France..

"Almost every book is based on someone in her family or someone she knows," Mannino explained. "With Irish Christians on one side of her family and the other side being Russian Jewish, she comes from two great storytelling traditions."

Mannino recommends *The Butterfly* for fourth and fifth graders because of the book's serious topic.

Picture books, which traditionally

have appealed to first and second

graders, found a new audience in older elementary school children during the past decade.

"There are a lot of thoughtful topics you can do in picture books for older children. A lot of great writing has come out of books like this."

Polacco's presentation at Halfway Down the Stairs is appropriate for first graders through adults.

"It's not a story hour. This is her talking about her work. But she's warm and funny and children love her."

Mannino brings a handful of children's book authors and illustrators into her store every year. Many of them make Halfway Down the Stairs, their only book tour stop in southeastern Michigan.

"I've been fortunate. It's a combination of knowing some very nice people

in publishing and three months after I opened I had (children's author) Eric Carl in. His publisher sold tons of books. It allowed us to establish a track record."

Polacco will talk about her work and autograph books at 12:30 p.m. at the store, located on Fourth Street, just east of Main.

The shop is one of three stops in Michigan on Polacco's book tour.



Patricia Polacco

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Space Adventure, an interactive technology display continues through June 9 at Oakland Mall in Troy. Shoppers can take an interactive walk through the International Space Station, see satellite photos of their home, explore a Star-Lab Planetarium and take a gyroscope ride. Hours are 3-8 p.m., week days, noon to 8 p.m., Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m., Sundays.

SIDEWALK SALE

Look for bargains from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the final day of Livonia Mall's sidewalk sales. Shoppers also have a chance to win a \$250 shopping spree at the mall.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

MAKE-UP ADVICE

A special representative from Clarins will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarins Skin-care Center at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. For appointments call 248-614-3364.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

GIVING BACK

Hudson's at Oakland Mall will donate one percent of the profits from the sale of oriental rugs today to Boys & Girls Club of Troy. The sale continues through June 5.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Check out Westland Shopping Center's *Made in America* arts and crafts show today through June 4. Artisans from across the country will demonstrate and sell their work, including paintings,

stained glass, wood furniture, jewelry, decorative painting, doll clothing, ceramics, toy puzzles and more. The center is located at 3500 Warren, Westland.

PHOTO DISPLAY

Third and fourth graders from six Livonia elementary school classes, will show their photography at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia through June 14. Farmington photographer Monte Nagler led workshops in photography basics in their classes and Laurel Park Place Mall gave each student a disposable camera last month. The mall will display their works along with Nagler's photos.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ANIMALS ALL AROUND

Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion will sponsor animal training demonstrations, handling procedures and more at *Paws on Parade*. The one-day event will include a petting zoo, face painting and caricature artist, (248) 391-5700.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND

- A reader suggests buying the toy jacks and ball game at any Cracker Barrel Restaurant.
- A reader found beaters for a Sunbeam mixer two years ago at Northside Hardware on Wayne Road in Wayne.
- Health Tex socks with black with white toes are no longer available according to the manufacturer.
- Norman Rockwell prints can be purchased at area Meijer stores.
- A Stanley Home Products distributor can be reached at (888) 440-3609.
- For Bentley High School yearbooks try the Internet at www.Bentleyalumni.com or George Calder the Bentley High liaison. His telephone number is on the Internet.
- Almay eye cream and deodorant can be found at area Wal-Mart and Meijer stores.
- For used typewriters try L&M Office Products in Detroit (313) 861-5707.

The following stores have horehound candy: Mary Denning's Cake Shop 8036 N. Wayne road in Westland, (734) 261-3680; the bulk food store at Wayne and Wayne road in Westland; bulk food store in the Livonia Mall; all area Cracker Barrel restaurants; or through the Vermont Country Store catalog (800) 211-4738.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

A reader has a child's wooden outdoor swing to donate to an organization. It has to be disassembled from her yard.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- A store that sells Levi elastic back jeans.
- A company that can repair a Hammond Spinet organ for Charlotte of Westland.
- A store that sells thin sliced gumdrop candy in lime, lemon and orange, like Sanders used to sell, for Patsy of Plymouth.
- A store that sells individual personalized coffee mugs for Laura.
- A 1992 Oxford High School Yearbook for Marian.
- A replacement cord for an electric coffee maker for Jean.
- A store that sells a sink dish drainer, eight inches wide, for Jan.

A store where a replica of an old diner clock (neon on outside, logo inside) can be purchased for Ann who resides in Plymouth.

A June 1948 Chadsey High School yearbook for Thomas.

The first video of Beast Master for Debbie of Canton.

An Afghan crochet pattern using a large crochet hook and knitting needles for Debbie.

A Medici green dining room wrought iron base for Chris, sold at Pier One.

A store that sells individual packages for making Orange Julius for Bob of Plymouth Township.

A store that sells rubber-canning jar rings.

A store that sells small pearl beads for Joyce of Redford.

A store that sells saccharin tablets for Joan of Farmington Hills.

A white, youth-sized hockey helmet with face cage for Sherry.

Someone who can sew a round, good quality tablecloth for an umbrella table with zipper or repair the zipper in the tablecloth for Joanne who resides in Plymouth.

A store that sells scented lamp oil for Courtney of West Bloomfield.

The game from the 60's, *Across the Continent*, and women's briefs by Carter or Lollipop for Virginia.

An Amish hex sign from Zook's catalog for Helen.

A store that sells red glass door knobs for Dan.

A mannequin or seamstress stands that looks like mannequins for Cindy of Livonia.

A store that sells a clear acrylic suction cup paper towel holder and a white snap-on shower rod cover for Karen of Plymouth.

One or two miniature Hallmark Christmas ornaments, Dorothy's Red Shoes, from the Wizard of Oz for Jan.

A store that sells Tiara cake mix desserts by Duncan Hines (that fits in a flan pan) and a 1964 Mackenzie High School yearbook for Joan of Livonia.

A store that sells perfume or body milk, Calandre, by Paco Robart for Lynn who resides in White Lake.

Replacement handle for a large roaster with a glass lid or the whole cover for Marian.

A store that sells the gravy boat from the Charleston Hall Christmas pattern from J.C. Penney for Mary of Rochester.

A store that sells Tile Relief cleaner for Debbie who resides in Lake Orion.

A store that sells Vasic Sweet Cauliflower for Pat.

A 1942 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook for Fran of Plymouth.

A store that sells serving pieces, Silver Lady & Nick, by Rodgers Brothers for Dora of Garden City.

A store that sells the first Star Trek Ship Christmas edition ornament for Renee.

A 1999 Snowden sold at Target for Doris.

A 1989 Plymouth/Canton High School yearbook for April

who resides in Westland.

A Rubbermaid sink divider for over the center partition for a sink.

The 1988 game, Oreo Cookie Factory, and the Christmas game from 1980 for Darlene.

A newspaper or books advertising for senior citizens who want pen pals for Reni of Livonia.

The girdle by Subtract formerly sold at Crowley's for Florence.

The Michigan State University football tie pin for Preston.

St. Theresa of Detroit felt pennants for Robert of Farmington ton.

A store that sells the Detroit Lions comforter, sheets for a twin bed and curtains and also for University of Michigan comforter and sheets for Renee of Westland.

A store that sells 7-ounce Solo Cozy Cups that fit into a plastic cup holder for June of Southfield.

A store that sells Paul Newman's Coffee Ice Cream for Mrs. G. who resides in Bloomfield.

A store that sells Strohs or Melody Farms brands Black Walnut or Maple Nut ice cream for Debra.

Instructions on how to convert old telephone lines, red, green, yellow, for use today, for Ethel.

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Asparagus: A harbinger of spring

Springtime means fresh Michigan produce. Asparagus is a springtime delicacy, especially when it comes from your backyard. Unfortunately most of Michigan asparagus goes to processors so the fresh supply here is limited.

Most of the asparagus in the grocery stores comes from California, so visit your local farmer's market for the "best" asparagus.

Look for bright green asparagus spears and lightly packed tips with a lavender tint. Ideally, asparagus should be eaten as soon as possible but can be stored, uncleaned, in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper. Asparagus can also be stored upright, trim the ends and place in a narrow container with 1-inch of water. Cover with plastic and store in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Preparation

To prepare asparagus, simply cut or break off the tough stem ends and soak them in cold water to clean. Peeling asparagus is not necessary and is a matter of personal taste. Asparagus can be steamed or tied in a bundle and boiled gently. Both methods are very quick, requiring only 3 to 5 minutes for tender, bright green asparagus. Overcooking makes asparagus limp, discolored and bitter. Asparagus, whole or cut, hot or cold, can also be used in stir-frys, quiche, omelets, salads and casseroles. Swiss and cheddar cheese are especially nice with asparagus. Toss leftover asparagus with equal parts garbanzo beans and tomatoes and top with a light vinaigrette dressing to eat for lunch or as a tasty side dish.

Seasonings

To keep your asparagus low in fat and calories, use seasoning and spices to enhance flavor rather than butter or hollandaise sauce. Citrus, chive, thyme and tarragon are just a few of the flavors that complement well. Asparagus is rich in folate and vitamin C with only 23 calories and less than half a gram of fat per serving (about 6 thin stalks).

Michigan asparagus is green and snapped above the ground. There is also white asparagus that is picked as the tip of the plant peeks through the ground. The sunlight doesn't change the color to green. It is prepared the same way as the green variety.

Rhubarb is arriving

Rhubarb is also a welcome site in the spring. The spring stalks of rhubarb are the most tender. Pink to red and all shades in between made rhubarb flavorful. Rhubarb can be grown in a hot house. This is usually a pink color and may have a milder flavor. Rhubarb's long celery-like stalks are edible but the leaves and roots contain oxalic acid which is toxic, so do not eat them.

After picking rhubarb, refrigerate quickly or it begins to wilt. Placed in a moisture-proof container and refrigerated, they'll keep for about a week. Rhubarb is generally known as "pie plant" as it is frequently used for pies. Rhubarb can be stewed, made into jam or jelly, used in coffee cakes, pies, cobblers, salads, cookies or served as sauce for meat or poultry. Rhubarb is extremely tart so it will need a lot of sugar unless you add another sweet fruit, such as strawberries or pineapple. Stewing rhubarb with orange juice will also produce a sweet-flavored product.

Don't cook rhubarb in an aluminum or cast iron saucepan. Rhubarb will leach all the acidity out of the cracks and crevices and change the color of your saucepan. One pound of fresh rhubarb makes about 2 1/2 cups of sauce or the one bunch you may pur-

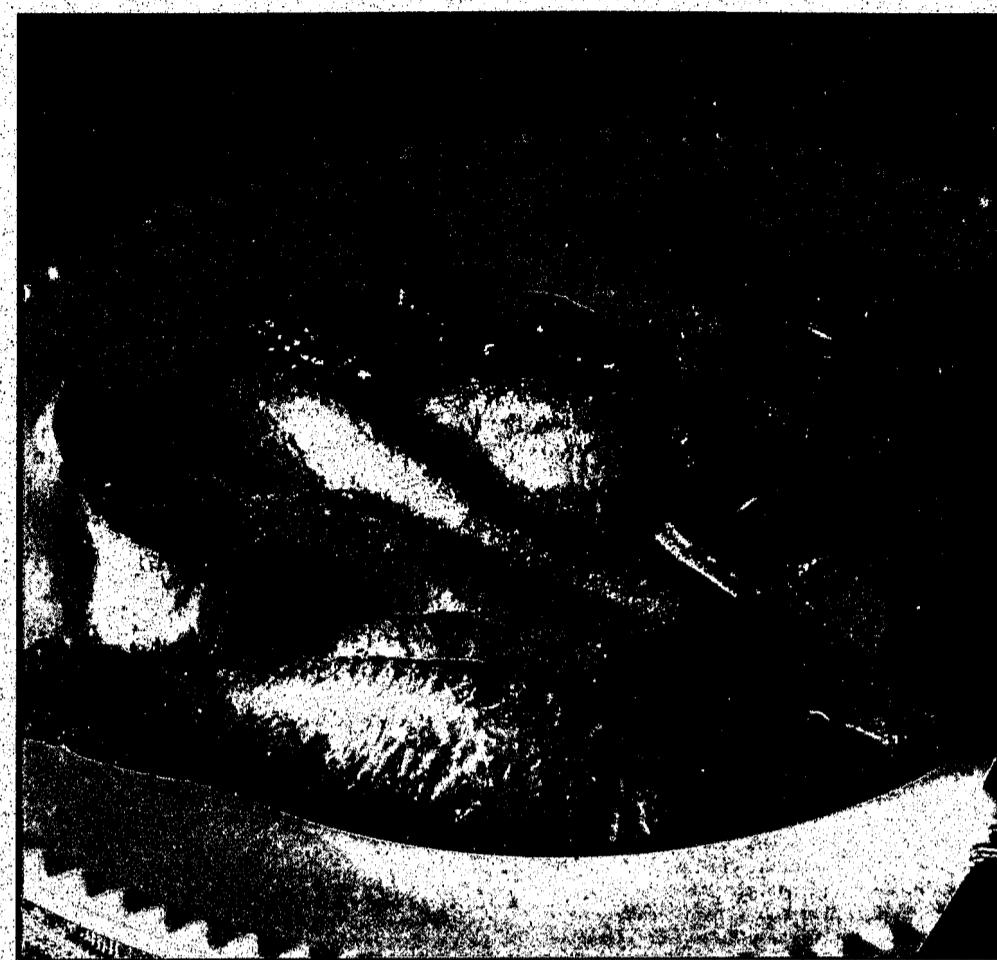
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Focus on Wine

■ Make camp lunches fun



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION
Sensational: Balsamic-Marinated Sirloin and Asparagus stars beef top sirloin. It's simple to prepare and looks great.

Great grilled beef

■ Choose the steak — Tender steak choices (chuck eye, top sirloin, ribeye, Porterhouse/T-Bone, tenderloin or top loin) can be marinated briefly prior to grilling to impart the marinade's flavor. Less tender steaks (top round or boneless chuck shoulder) must be marinated in a tenderizing marinade prior to grilling.

■ Choose the ground beef — For juiciest burgers, choose 80 percent lean ground beef. Shape into patties using a light touch; otherwise burgers will be compact.

■ Grill properly — Turn steaks with tongs. Do not use a fork, which pierces the beef and allows flavorful juices to escape. Turn ground beef patties with a spatula. Do not flatten them; flavorful juices can escape resulting in a dry burger.

■ Cook to the correct doneness — Cooking times are based on beef removed directly from the refrigerator. Use the time suggested in recipes as a guide, and turn steaks and burgers occasionally. For food safety reasons, cook steaks to at least medium rare (145 degrees F). Top round steaks are most flavorful when cooked to just medium rare. Ground beef patties should be cooked to medium doneness (160 degrees F) or until the centers are no longer pink and the juices show no pink color.

Use an instant-read thermometer to check the internal temperature of the steak or burger near the end of suggested cooking time. For steaks, horizontally insert the thermometer (past the indentation on the stem) into the thickest part without touching the fat; the temperature registers in seconds. For burgers, insert the thermometer horizontally and check the temperature.

Information from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Steaks, burgers sizzling stars

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This is the weekend to get fired up — about grilling, and the lazy days of summer ahead. Most of us will be cooking steaks and burgers on a gas grill, and the person in charge will probably be a man.

According to a survey conducted by the Barbecue Industry Association, men are twice as likely to do the grilling, 67 percent, compared to 33 percent for women. Sixty percent of grill owners have gas grills, and seven percent have natural gas grills. Charcoal grills are owned by 50 percent of all grill owners. About 19 percent of grill owners have both a charcoal and a gas grill.

Hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs and chicken are the most popular foods to grill.

When backyard chefs have a question about grilling, lots of them pick up the phone and dial 1-800-Grill-Out (1-800-474-5568). The hotline, offered 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Labor Day is staffed by home economists. This year the Weber certified experts received additional training from the National Seafood Educators to answer questions about grilling seafood and fish.

Lots of people in Michigan called the Weber Grill-Line in 1999. In fact, our state ranked seventh in a list of top 10 calling states. Weber found that men do 58 percent of the grilling, but when there's a problem or a question, women are more likely to call for help, 51 percent compared to 49 percent

men.

Taste editor, Ken Abramczyk, said "it's kind of like asking for directions."

For some suggestions on the best way to cook a steak or burger this Memorial Day weekend, we asked a couple of our experts.

Beef provides protein, iron, zinc and several B-vitamins. For the leanest cuts, choose those with "loin" or "round" in the name such as top sirloin and top loin.

When Virgie Marble, executive chef at Morton's of Chicago, steakhouse in Southfield, grills steak at home his favorite cut is a rib eye. His second favorite is a New York Strip Steak.

Marble says the secret is to start with a good piece of meat. "The simpler the better," he said about seasoning. "I use garlic powder, seasoned salt and pepper."

When he makes beef kabobs, Marble marinades the meat in olive oil, teriyaki sauce, brown sugar, ground ginger, garlic powder and lemon juice. "Marinate the meat about a half hour to an hour," he said. "Use a good virgin olive oil; it doesn't flare up."

Marble uses ground round, for burgers and mixes barbecue sauce with the meat before shaping it into patties.

He's got two grills at home — gas and charcoal — but prefers the charcoal grill. "It gives the meat more of that charcoal flavor," he said. "With a gas grill it's harder to control the temperature."

Diane Reynolds of Farmington Hills, a registered dietitian at the Kroger Co., leaves grilling to her

husband Mark.

"It's kind of a guy thing," she said. "I don't know if it's because there's fire involved, but he also likes to stir-fry."

The Reynolds grill year-round on their gas grill, even when it snows. New York Strip, trimmed of fat is their choice cut of steak, and for burgers, Reynolds recommends ground sirloin over ground chuck because it's leaner.

For those counting calories, Reynolds says — yes you can have your steak and lose weight too — but you've got to control the portion. A serving is about as big as a deck of cards or a computer mouse.

For lower fat options, consider ostrich or buffalo, which Reynolds have a beef-like texture. You can mix ground buffalo with ground sirloin for a lower fat burger.

Jerry Nelson of Canton who works in the meat department at Bob's of Canton, also has a gas and charcoal grill. But for steaks, he uses his charcoal grill.

Delmonico, he said is the most tender, flavorful steak. He'd rather have a Porterhouse instead of a New York Strip Steak.

When Nelson makes burgers he chops up onions and green peppers and mixes it in with the meat before he makes patties.

Then he gives the patties a shake of salt and pepper before grilling to perfection.

See recipes inside.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Souffle 'sandwich' casserole feeds a crowd

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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Jean Wynn of Livonia remembers working at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit in the 1970s with her supervisor, Anna Caffrey, who also was a great cook and host.

"She had a little tip for entertaining," Wynn recalls. "She said, 'Always set the table before guests arrive.' Then they see the hosts have things under control."

Caffrey gave Wynn a recipe for a chicken souffle sandwich casserole, which Wynn describes as a special dish, that should be prepared the day before and chilled overnight. Prepare this casserole, and you can expect requests for the recipe, Wynn said.

"I would describe it as a good luncheon or buffet dish, in that it isn't a red meat dish," Wynn said. Even though it is called Mrs. Caffrey's Chicken Souffle Sandwich Casserole, it isn't really a sandwich. It features layers of bread along with chicken, eggs, mushrooms, water chestnuts, mayonnaise, cheese and cream of celery and cream of mushroom soups.

For dessert, Wynn enjoys baking a lemon cake. She thinks she has made

Maude's Lemon Cake "20 to 30 times" over the years.

"It came from an elderly lady named Maude Embury, who in turn had been making it since probably the 1950s," Wynn said. Maude was the parent of one of her friends.

"The recipe is dependable. It's a natural lemon taste and is not a fake. You can take it to a work function or a buffet gathering."

"Some things are easy to make, but not delicious. But this is both. The lemon flavor is a real zinger."

Wynn said you can dress this cake up with whipped cream.

MRS. CAFFREY'S CHICKEN SOUFFLE SANDWICH CASSEROLE

9 slices white bread, crust removed
4 cups cooked chicken, sliced
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
4 tablespoons butter
2 5-ounce cans water chestnuts, drained and sliced
1/2 cup mayonnaise
9 slices sharp cheese
4 eggs, beaten

2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 2-ounce jar pimientos, drained and chopped
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 cups buttered bread crumbs

Line large flat buttered baking dish with bread. Top with chicken. Saute mushrooms in butter 5 minutes and spoon over top. Sprinkle on water chestnuts. Dot with mayonnaise and top with cheese.

Beat eggs, milk and salt together. Pour over casserole. Mix soup and pimento and spoon over all. Cover with foil and store overnight in refrigerator.

Bake uncovered in 325-degree F oven for 1 1/2 hours. Sprinkle with bread crumbs on top for the last 15 minutes. Serves 10-12.

MAUDE'S LEMON CAKE

1 package gold cake mix
4 eggs
3/4 cup oil
3/4 cup water
1 (3 ounce) package lemon Jell-O

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat above ingredients together four minutes. Pour into a greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake 50 minutes. Cool.

Make glaze from juice of two lemons (plus grated rind) and 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar. Poke holes all over cake with fork or thin skewer, then pour the glaze over it, until absorbed.

(Note: For 1/2 recipe, bake in loaf pan about 30 minutes.)

Recipes courtesy of Jean Wynn of Livonia.

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

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail cabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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

Do your kids 'get the Blues'?

They can win prizes in contest

Children who love their "mac and cheese" in the blue box will have their chance to win prizes in the Kraft Macaroni & Cheese "I Want the Blues" contest.

Kraft is coming to the Detroit area in search of 12 crowd "cheesers" who will win a \$10,000 college scholarship, a family trip to Florida and get to appear on more than 1 million packages of the famous blue box.

At each event, kids can enter the "I Want the Blues" contest, meet the dinosaur mascot, Cheesasaurus Rex, and his "Cheeseladers" and win prizes playing Kraft Macaroni & Cheese games.

Entries will be divided into three age groups: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. In each age group, there will be four winners (one written, one video and two drawings) for 12 Blue Box Kids. All entries will be judged on creativity, orig-

inality and appropriateness to contest themes.

In addition to the 12 grand prize winners this year, there are honorable mention prize packages that will be awarded to 48 entrants. This prize includes a year's supply of Kraft Macaroni & Cheese (48 boxes), an honorable mention certificate and an "I'm a Blue Box Kid" T-shirt.

Children, ages 4 through 12 as of July 31, 2000, can enter through any written entry, such as a poem, jingle or story no more than 100 words, creating a drawing on a 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper or creating a video entry by performing through acting, singing, dancing or any other manner. Maximum length of the video is two minutes and entry must be submitted on a standard VHS cassette videotape.

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The new video category gives kids the flexibility to show off their talents for the camera and "cheese it up" in front of the camera by singing, acting, dancing or showing any other way they can to express their Kraft Macaroni & Cheese blues.

To receive a copy of the contest rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 466022, Lawrenceville, GA 30042-6022. The contest ends July 31, 2000. The winner will be announced in February 2001. For information, visit www.thecheesiest.com or call 800-288-4024.

Children can enter the contest at the following locations:

Orion Township: Kroger, 3097 Baldwin, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3; and Kroger, 460 N. Lapeer, 4-6:30 p.m.

Asparagus

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chase makes about 4 1/2 cups sauce. Two pounds makes a generous 8- or 9-inch pie. Rhubarb freezes well. Just cut it up and freeze in a moisture-proof freezer container or bag. You will be able to enjoy the homegrown rhubarb all year.

Dandelion greens

Dandelion greens can also be eaten. However, make sure that the plant has not been treated with weed killer or fungicides.

The greens that you buy in the store have been cultivated for eating. Dandelion greens have a little bit of a bitter taste, something similar to chicory. If you have found some "safe" dandelion greens, pick them before the yellow flower develops. Dandelion greens do contain calcium, fiber and various other minerals so they are good for you, but you need to find those that are safe to eat.

Asparagus, rhubarb and dandelion say "spring" to everyone. Spring gives us new flavors and fresh garden produce that never taste quite as good as those first few picked.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

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Cookbooks offer tips on grilling

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Along with the classic grilling cookbooks, some new titles are vying for attention as the backyard cooking season gets under way.

Each of the three reviewed briefly below features an individual approach, a different range of flavors and influences.

"Grilling: Where There's Smoke There's Flavor" (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95), by Mark Miller, is named for Miller's popular Red Sage restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The book's recipes are distinguished by Miller's style, a sophisticated blend of Southwestern culinary tradition with modern techniques.

But it's good value, packed with information about grills, tools and techniques. Photo spreads give practical coaching on how to clean a squid, chop a

lobster in half, peel a garlic clove and grate fresh ginger, among other tricky chores.

Recipes cover meat, seafood, poultry, vegetables, sauces and salads; there are helpful notes on seasonings and other ingredients and on putting menus together.

"Red Sage: Contemporary American Cuisine" (Ten Speed Press, \$40), by Mark Miller, is named for Miller's popular Red Sage restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The book's recipes are distinguished by Miller's style, a sophisticated blend of Southwestern culinary tradition with modern techniques.

Dishes for the backyard cook to try range from Barbecued Beef Quesadillas, and Grilled Smoky Mesquite Flank Steaks,

to Chile-Glazed Grilled Squab. For dessert, try Campfire-Baked Pineapple Upside-Down Cake. Note: Recipes in the book do not deal only with outdoor grilling.

"Pacific Grilling" (Chronicle, \$18.95 paperback), by Denis Kelly, is subtitled "Recipes for the fire from Baja to the Pacific Northwest."

Kelly, food writer, points out that grilling is a way of life for the whole West Coast. Out there, he says, "it seems that just about everybody grills just about anything anytime."

Kelly's choices include Grilled Frawns or Scallops With Thai Cilantro Sauce, Ahi Skewers With Miso-Sesame Crust, and Grilled Pork Chuletas With Lime-Tequila Marinade.

Food Network TV visits Novi

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRILLED STUFFED EGGPLANT

Preparation 15 minutes, cooking time 30 minutes

- 4 baby eggplants (see note)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green or red bell pepper
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 cup chunky-style salsa
- 1 1/2 cups french fried onions
- 2 tablespoons crumbled goat cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Cut a lengthwise slice 1/2 inch from top of each eggplant; discard. Scoop out pulp leaving 1/4-inch shell. Set aside eggplant shells. Finely chop pulp.

Heat the oil in large skillet over high heat. Add eggplant and mushrooms; cook about 5 minutes or until liquid is evaporated, stirring often. Add pepper and garlic; cook and stir until pepper is tender. Stir in salsa. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in 1 cup french fried onions. Spoon filling into shells, mounding slightly. Sprinkle remaining french fried onions and cheeses on top.

Place eggplant on oiled grid. Grill over medium coals 15 minutes or until eggplant shells are tender. Serve warm.

Makes 4 side-dish servings.

Note: You may substitute 2 medium eggplants (1 1/2 pounds) for the baby eggplants. Cut each eggplant in half lengthwise; proceed as directed. Recipe from French's French Fried Onions.

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Get grilling

Fire up your summer with steak

See related story on Taste front.

If you're looking for a casual, yet festive meal on the grill, consider Balsamic Marinated Sirloin and Asparagus, a recipe from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Sirloin steak and fresh asparagus spears are marinated in a blend of Dijon-style mustard, garlic, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil.

Just 15 minutes is all you need to add flavor by marinating, but the steak can be marinated up to two hours if that works better for your schedule.

Add bread and dessert to complete the meal on the grill. For a special treat, grill the bread. Cut slices of French bread, brush lightly with olive oil and grill.

BALSAMIC-MARINATED SIRLOIN & ASPARAGUS

1 boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1-inch thick (about 1 1/4 pounds)
1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
Balsamic Marinade:
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 teaspoon sugar

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Place steak and 1/3 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours, turning occasionally. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

Meanwhile in large skillet, bring 1 inch of water to a boil; add asparagus. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain. In shallow dish, combine asparagus and reserved marinade; turn to coat. Set aside.

Remove steak from marinade; discard. Place steak

on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 17 to 21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. During last 3 minutes of grilling, arrange asparagus on grid around steak. Grill 3 minutes, turning once.

Season steak and asparagus with salt and pepper. Carve steak crosswise into slices; serve with asparagus. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tip: To microwave asparagus, place asparagus and 1/2 cup water in shallow microwave-safe dish; cover. Microwave on high 5 to 6 minutes or until crisp tender. Drain.

GRILLED GARLIC-STUFFED STEAKS

2 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 2 inches thick (about 1 pound each)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup very finely chopped garlic
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In small skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat until hot. Add garlic. Cook and stir 4 to 5 minutes or until tender, but not browned. Add onions. Continue cooking and stirring 4 to 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Season with salt and pepper; cool completely.

Meanwhile, with sharp knife, cut pocket in each beef steak. Start 1/2 inch from one long side of steak and cut horizontally through center of steak to within 1/2 inch of each side. Spread half of garlic mixture inside each steak pocket. Secure openings with wooden toothpicks.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 22 to 24 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Remove wooden toothpicks. Carve steak crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Makes 6 servings.

Recipes from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Sauces, marinades spice up food

Sauces and marinades can add additional and different flavors to whatever you have on the grill. Here's some recipes, courtesy of www.barbecue.com

BASIC SAUCE

1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons chili
1 tablespoon onion, grated
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup salad vinegar
1/4 teaspoon celery powder
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
2 cups tomato sauce

Simmer until well blended, about 15 minutes. Try adding 1 teaspoon soy sauce for variation.

HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE

1 cup butter or margarine
1 onion chopped (the finer the better)
4 cloves minced garlic
4 tablespoons American type yellow mustard (If not available, use Dijon style)
4 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon regular or brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Optional extras: 1/4 cup green onions, dash of hot sauce, 2 teaspoons soy sauce

Cook garlic, onions and butter or margarine until onions are softened. Add other ingredients. Stir until sugar dissolves and remove from heat.

MIGHTY MARINADE

1 1/2 cups salad oil
3/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons dry mustard
2 1/4 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon coarse, freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup wine vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
2 crushed garlic cloves
1/3 cup juice of a fresh lemon

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in the refrigerator in a tightly covered jar until ready to use. Makes about 3 1/2 cups.

Marinate overnight, but a few hours also gives a good flavor.

SIMPLE MARINADE

One 16-ounce bottle Italian salad dressing
About 1/4 cup dried onions (Just used to soak up the excess moisture)
A couple of different types of pepper (black, white, cayenne or jalapeno)
Fresh herb of your choice (rosemary or thyme)

Mix all ingredients. Pour over meat and let stand for a while, at least an hour, or overnight. Grill and enjoy.

WHAT'S COOKING

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Story never ends at Meadow Brook

Shortly after the curtain fell on the season's finale at Meadow Brook Theatre, the brochures were prepared for next season's lineup of plays.

Clear the stage. Drama gives way to its relentless cousin — marketing.

For the state's only regional professional theater company, it's another case of one curtain falling and another rising.

And for Meadow Brook's managing director Gregg Bloomfield, it must seem like the rise and fall occurs like frames of film speeding through a projector.

"We're continually asking, 'Why should people go to theater?'" Bloomfield said.

It's an easy enough question.

But with most theater-goers considering bypassing a play for a movie, video, a night in front of the boob tube, or dining out, it's a question worth exploring.

"Going to theater is about a real-time experience," said Bloomfield. "It's immediate. You can feel the energy filling a space, feeding off the actors."

That may not translate onto a brochure. But it should.

Early in the second act of last year's production of *All My Sons*, the magic of "energy filling a space" was palpable. The audience hung on every word.

In unison, there were laughs. Deep sighs. And probably a deep appreciation for how theater can transform a bunch of strangers into a community experiencing a common lesson about life.

Why go to theater? It's an easy enough answer.

But frankly, theater is a struggling business. If it weren't for the revivals and commercial productions, Broadway would be a river of red.

And if it wasn't for Meadow Brook, there would be even less stability in a region much in need of a legitimate professional theater district.

Every major cultural center in the country has more than one professional theater usually located within a short proximity.

While the talk about sports stadiums and gambling grabs headlines, it's time to ask when will developers see the cultural benefit of a district of small to medium-size houses?

The time has come for a serious discussion.

With an annual budget of \$3.2 million, Bloomfield must find ways to generate about 70 percent of the total. For years, Meadow Brook has relied on a loyal base of subscribers. From year to year, about half of the tickets are bought by season subscribers.

That, more than anything, is a testament to Meadow Brook's marketing savvy.

Bloomfield brings a practical know-how to the job. For 11 years, he managed the music program at the Detroit Institute of Arts before he moved on to the Meadow Brook Festival, where he directed the venue.

Since the Attic Theatre disbanded in the mid 1990s, Meadow Brook has been the standard bearer for professional theater. Many times, they've been up to the task.

But generally, it's an unfair expectation.

As long as the theater is associated with Oakland University and desperately in need of attracting audiences, Meadow Brook must put together an eclectic and somewhat conservative lineup of plays.

If southeastern Michigan is going to develop the type of culture that attracts tourists, it's essential for governmental, corporate and arts leaders to focus on the development of a theater district.

Doesn't matter whether it's in downtown Detroit, Royal Oak or Pontiac.

What's important is for civic leaders, philanthropists and developers to realize how a theater district, and a festival of plays can transform an area.

Look at what the week-long annual Humana Festival of Plays has meant to Louisville. Each year, the national theater community and tourists travel to Kentucky, looking for the next breakthrough dramatist.

Let's get serious about the future of theater.

What's the first step? That's an easy enough question.

Frank Provenzano can be reached at (248) 901-2557.

Local singers ready for the challenge of the foreboding English opera *Peter Grimes*

Enter the chorus



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT KUSEL

Omnipresent: The chorus of *Peter Grimes* serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge. The English masterpiece is the last opera of MOT's spring season.

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Peter Grimes, Benjamin Britten's 20th-century opera, has all the ingredients that make a great opera.

The recipe includes a deeply tragic story, a remarkable musical score, love, death, sexual insinuations, more death and psychological turmoil.

Yet few opera devotees would count the English opera, which opens at the Detroit Opera House on Saturday, among their favorites.

Nor would they likely be found humming — or singing — the tale of a fishing village under their breath.

Unless, of course, you're part of the chorus.

Learning the lines

Peggy O'Shaughnessy said she's been living with the score since January when rehearsals began for the 70-plus member chorus which includes members of the Rackham Choir and several vocal exchange students from Palermo.

"The harmonies and timing were very challenging to learn," said O'Shaughnessy, a Troy resident. "I find myself singing it everywhere. It's both disturbing and wonderful."

Jay Smith, a Clarkston resident who teaches music at Harlan Elementary School in Birmingham, said he's been living with the *Grimes* CD in his car for months now.

"The score is so bizarre," he said. "One part of the cho-

rus sings in one key, while another part sings in a completely different one. Then the principals sing something altogether different. The nice part is when we put it all together."

While the Michigan Opera Theatre's last production, *Tosca*, had only one scene that utilized a full chorus, in *Grimes*, the chorus performs the function of a main character.

"It is the principal role other than Peter Grimes," said Suzanne Acton, the MOT's chorus master.

"I would say it is the most difficult English opera, and the chorus is most important for its success. There is so much for them to do, so many lines for them to memorize."

Which explains why *Grimes*, which made its world premiere in 1945 in London, is not widely performed.

The MOT chorus, which has been under Acton's direction for nearly 20 years, is ready for the challenge.

Rumors abound

The modern opera, based on George Crabbe's poem *The Borough*, tells of a coastal fisherman driven to madness by the suspicious and hypocritical villagers.

The chorus serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge. Only rarely does it look inward.

Grimes (played on alternate dates by Mark Baker and John MacMaster) is considered the anti-hero, he is nei-

Please see **GRIMES**, B5



What: Michigan Opera Theatre presents *Peter Grimes*, an opera sung in English by Benjamin Britten

When: 8 p.m. June 3, 7, 9 & 10; 2 p.m. June 4 & 11

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Tickets: \$18-\$98. Call (313) 237-7464 or (248) 645-6666

CONCERT

Joni Mitchell creates lush, melodic phrasing of modern love

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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History isn't kind to pop singers.

Gray hair, deep wrinkles and less-than-taut midriffs are at odds with the rebellious and youthful breeziness required to fit the image of today's pop star.

In these days of Lollita-like wind-up Brittany Spears

dolls, the mechanical and sexually overt have firmly replaced the seriously innovative and subtle.

So much for popularity. There are pop artists, then there are quite simply artists. Brittany, you should really meet Joni.

Since her groundbreaking 1971 album, *Blue*, and *Court*

and Spark three years later, Joni Mitchell has relentlessly pursued compositions that

cultivate her folk music roots and explore her jazz inclinations.

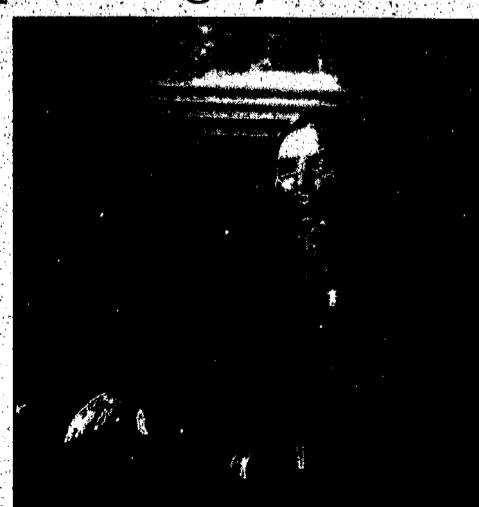
In the annals of pop music history, few singer-songwriters have demonstrated such an obvious indifference to music industry trends, while maintaining an allegiance to her own artistic vision.

Mitchell's recent CD, *Both Sides Now*, is a lushly arranged assemblage of classic love songs, including *Stormy Weather*, *I Wish I Were In Love Again*, and her own classic, *Both Sides Now*, one of her most-recorded songs which was a major hit for Judy Collins.

A 70-piece orchestra will

What: An Evening with Joni Mitchell and a 70-piece orchestra, featuring classic romantic songs from her recent CD — *Both Sides Now*
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31
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Please see **MITCHELL**, B5



Musical Innovator:
In her recent CD, "Both Sides Now," Joni Mitchell performs 12 classic love songs, including two of her own compositions.

Mitchell

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accompany Mitchell as she performs selections from her latest album this Wednesday at Pine Knob.

Both Sides Now is Mitchell's self-described attempt to "trace the arc of a modern romantic relationship." The 12 songs, according to Mitchell, document a relationship from initial flirtation through optimism, to disillusionment, to despair, to acceptance.

Ironically, those are the type of themes found in popular compositions made in the pre-rock days of the 1940s and 1950s. And it's the type of highly produced recording with off-kilter vocal phrasings found typically on Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn and Mel Torme recordings. In *Both Sides Now*, one of rock's greatest voices has made the transformation to full-fledged, husky jazz singer.

While there are several operatic symphonic moments, *Both Sides Now* offers a collection of songs that create a mood as broad as a landscape. And that, if anything, has been Mitchell's trademark over the last three decades.

In the last decade, Mitchell returned to her folk roots with *Night Right Home* and 1994's Grammy Award-winning *Turbulent Indigo*.

Then with her last album two years ago, *Taming the Tiger*, Mitchell, again, continued on her experimental musical path using a computerized guitar and distorted orchestra effects.

Her 30-year career is distinguished by an impulse to continually experiment and redefine her music. Mitchell told Rolling Stone: "I'm a painter first, and a painter — unlike a musician — is driven to innovate."

Many of Mitchell's album covers display her photography, drawings and paintings, a swirling representational style.

Decades of heavy smoking have effectively lowered Mitchell's yodeling folk soprano into a husky timbre. The result is that Mitchell sounds brooding and melancholic rather than as a lithe angel. It's a jarring contrast, for instance, to think of her upper octave range of a song like *Big Yellow Taxi* then listen to her low, rolling whisper in *Stormy Weather*.

In the early 1970s, Mitchell was among the wave of singer-songwriters who defined the brutally honest, self-confessional style. Among those songwriters — Carole King, Carly Simon, Jackson Browne, Paul Simon, Crosby, Stills and Nash — it's arguably Neil Young and Mitchell who have continued to search for broader music horizons. And of the two, Mitchell has by far demonstrated a greater ability to be innovative.

In fact, a VH1 survey conducted last year found that Mitchell was among the top 10 most influential women in rock 'n' roll history. Few, if any, have matched her songwriting and vocal range.

Contemporary artists such as

Tori Amos, Sarah McLachlan, Shawn Colvin and Madonna have credited Mitchell for inspiring them.

For anyone old enough to recall Woodstock — the actual event, not the recent VH1 documentary — nostalgia has become a reprieve from the droning, mechanical post-pubescent music that dominates the pop charts.

The problem is that only a few of the trailblazing songwriters of the 1960s and early 1970s have explored fertile melodic ground. The pop-song idiom has proven to be limiting, leaving many baby boomer listeners to find solace in "classic oldies." New classics? That's more than an oxymoron.

Mitchell's eclectic body of work stands as a testimony to single-minded artistry, rather than the grind-them-out, sound-alike mentality of the music industry.

In her mid 20s, Mitchell wrote *Both Sides Now*. It's a song that demonstrates the depth of her poetry and insight. Like Paul McCartney's *Yesterday*, Mitchell's song is filled with the wisdom that transcends age.

She writes: "I've looked at love from both sides now/From give and take, and still somehow/It's love's illusions that I recall/I really don't know love at all."

Those lyrics aren't exactly reducible to an advertising jingle. Nor can the accompanying melody be translated into background noise for showing off cleavage and belly button.

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WSU AUCTION

Catch A Rising Star, an auction to benefit students of Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8.

Bob and Maggie Allesee of Bloomfield Hills, WSU President Irvin Reid and Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid will serve as honorary co-chairs.

Proceeds from the event will benefit students and programs of the college, which includes the departments of art and art history, communication, dance, music and theater.

PCCA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts have awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Laurie Huguet of Wylie E. Groves High School, and Christina Newman of Waterford Mott High School received the awards.

The scholarships are awarded each year to graduating high school students from the tri-county area who plan to major in visual arts at the college or university of their choice.

Hughet plans to pursue art and design at the University of Michigan. Newman will attend the Center for Creative Studies in the jewelry and metalsmithing program.

PCCA is located at 407 Pine Street in downtown Rochester. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

GOODMAN EXHIBIT

Revolution, a gallery in Ferndale, will present a solo exhibit of paintings and works on paper by Brenda Goodman.

The exhibit opens Saturday, June 3 and runs through July 1.

Goodman, an influential artist who emerged in the early 1970s as part of Detroit's Cass Corridor, deals with a highly personalized visual lexicon.

Her work is included in the collections at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Revolution is located at 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. For information, call (248) 541-3444.

Grimes

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ther noble nor nefarious, yet he is driven to his end by a tragic man-hunt.

"The psychological things in this score are unbelievable," said Acton.

Certainly the church scene where Ellen (Grimes' love interest played by Sheri Greenawald) discovers that he has abused his apprentice is riveting.

"He sings to Ellen of how he's worked so hard to get respect. 'Believe in me,' he sings while the chorus is singing 'Believe in God.' There is a clash of the spir-

itual and secular," said Acton.

English lyrics

That happens quite often during the opera, where there is a juxtaposition between characters and, though they may sing the same passage, the words have two different meanings.

Though the opera is sung in English, surtitles are still present, since, quite often, the chorus and soloists are not singing in unison.

The last English opera the MOT performed was *Porgy &*

Bess in 1998.

Each of the opera's six scenes are introduced by orchestral pieces, which serve as character tone poems.

Dark and stormy, these develop the turmoil in Grimes' character. And for the chorus, these interludes provide the only respite from performance.

"*Tosca* had only minor things for the chorus," said Smith. "This isn't like *Tosca*, where we played *euchre* backstage during the show. Either the chorus is on-stage or backstage singing."



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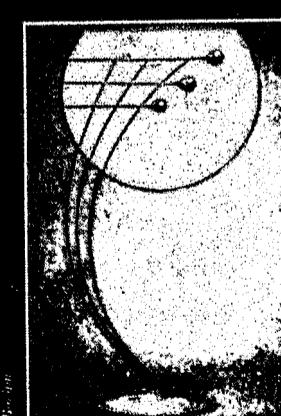
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BOOK REVIEWS**Polacco pens another winner in *The Butterfly*****The Butterfly**, By Patricia Polacco, Philomel Books, \$16.99From the author of *PINK AND SAY*

Imagine writing children's books about the Civil War, the problems of dyslexia, and hiding Jews during World War II without trivializing the subject matter.

That's exactly what award-winning author and illustrator Patricia Polacco has done, drawing from her knowledge of history and rich store of personal memories.

Her most recent book, *The Butterfly*, is another in a long line of winning works.

Pink and Say (1994), for example, recounts the heart-breaking story of a young black Union soldier who, even in the service of his country, becomes the target of unequal justice.

His selflessness and courage, his devotion to his mother and to the white lad he rescues from certain death, contrast sharply with the treatment he receives from his southern captors.

A book that has won more recognition than this column can list, *Pink and Say* is a serious yet not unattainable book, one that stretches the framework of a child's moral universe.

In *Thank you, Mr. Falker* (1998), Polacco tells an autobiographical tale that she has shared with teachers and students all over the country. Born in Lansing, the author spent her childhood shuttling between her grandparents' farm in Union City, Mich., and her home in Oakland, Calif.

Although nurtured by wise and caring adults, the author who becomes Trisha in the book, is taunted and teased at school. Try as she would, Trisha cannot read or compute. The letters look like "wiggly shapes" and the numbers "like a stack of blocks, wobbly and ready to fall."

Enter Mr. Falker, the new teacher. He doesn't seem to care, "which kids [are] the cutest. Or the smartest. Or the best at anything."

In a poignant story of pain and ultimate triumph, Polacco describes how little Trisha finally masters reading. Now the honey her Russian immigrant grandfather once dropped on the cover of the book to symbolize learning's sweetness promises new adventures and a self-confidence she has never known before.

Polacco's most recent publication is *Butterfly* (2000), the true story of her great-aunt's work for the French Resistance during the German occupation of World War II. Making no attempt to

influence young readers with innumerable facts and sophisticated explanations, the author deftly communicates Nazi terror with a powerful image: a leather-booted soldier crushing a butterfly in his iron fist.

And she tells the story of a friendship that develops between Monique, a French-Catholic schoolgirl, and Sevrine, a Jewish child hidden in the family cellar. The author's message of kindness, responsibility, and human dignity serve as counterpoint to the darkness she depicts.

Butterfly expertly introduces the subject of war and bigotry to elementary-school students and will be sure to provoke many questions.

Other books by Patricia Polacco, more than 20 of them, deal with plots as varied as overcoming fear in a thunderstorm to reviving the art of reading at a time when television rules supreme.

The Keeping Quilt (1988) is a charming story of a hand-sewn quilt passed through generations and used alternately as Sabbath tablecloth, wedding canopy, and blanket to welcome a baby into the world.

What is truly amazing is that the author has illustrated all her books. Figures convey energy and movement; faces express myriad of emotions; and fabrics abound with colorful Ukrainian folk designs.

"Drawing is what made my heart sing," says the author-illustrator, who studied art at

Bethesda, Md., and taught at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Polacco will sign copies of her book, *The Butterfly*, at three locations next month: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Borders Books & Music, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, (734) 677-6948; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Half Way Down the Stairs, 114 E. Fourth Street, Rochester, (248) 652-6066; 4:15 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Oak Park Library (hosted by Book Beat), 14200 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, (248) 691-7480.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Borders Books, Music, Video & a Cafe, at 1122 S. Rochester in Rochester Hills, has the following events planned: (For more information, call

Elian's homeland

Cuba a great place to vacation, if not to live

BY HARRIET ALPERN

SPECIAL WRITER

As I waited in Miami to board my charter flight, I already sensed the down-home flavor of Cuba. Passengers were toting shopping bags of toilet paper, kids jeans and toys, even fresh roses to needy relatives.

Out of the blue, a young man confided to me that he was really nervous. He hadn't been to his homeland in 20 years and was concerned about what reception he would receive. As he eyed the passengers, he told me how pleasantly surprised he was by the flow of "gringo" tourists.

For years Europeans have been building hotels and taking cheap vacations on the vast island, a paradise of exotic vegetation, mountains and 1,625 miles of beaches. But for us it's a novelty.

Certainly the saga surrounding Cuban-born Elian Gonzalez, the child whose citizenship was debated for months in Miami, Fla., before his father won a court order to bring him home, has stirred up some interest.

Another catalyst has been the recent "people-to-people exchange" programs, initiated by President Bill Clinton.

Ours was an educational delegation.

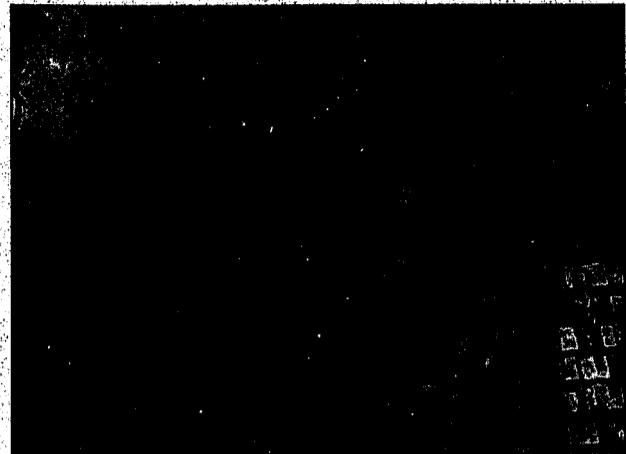
People-to-people is a "natural," given the friendly, fun-loving tropical Cuban temperament. I loved being there.

Connecting with people was no problem. Frequently, "hola" and "hasta luego" was sweetened by hugs and kisses, even with strangers, a common custom of our neighbors south of the border.

History intrudes on the present in the Plaza D'Armas, the oldest section of Havana. A huge 18th-century Baroque cathedral and colonnaded walks dwarf without repressing the pulsing life on the square.

Parties at little outdoor tables were ordering "Havana Club" rum drinks; while salsa drums and guitars were beckoning dancers to the floor. The intoxicating rhythms penetrated the nearby bookstalls and flea market.

My eye caught an elderly black woman, in an immaculate white dress, flaunting a red flower



Mingling In Cuba:
The terrace at the
Hotel Nacional (left),
and the Plaza D'Armas
are popular
gathering places for
tourists in Havana.



er in her white turban and flashing colored beads and an incandescent smile. She swayed in time with the pervasive music.

I recognized her as an initiate into the priesthood of Santeria, the dominant religion in Cuba.

Santeria, a blend of mysticism and Catholicism, with roots in West African culture, was long practiced underground.

Finally, it has become accepted in a nation, now 70 percent black, and often adopted by Cubans along with their other religious affiliations.

Varied and outmoded conveyances are available transportation — a horse and buggy,

a wagon, or a miraculous vintage made-in-Detroit taxi. In fact, historic 1960s American cars are still cruising around Havana and the entire island by the thousands.

Havana is a squalid museum.

Although artisans have begun

restoration with fresh paint and

plaster, rows of dingy structures

still stand in stately decay, their

upper stories converted to low

income housing and their inviting

balconies to laundry racks.

In jeopardy is a unique architec-

tural heritage well-worth pre-

serving before demolition brings

with it shopping malls.

Our hotel, the Nacional de

Cuba, is haunted by ghosts of the 1930s and 40s. Large photo montages feature past Hollywood glitterati, world leaders and racketeers, who played, gambled and schemed on the premises.

When Castro established an official dollar economy, tourism became the cash cow. To encourage travel he allocated \$15 million to refurbishing the classic Spanish colonial-style hotel. Although the work is still in progress, this decision allowed for central air-conditioning, new plumbing and the restoration of the grand lobby and other areas.

To make it in Cuba one must move hastily from the pesos to the dollar economy by way of jobs in the tourist industry. A cab driver, by tips, can earn much more than a doctor, whose monthly salary is \$30 (paid in pesos.) Some multi-talented physicians moonlight as cooks and musicians.

A positive aspect of Cuba is cultural diversity and a pride in certain traditions, like their outstanding symphony orchestra and ballet corps. Ballet tickets at 5 pesos (25 cents) made the ballet accessible to the locals. Meanwhile, we paid \$10.

The Ballet Nacional de Cuba performed in the 19th-century European style Gran Teatro de Habana, boasting a regal marble staircase, reminiscent of Paris. The program, showcasing the company's elaborate costuming and scenery, staged a new ballet, *Tula*, a 19th-century tale inspired by a Cuban poet.

Where was the Elian furor? His plight was the sole focus of large billboards around the city, the images being the familiar ones borrowed from our media. Aside from some "Return Elian" T-shirts, Cubans seemed to be paying little attention to this issue.

On my last day I caught a public rally, not for Elian, but for the dedication of a new square on the main street bordering the Caribbean, a spectacular view behind my hotel. Instead of a protest march I enjoyed festivities of the kind that might open a baseball park.

The theme, surprisingly, included the honoring of Americans, north and south, who have contributed something to Cuba

in the last 100 years.

Several thousands arrived in town on government-provided buses. The final irony: Castro

was present but did not speak a word.

Harriet Alpern is a freelance writer for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

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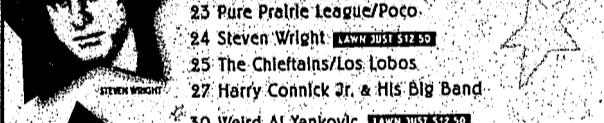


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Single white mother of one, 24, 5'11", slim, attractive, employed, enjoys gardening, the outdoors and just about all that life has to offer. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 1323

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single white female, 56, blonde, with brown eyes, medium build; easy going, enjoys children, bingo and just having a good time. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 1328

SEEKS RELATIONSHIP

Single mother of one, blonde hair, green eyes, student, enjoys the outdoors, and is looking for a single male, for friendship, dating and a possible companion. BOX 1327

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

39 yr old, single white female, 120 lb., 5'3", honest, caring and open minded, enjoys good conversations, romance, the outdoors, camping, movies and more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 45, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 1318

SINCERE

Pretty, petite, trim, divorced white female with a passion for life and love, seeks a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, physically fit, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures, who enjoys outdoor activities, who enjoys the arts, music, dining, theater, home and family, and travel. BOX 3190

LET'S TALK

Single white female, 40's, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys movies, Red Wings, cooking, dining out and the summer time. Would love to share it all with that one single white male, 30's to 40's, who picks up the phone and calls. Let us share our similar interests in a possible long term relationship. BOX 1658

LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE

Single female, fun loving, caring, sense of humor, romantic, loves to cuddle on the couch with my blanket and someone special. Seeking a single white male, 33 to 38, employed, stable, loving, caring, sense of humor, romantic, and knows how to treat a lady. BOX 3116

BLESSED BE YOU

I am 5'9" tall with red hair and green eyes. Eclectic tastes in most things. Love to dance and sing. Love to cuddle and kiss. Being a male, 5'9" or taller, intelligent, romantic and willing to listen to most types of music. Could this possibly be you? I sincerely hope so! BOX 3920

KANSAS GAL

I am a blonde with brown eyes. I am open and honest and looking for the same in a man. I love all animals, but especially horses. I like to read, ride, make and meet new people. Would you be interested in sharing it all with me? If so, give me a call. BOX 3611

ROMANCE DESIRED

...By pretty, blue eyed blonde, youthful 5'0", bright, warm and outgoing, 5'6", 170 lbs, but losing. Searching for a professional, successful, handsome male for friendship, possible relationship. Down River area. BOX 1447

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!

Single female, 35, full figure, self-employed, fun loving, looking for a single, white male, without children, 24 to 36, non-smoker, social drinker, for an honest, truthful friendship and companionship. BOX 1332

MAKE ME SMILE

Divorced, white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lbs, employed, enjoys theatre, museums, reading, nature walks, community events and children. Seeking an honest, god oriented, intelligent, emotionally fit male, non-smoker, non-drinker with a healthy attitude and a good sense of humor. BOX 3204

WISHLIST THINKING

Single female, sophisticated, shy, 135 lbs, enjoys traveling, boating, the outdoors and more. Looking for a single male, 25 to 45, who's sweet, sincere and kind to complete my life. BOX 3607

SPONTANEOUS

White, widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, and more. Looking for a single male, 48 to 75, successful, sincere and kind to complete my life. BOX 3607

GOING UP NORTH?

Pretty, blonde haired, blue eye, single white female, 46, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, and more. Looking for a single male, 48 to 75, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 1334

THINKING OF YOU

Single female, who's honest, kind and motivated. Looking for a single honest, caring male, who's college educated, for friendship and sharing. BOX 1334

WANTED: A GOOD MAN

Single white female, 31, 5'5", full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded men only. BOX 3193

MAKING ME SMILE

Single white female, 31, 5'5", full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded men only. BOX 3193

SENSE OF SECURITY

Single female, 30, 5'4", 145 lbs, single, non-smoker, non-drinker, who enjoys camping, music and good company. Seeking a single male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 1312

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It's tourney time on the diamond, and here's my crystal ball picks

This is the time of year that I always wait for. That seemingly boring word has added weight with the seasons coming down the stretch.

Districts. I love the heightened tension of every play, the boundless joy of winning, and although I can't say I enjoy the down side, seeing the completion of a young athlete's career is always significant. It's a moment most will never forget. I know my final minutes of being a high school hockey player are times that are permanently etched in my memory. However unpleasant it was to lose, I truly cherished my final moments of having that identity, because I knew I would never be a high school hockey player again.

OK, now that our trip down memory lane is done, it's time to look at this year's baseball and softball districts. Fortunately for me, all of the Eccentric North Oakland teams are in the same district, right here in Lake Orion, making travel nice and easy. At least Oxford didn't get shipped to some remote location like Lake Fenton or something for districts. The MHSAA's humorous concept of geography didn't quite make it to his district, as Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford are faced taking on Lapeer East, Lapeer West and Grand Blanc.

In honor of my partner's Stick's Picks, I will give you my predictions for who will win this year's baseball and softball districts. Please, these picks are for entertainment purposes only, and as they say on David Letterman: No wagering.

■ **Baseball:** Last year's districts got turned upside down thanks to Lapeer West's bats, a short fence and a strong wind. The Panthers were able to outscore Lake Orion and Clarkston on their way to winning the championship. Clarkston lost a 12-3 lead in the finals, losing to West 18-15 in one of the craziest baseball games I've ever seen.

Don't count on a repeat performance from West this year. The Panthers lost far too many good bats to graduation last year, and struggled in the Flint Metro League this season.

Grand Blanc has a solid team, one that should not be overlooked. Oxford drew the Bobcats in the first round, and this game should be tight the whole way. My gut feeling says Jimmy Auchterlonie comes through in relief and pitches the Wildcats to an 8-7 win.

Lake Orion got the best draw, taking on West in the first round before playing Lapeer East in the semifinals. Expect both games to be 10-run mercies. The Dragons are playing some of the best baseball in the state right now. They poured 20 runs on West Bloomfield last week, and have the deepest pitching staff of anyone in the district. Count on Orion to get through to the finals.

Clarkston has had an up and down season, beating Troy and losing to West Bloomfield. When the Wolves are on, there are few better teams in the state. The Wolves have a lineup equal to Lake Orion's, and are capable of scoring 15 runs in any given game. Because of its edge in pitching, however, look for Clarkston to upset Oxford in the semifinals.

That sets up a dandy district final: Clarkston vs. Lake Orion. The teams split their two meetings in the regular season, but that information and a quarter will get you a cup of coffee. This will be a close game, no matter who pitches for either team. But I have to give the edge to the team entering districts with more consistency. Lake Orion wins 6-4.

■ **Softball:** The teams are the same, and the matchups seem to run along the same lines as baseball. The two Lapeer teams will be non-factors. Grand Blanc is an underrated team, and Clarkston and Lake Orion figure to meet for the district championship.

Once again, Oxford got the toughest draw, taking on Grand Blanc in the opener. A week ago, I would have picked the Bobcats easily, but now I'm not so sure. The Wildcats enter

Wolves track down OAA I title

Clarkston boys 2nd at league meet, but still capture overall title; Wolves girls 3rd overall

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Within defeat, there still comes victory.

That statement might not make the most sense to everyone, but it makes perfect sense to Clarkston's boys track & field team.

After going 6-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I this spring, the Wolves came up a little short at Tuesday's seven-team league meet at Rochester Adams, finishing just one-half point behind Pontiac Northern, 111-110.5. But Clarkston was still able to claim the overall league title, as Northern finished 4-1-1 in duals.

In the final point totals, Clarkston edged out Northern 13-12.5, ending one of the most competitive league race since the league's inception in 1994-95, as not much separated the top four teams.

Meanwhile, Adams left no doubt who the top girls team was again this season, as the unbeaten Highlanders rolled up an impressive 130 points to claim its third-straight conference title.

Southfield was a distant second with 93 points, while Clarkston (74), Pontiac Northern (71), Rochester (64), Pontiac Central (31) and Troy (30) rounded out the team scores.

Adams was also third in the boys meet with 78 points, followed by Rochester (75), Troy (56), Southfield (52) and Pontiac Central (12).

Adams' veteran girls coach Gary Inman was pleased with his team's dominating performances this year, especially since four state-qualifiers from last year's team chose not to return.

"We're very strong in the distances, and we have good depth in just about every event," he said. "That makes a big difference in this league. Even though we didn't return everybody, we had a lot of kids have decent seasons."

Adams won six of the 16 events and scored in every single event.

Katie Boyles led the Highlanders, winning the 1600 (5:19.1) and 3200 (11:32.1), while anchor-

ing the winning 3200 relay (9:44.0).

Adams' Nadia Bedricky and Jill Nadalonek finished in a three-way tie for first place in the high jump (4-9), along with Clarkston's Kim Wilson. Shannon Stanley won the 800 (2:23.0), and the Highlanders foursome of Denitra Robinson, Andrea Moreland, Stanley and Erin Taylor also won the 1600 relay (4:09.2).

Southfield, which finished just 1-4 in duals, won seven events. Melanie Williams broke the tape in the 100 (12.09), 200 (25.5) and 400 (59.3) to lead the Blue Jays. Lindsay Bond added wins in the 100 hurdles (14.2) and 300 hurdles (46.3), and the Blue Jays also won both the 800 relay (1:47.4) and 400 relay (50.3).

Rochester dominated the throwing events, as Amy Bicknell topped the field in the discus (112-3.5) and Jane Schell the shot put (35-11).

In the boys meet, Northern scored the bulk of its points in the sprints, hurdles and long jump, while Clarkston countered in the distance events.

Clarkston won the 3200 relay (8:15.75), while the Wolves' David Sage won the 1600 (4:31.3) and 3200 (10:05.1), and Brett Quantz the 800 (2:00.7).

"This is a very strong, competitive league, and winning this league is a great accomplishment for athletes," said Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko. "This senior class has stepped up and had great careers. In the last four years, they have only lost one dual meet, and that was to Rochester Adams last year. And they've won three league titles in four years, the first (two) coming in the OAA Division II. Not too many people can look back and say they did that."

John Metzger of Adams was victorious in the discus (168-0), winning by over 30 feet, Rochester's Eddie Hillery picked up a win in the shot put (51-7), Troy's Chen Chuang took the high jump (6-4) and Southfield's Dominic McCullum won the long jump (20-10).

Adams' Jay Kline was the winner in the 400 (49.8), while Southfield posted a blue-ribbon finish in the 800 relay (1:30.4) to round off the area winners.



PHOTO BY BOB KNIGHT

Life in the fast lane: Clarkston senior Kevin Breen anchors the Wolves' winning 3,200 relay at Tuesday's OAA Division I championship.

Clarkston one up on Lake Orion — again

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When Clarkston and Lake Orion meet on the softball diamond, count on outstanding pitching, a one-run game, and even a little controversy.

For the third time this season, the Wolves edged the Dragons by a single run, this time a 1-0 Oakland Activities Association Division I win at Lake Orion Wednesday. There was no scoring in the game after the top of the first, though there were plenty of chances for each team.

Orion's best chance was also its last. After junior Melissa Wilson walked, the bases were loaded and sophomore Johanna LaPine was up to bat. She sent a slow roller between third and short, with the gametime run on its way home. Clarkston third baseman Stacie Giroux got the ball and tagged Orion's Rachel Clouse as she slid into third, recording the third out

of the inning.

Lake Orion coach Dennis Davis, who had a great view of the play, vehemently disputed the call, saying Clouse was safe, which meant the run would have counted, tying the game 1-1.

"It's too bad an umpire has to take the game away from the kids," Davis said. "We knew this was going to be a close game, it's just tough to lose like this."

The ending of the game somewhat overshadowed a pair of brilliant pitching performances, by Orion's Jodi Dempsey and Clarkston's Candace Morgan.

Morgan got the complete-game shutout, striking out three while scattering seven hits. Dempsey allowed eight hits, but did a very good job at limiting good scoring chances for the Wolves by forcing ground-ball outs and relying on a defense that performed admirably.

The best defensive play of the game came in the top of the third, when Clarkston's Melanie Arnold was perched on second base with one out. She stole third, and the throw bounded by the third baseman. Arnold

took off for home, and appeared to have an easy run. But a perfect throw by Orion left fielder Megan Stout and a perfect block of the plate by catcher Kathy Robinson combined to gun down Arnold.

"Kathy did a great job of blocking the plate on that play," Davis said. Robinson also threw Arnold out attempting to steal, ending a threat in the top of the seventh.

The run wouldn't end up mattering, as Clarkston's defense played well enough to hold the Dragons scoreless for the second straight game.

"It was a strange game. We got runners in scoring position, but we ran ourselves out of some situations," said Clarkston coach Al Land. "Both pitchers did a nice job of getting out of jams."

The lone run of the game came when Arnold scored on a rip by junior Mary Warchuck. Arnold was 4-for-4 in the game, reaching base three times off bunt singles.

Wilson went 2-for-3 with a walk to lead Lake Orion.

District pairings should make tourney interesting

BY BRAD MONASTIERE

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The district draws were conducted Monday for baseball and softball, and all three North Oakland teams will head to Lake Orion for the start of the 2000 postseason.

The host Dragons will take on Lapeer West in baseball and softball Tuesday, May 30 at 5:35, the late games of the day. Oxford will take on Grand Blanc, the lone Genesee County team in the district, in the early game starting at 3:30 p.m.

Clarkston drew a first-round bye, and will play the winner of the Oxford-Grand Blanc matchup on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Lapeer East drew the other bye in the first round, and will take on the winner of the Lake Orion-Lapeer West games at 12:05 p.m.

The district finals are set for 2:05 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be played at the Lake Orion High School fields.

Baseball

Last year, Lapeer West won this baseball district with upsets over Lake Orion and Clarkston. In the district final, the Panthers won a wild 18-15 game, rallying from a 12-3 third-inning deficit. Clarkston won the title in 1998 with wins over Lake Orion and Lapeer East that year.

Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek said the loss left a bad taste in the team's collective mouths, and is anxious to return the favor this year.

"We have a completely different group of kids this year, and I think we all learned something," he said. "We can't look ahead to any kind of matchups. We have to win now, because if we don't, there's no tomorrow."

Last year, Lake Orion (22-5) pounded Lapeer West twice in the regular season, only to get tripped up in the first round. The Panthers went on to beat Clarkston 18-15 in a wild and crazy district final. This year, Orion holds 16-1 and 10-0 wins over West, coming a couple of weeks ago.

Clarkston (18-9) won the district title two years ago before falling to then-nationally ranked Rochester, 6-2, in

the regional semifinals. It was the first district title for the Wolves since 1993.

Clarkston coach Phil Price said the team learned about baseball mortality last year when it was upset by the Panthers.

"It just shows that anybody can beat anybody in baseball," he said. "The key for us is that we have to show up to play every inning. We've had a couple of bad innings this year that have killed us."

This marks Oxford's first venture into the Division I tournament after years playing in Division II (formerly known as Class B). Oxford coach Art Marcell's team got arguably the toughest draw, having to face a solid Grand Blanc team in the first round before a potential matchup with the Wolves in the second round.

"From what I understand, Grand Blanc is a very good team," Marcell said. "What we need is strong pitching, and our pitchers have been up and down all year. If they perform well, we can be right there."

Softball

Springfield kickers roll in MACS opener, 5-0

Clarkston Springfield Christian's girls soccer team nailed down the top seed in this year's Michigan Association of Christian Schools state tournament. And on Thursday, the Eagles proved they are worthy of that seed.

Springfield jetted out to a quick 3-0 halftime advantage and cruised to a 5-0 victory over Rochester Hills Christian in a MACS pre-regional game.

Freshman forward Sarah Beardlee scored twice and assisted on another to lead the Eagles (8-3-0), who captured their second straight Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference title last week.

Liz Hamlin added a goal and an assist, Angela Fornwall and Krystal Thorp chipped in a goal

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Clarkston linkers conclude debut campaign with OAA tourney win

Clarkston is in its first season in girls golf, but one couldn't tell on Tuesday.

The Wolves carded a four-person score of 187 at Lincoln Hills in Birmingham, which helped them to win the second Oakland Activities Association Division II tournament.

Birmingham Groves finished second with 201, while Auburn Hills Avondale was third (205), Southfield fourth (226) and Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern rounded out the field.

Birmingham's April Adkins shot 41 to earn medalist honors. Anna Trim of Clarkston followed with 43 and Southfield's Malissa Montgomery

and Clarkston's Kira Karstrom each finished with 45.

Barb Harris (47), Leslie Forbach (49) and Lindsey Naglick (51) each finished in the top 10 for Groves.

Avondale leader Sarah Wood wrapped up the day in a three-way tie for sixth with a round of 49. Rounding out the top 10 were Clarkston's Lauren Benner (49) and Krista Rochele (50), who finished tied for sixth and ninth, respectively.

Avondale won the overall league title, followed by Clarkston, Groves, Pontiac Central, Southfield and Pontiac Northern.

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apiece, and Ashley Keller drew and assist for Springfield.

Holley Vanaman didn't need to make a save in recording the shutout.

Springfield plays at home Tuesday in the regional semifinals against an undetermined opponent.

Lahser kickers edge Orion to go unbeaten

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Lake Orion has played a challenging schedule against a variety of opponents this season, but they ran into, perhaps, the best team they will face all season on Thursday — the second time in four days.

Still the underdog Dragons battled for 80 minutes, but came up short 2-0 in an Oakland Activities Association Division II game against visiting Bloomfield Hills Lahser, ranked third in the state in Division II.

The Knights showed why they are considered a legitimate state championship contender by firing nearly 40 shots at Lake Orion goalie Sarah Poisson, who played extremely well in net. Both teams exhibited superior team speed and out-

standing ball movement, but experience up front may have played a role for Lahser (16-1-1, 10-0), who already captured the league title last week.

"We've had some trouble at times scoring in the first half but once we get rolling our offense is in good shape," said Lahser head coach Gary French recently. "We feel we have one of the better teams around and with the number of seniors on our team we should be able to win games."

Casey Walker scored first for Lahser, jumping on a loose ball after one of 10 corner kicks awarded to Lahser. Molly Danner added a second-half goal on a two-on-one break on a pass from Mary Beth Burns.

Lahser's girls team will try to dupli-

cate the feat achieved by the boys squad last fall, grabbing a state championship. Considering their only loss this season was a 2-1 defeat to Troy Athens, ranked No. 2 in the state in Division I, many think the Knights will be there in the end.

But Lake Orion was not deterred. They forced Lahser goalie Jenny Bernhart to make 20 saves as Amanda Mitchell and Nicole Lissi both had a number of good scoring chances at forward. Lake Orion coach Josh Gottlieb consistently encouraged his team to push up on offense in the closing minutes when the Dragons had an opportunity to cut the lead to one.

Anne Hafeli and Defne Altan lead Lahser in goals, but they continued to play the role of distributor Thursday.

combining for two assists in the win.

French was not surprised that his team was able to use its superior team speed to an advantage even on the dry surface. In the second half, Lahser consistently beat the Lake Orion defense with long passes up the middle. Junior sweeper Beth Martin used her speed to get back on defense, but too often was faced at an odd-man disadvantage.

Lahser opens district play Tuesday against Ferndale at Berkley. They would have to win three games to capture the district title but will be overwhelming favorites to advance to the regionals that could set up a highly anticipated matchup with defending state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley, which this week knocked off Athens, 1-0.

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The Dragons (21-10-1) won last year's softball district with a thrilling 5-3 win over the Wolves in the finals. Jodi Dempsey pitched an outstanding game for Lake Orion, who scored two seventh-inning runs to win the trophy. The win was revenge for the Dragons, who lost to the Wolves 2-1 in a 10-inning thriller in the 1998 district finals.

Lake Orion coach Dennis Davis said he hopes history repeats itself.

"Last year, Clarkston beat us three times and we came back to win the district," he said. "Maybe we can do it again."

This year, Clarkston (27-9) holds three

one-run wins over Lake Orion, something that might actually work in the Dragons' favor, according to Clarkston coach Al Land.

"I think these losses will make them angrier," he said. "Every game is close, and I don't think districts will be any different. But we have to get by Grand Blanc first. They have a nice team."

The Wildcats (13-18) got the toughest draw, taking on Grand Blanc in the first round. But Oxford co-coach Sue Roher says her team will be ready.

"We were really hoping to draw Lapeer East, because I know we can beat them," she

said. "But I wouldn't count us out of it."

The district champions stay in Lake Orion for regionals, which take place Saturday, June 10. The winners will take on the Rochester Adams district champs. District champions from New Baltimore Anchor Bay and Utica will also be at the Lake Orion regional.

The regional champions will head to Saginaw Nouvel Catholic High School for the state quarterfinals, against the winner of the Flushing regional.

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districts winners of three of their past four games and seem to be playing with renewed confidence, and pitcher Jenna Podzikowski is playing the best ball of her career. If Oxford plays good defense, and gets hits with people on base, the Wildcats can pull out a mild upset.

Lake Orion should breeze through its first two games against the two Lapeer schools. Clarkston has played very well all season,

and has the best defense of anyone in the district. As long as the Wolves keep hitting, they can go far.

Again, count on a Clarkston-Lake Orion district final. If you are a softball fan, this is a game you cannot miss. Two excellent teams with outstanding pitching and solid offense, plus they are both well-coached. The Wolves have won three one-run games against Orion in the regular season. But

they did last year, and the Dragons came back to beat them in the district finals. Does history repeat itself? Yes.

Lake Orion 3 Clarkston 2.

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PREP SCOREBOARD**Boys Track****OAA DIVISION I**

TEAM SCORES — 1. Pontiac Northern, 111; 2. Clarkston, 110.5; 3. Rochester Adams, 78; 4. Rochester, 75; 5. Troy, 56; 6. Southfield, 52; 7. Pontiac Central, 12.

SHOT PUT — 1. Eddie Hillery (Rochester) 51.7; 2. Todd Goodrick (Rochester) 49.0; 3. Ryan Clement (Clarkston) 47.9-5.4; 4. Eric Bauer (Clarkston) 46.7; 5. Doug Dawson (Rochester) 45.10.5; 6. John Metzger (Adams) 45.5.

DISCUS — 1. John Metzger (Adams) 168.0; 2. Scott Thomas (Troy) 136.9-5; 3. Adam Cooley (Rochester) 138.8; 4. Ejelov (Pontiac Central) 128.10; 5. Zac Greenbaum (Rochester) 128.8; 6. Ryan Clement (Clarkston) 121.5.

LONG JUMP — 1. Dominic McCullum (Southfield) 20-10.5; 2. Proby (Pontiac Northern) 20-7.75; 3. Berant (Pontiac Northern) 20-6.5; 4. Aaron Herring (Pontiac Northern) 20-4.5; 5. Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 20-2; 6. Mitchell (Adams) 20.0.

HIGH JUMP — Chung (Troy) 6-4; 2. Keith Kelly (Adams) 6-4; 3. Rodney Ellison (Pontiac Northern) 6-2; 4. (tie) Jones (Southfield); Dean Morales (Adams) 5-9; 6. Rafael Fauza (Clarkston) 5-9.

3200 RELAY — 1. Clarkston (names not available) 8:15.75; 2. Troy 8:20.8; 3. Adams 8:25.6; 4. Rochester 8:30.3; 5. Pontiac Northern 9:38.0.

110 HURDLES — 1. Richard Armstrong (Pontiac Northern) 14.6; 2. Eric Thielemans (Rochester) 15.03; 3. Adam Kilkenny (Adams) 15.44; 4. Brett Park (Rochester) 15.55; 5. Keith Kelly (Adams) 15.58; 6. Moore (Adams) 16.06.

100 METERS — 1. Daymon Hamler (Pontiac Northern) 10.8; 2. Roland Burks (Southfield) 10.85; 3. Brian Parker (Rochester) 11.14; 4. Matt Glueck (Adams) 11.25; 5. Sydney Hicks (Rochester) 11.3; 6. Kellan (Southfield) 11.34.

800 RELAY — 1. Southfield (names not available) 1:30.4; 2. Pontiac Northern 1:30.8; 3. Clarkston 1:33.4; 4. Adams 1:34.6; 5. Rochester 1:35.7.

1600 METERS — 1. David Sage (Clarkston) 4:31.28; 2. Troy Brinkman (Troy) 4:33.46; 3. Brett Quantz (Clarkston) 4:34.18; 4. Craig Frankland (Adams) 4:35.43; 5. Matt Haver (Clarkston) 4:41.38; 6. Name, school and time not available.

400 RELAY — 1. Pontiac Northern (names not available) 4:30.04; 2. Pontiac Central 4:37.22; 3. Southfield 4:41.31; 4. Clarkston 4:44.47; 5. Rochester 4:46.66; 6. Adams 4:50.08.

400 METERS — 1. Jay Kline (Adams) 49.8; 2. Brian Jaimes (Pontiac Northern) 50.4; 3. Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 50.73; 4. Adam Wagner (Troy) 52.03; 5. Mike Benford (Pontiac Northern) 52.19; 6. Mark Carlson (Clarkston) 52.2.

300 HURDLES — 1. Richard Armstrong (Pontiac Northern) 39.9; 2. Eric Thielemans (Rochester) 40.18; 3. Cody Sonkyr (Clarkston) 41.11; 4. Swarbrick (Adams) 41.66; 5. Ryan Tinetti (Clarkston) 41.82; 6. (tie) Torry Shih

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(Troy), Matt Evans (Clarkston) 41.9. **800 METERS** — 1. Brett Quantz (Clarkston) 2:00.7; 2. David Sage (Clarkston) 2:01.07; 3. Nick Gillett (Troy) 2:01.84; 4. Craig Frankland (Adams) 2:03.53; 5. Kevin Socier (Troy) 2:04.07; 6. Jon Chenet (Clarkston) 2:06.4.

200 METERS — 1. Daymon Hamler (Pontiac Northern) 22.4; 2. Roland Burks (Southfield) 23.05; 3. Brian James (Pontiac Northern) 23.13; 4. Dominic McCullum (Southfield) 23.3; 5. Matt Ferstle (Rochester) 23.61; 6. Adam Gebus (Clarkston) 23.75.

3200 METERS — 1. David Sage (Clarkston) 10:03.0; 2. Chris Gunz (Rochester) 10:05.9; 3. Dave deSteiger (Adams) 10:14.4; 4. Matt Haver (Clarkston) 10:24.4; 5. Troy Brinkman (Troy) 10:31.5; 6. Omar Youssef (Adams) 10:34.0.

1600 RELAY — 1. Pontiac Northern (names not available) 3:26.0; 2. Clarkston 3:31.47; 3. Troy 3:34.44; 4. Adams 3:35.04; 5. Southfield 3:45.01; 6. Rochester 3:46.0.

DUAL MEET STANDINGS — 1. Clarkston (6-0); 2. (tie) Pontiac Northern (3-2-1); Rochester Adams (3-2-1); 4. Rochester (3-2-1); 5. (Troy) (3-3); 6. Southfield (2-3); 7. Pontiac Central (0-6).

* denotes one meet not completed.

FINAL STANDINGS — 1. Clarkston, 13 points; 2. Pontiac Northern, 12.5; 3. Rochester Adams, 10.5; 4. Rochester, 8; 5. Troy, 6; 6. Southfield, 4; 7. Pontiac Central, 2.

Girls Track**OAA DIVISION I**

(Tuesday at Adams)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Rochester Adams 130; 2. Southfield, 93; 3. Clarkston, 74; 4. Pontiac Northern, 71; 5. Rochester, 64; 6. Pontiac Central, 31; 7. Troy, 30.

SHOT PUT — 1. Jane Schell (Rochester) 35.15; 2. Jennifer Hanby (Rochester) 34-1; 3. Friend (school not available) 32-3.5; 4. Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 32-3; 5. White (school not available) 31-3.75; 6. Nicole Greer (Pontiac Northern) 30-9.

DISCUS — 1. Amy Bicknell (Rochester) 112.3; 2. Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 103-2; 3. Lindsay Hawley (Clarkston) 101-2; 4. Alexis Hafka (Adams) 96-9; 5. Nicole Greer (Pontiac Northern) 96-2; 6. Stockmeyer (school not available) 95-2.5.

LONG JUMP — 1. Tara Berry (Pontiac Central) 16-2.76; 2. Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 16-0; 3. Jiles (Pontiac Northern) 16-0; 4. Taylor Washington (Southfield) 15-11; 5. Erin Taylor (Adams) 15-8; 6. Lindsay Ferris (Rochester) 14-10.25.

HIGH JUMP — 1. (tie) Kim Wilson (Clarkston), Nadia Bredicky (Adams), Jill Nadolonek (Adams) 4-9; 4. (tie) Katie Vandusen (Rochester), Lukina Burks (Pontiac Northern), Brittan Brewer (Clarkston) 4-9.

3200 METERS — 1. Pontiac Northern (names not available) 4:30.04; 2. Pontiac Central 4:37.22; 3. Southfield 4:41.31; 4. Clarkston 4:44.47; 5. Rochester 4:46.66; 6. Adams 4:50.08.

400 METERS — 1. Jay Kline (Adams) 49.8;

2. Brian Jaimes (Pontiac Northern) 50.4; 3.

Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 50.73; 4. Adam Wagner (Troy) 52.03; 5. Mike Benford (Pontiac Northern) 52.19; 6. Mark Carlson (Clarkston) 52.2.

300 HURDLES — 1. Richard Armstrong (Pontiac Northern) 39.9; 2. Eric Thielemans (Rochester) 40.18; 3. Cody Sonkyr (Clarkston) 41.11; 4. Swarbrick (Adams) 41.66; 5. Ryan Tinetti (Clarkston) 41.82; 6. (tie) Torry Shih

PREP GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Below are the 2000 prep girls soccer districts involving Eccentric-area schools.

Clarkston/Seaholm winner (7 p.m. at site to be determined).

Friday — Final (7 p.m.).

(Winner advances to the Saginaw Heritage Regional to face the Saginaw Heritage District winner at a date and time to be determined.)

DIVISION II

Lapeer East District No. 22

Tuesday — Waterford Kettering at Oxford (7 p.m.); Pontiac Central at Pontiac Northern (TBA).

Thursday — Lapeer West at Kettering/Oxford winner (TBA); Pontiac Northern/Pontiac Central winner (TBA).

Saturday — Final (TBA).

(Winner advances to the Madison Heights Bishop Foley Regional June 6 at 7 p.m. vs. the Royal Oak Kimball District winner.)

Berkley No. 22

Tuesday — Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Ferndale (6 p.m.).

Thursday — Birmingham Marian vs. Birmingham Groves at Lahser (5 p.m.); Ferndale/Lahser winner vs. Berkley at Lahser (7 p.m.).

Saturday — Final (1 p.m.).

(Winner advances to the Madison Heights Bishop Foley Regional June 6 at 5:30 p.m. vs. the Grease Pointe North District winner.)

PREP BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Below are the 2000 prep baseball and softball districts for schools within the communities of Clarkston, Oxford and Lake Orion.

(Winners advance to the Lake Orion Regional June 10 against the Rochester Adams District winner.)

DIVISION I — SOFTBALL

Lake Orion District No. 10

Tuesday — Grand Blanc vs. Oxford (3:30 p.m.); Lapeer West vs. Lake Orion (5:35 p.m.).

Saturday — Grand Blanc/Oxford winner vs. Clarkston (10 a.m.); Lake Orion/Lapeer West winner vs. Lapeer East (12:05 p.m.); Final (2:05 p.m.).

(Winners advance to the Lake Orion Regional June 10 against the Rochester Adams District winner.)

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS**Seaholm to host 33rd****Ambrose/Eccentric meet**

The 33rd annual Ambrose/Eccentric Boys Track Relays is set for Tuesday, May 30 at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

A total of 12 teams currently are signed up, including the host Maples, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Birmingham Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Farmington, North Farmington, Rochester, Southfield Christian, Troy Athens, Seaholm and.

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The meet begins with field-event competition at 4 p.m. and includes 13 relays — discus, shot put, high jump, long jump, 800-meter, 6,400-meter, sprint medley, 3,200-meter, shuttle hurdle, heavy men's distance medley, 400-meter and 1,600-meter relay.

Troy is the two-time defending Ambrose/Eccentric champion.

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By Bruck Hotchkiss
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OK all you Dot.Com tycoons, have I got a car for you. Of course, you probably wouldn't consider the 2000 Mercedes-Benz S500. Too old money. Oh what a mistake that would be.

Maybe in years gone by Mercedes was the vehicle of choice for the older, more conservative, monied people. But I'm here to tell you that the 2000 S500 is a way too much fun car to relegate it just to the gray beards.

I didn't used to be a Mercedes fan, but cars like the C43 and E55 hot rods changed my mind. Performance does not have to be crude I found out.

Then I drove the S500 and decided that if this is luxury, I want it. I was set to be disappointed when I got the S500. I had just gotten out of an E55, and thought that after the rush of its 349 horsepower engine nothing could excite me again.

Oh was I wrong! The S500 was as exciting as the E55 but in a different way. The S500 has maybe 8/10s of the E55's moves and about twice the lux-

Take a look at the outside. First you'll see the flawless Espresso Paint. Then there is the traditional Mercedes perfect fit and finish. But look at the whole car — is that a hint of mischievousness you see when you look at the front? Maybe just a little prankster in a tailored suit?

Then open the driver's door and slide in. Wait a minute, this can't be a Mercedes. It isn't severe. Teutonic luxury used to mean built to last forever and it looked that way. But the S500 is luxurious in a different way, more like an English car. The seats are upholstered

in a light brown Nappa leather, a leather that is soft and supple.

The instrument panel, steering wheel, and other interior pieces are trimmed in natural elm and more Nappa leather, this time a Charcoal color. The front seats have 14 power adjustments. The steering wheel is power adjustable for up, down, in, and out. In front, with the rear seats moved fully back, the S500 will probably accommodate an NBA star, so there's more than enough leg room for a six footer.

Just to give you an idea of the luxury appointments in the S500, here's a rundown of the standard equipment: automatic climate control with charcoal filter to keep out that annoying pollen, heated front seats, Bose premium sound system, Command Navigation system, built in cellular phone, glass sunroof, automatic headlamps with Twilight Sensor, and integrated garage door openers. And that's just the standard stuff on the inside.

I've got to tell you about the navigational system. Normally I'm not a big fan of these things but this one really worked. My wife and I had gone for a drive to a town about 50 miles from home. My wife decided she wanted some ice cream (OK, so I wanted some too). I remembered a place somewhat near to where we were, but had no idea how to get there. So I pulled over, programmed in the name of the town we wanted to go to and there it was, turn-by-turn directions.

Then, after our ice cream fix, I tried to play a trick on the system. I programmed in another destination and purposely made a wrong turn. What do you think it did? It simply recalculated our position and directed us back to the planned route. Neat. No more asking your wife to ask for directions.

If there was any disappointment with the S500 it was the suspension.

Don't ask me why, but Mercedes installed a driver adjustable suspension. Set on full stiff and it was too stiff. Set on soft and it was almost wally. Half way was the best compromise but there should be no compromise in a car of this class.

There is no compromise to the S500's engine. The 5-liter, SOHC, 3 valve, V8 makes 302 horsepower. Coupled with the 5-speed automatic transmission the engine moves the S500 down the road at a performance car pace (0 - 60 mph in 6.1 seconds according to Mercedes), yet it can be smooth and regal if you prefer. Fuel economy can be pretty decent for a car this size (4,133 pounds and almost 17 feet long), with a rating of 23 mpg on the highway and 16 city.

OK, so the S500 isn't cheap. The base price is \$77,850. The designo Espresso Edition costs another \$8,500. Then add in an electrically adjustable rear seats (\$1,750), heated rear seats (\$595), electric rear sunshade (\$495), integrated CD changer and cellular phone (\$1,620), "Climate Comfort front seats" (not only are they heated but each seat has its own fans to circulate air through the hundreds of tiny little perforations to keep your backside from getting all clammy) (\$1,940), gas guzzler tax \$1,000), and the prerequisite destination and delivery charge (\$595) and you get a grand total of \$94,345.

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Students are asked to consider, "Is this going to be a good opportunity for you?"

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Not that long ago, the campus placement office was where a student went when graduation neared and no job was at hand.

Not anymore. In today's hot business climate, employers are super-eager to hire qualified graduates and colleges are equally eager to provide them.

In fact, four institutions of higher learning popular with western Wayne and southern Oakland County residents — Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College, Madonna University and Oakland University — get hundreds of job listings from employers per month.

That, plus the advent of the Internet and its increasing emphasis on

speedy communication between prospective employer and employee, has made the modern college placement office a career advisory service that often starts working with students their first day of college.

The four colleges still do placement and claim success in the mid-90 percent range. But, since they're urban institutions and many of their students already have jobs, the respective college departments often help students redefine and sometimes completely change career goals.

They also help employers screen potential employees, says Donna Nordman of Schoolcraft College, because "we want our students to be successful."

Students are asked to consider, "Is this going to be a good opportunity for you? Is it going to fit into your schedule? If it's part time? Is it going to suit you long term? Will you be

able to gain skills from the job so you can build on it for your next position? Will it look good on your resume? Is it in line with your curriculum effort? Or is it just another job?"

Nordman emphasizes that today's students "need to be highly skilled."

"Employers are asking for significant amounts of different skills. The work being done out there is fairly complex and students need problem-solving skills and communication skills and computer skills."

"There are lots of opportunities" for work, "but graduates need to come out and look for the specific job they want and they have to have the skills" for it.

One popular way to find a career niche is through cooperative education, which all four offer. That's where, as Willie Lloyd of OCC puts it, "people do (generally paid) intern-

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200 students

"Ninety percent get hired by those corporations," says Lloyd, who is director of placement and cooperative education and whose school has about 200 students annually in the program.

"Cooperative education works," he says. "It gives students a complete education with practical, related work experience."

While OCC's job placement is described as "an informal process," with job-list books at each of its campuses near the counseling offices, the move is clearly toward utilizing the Internet as a communications tool.

While Schoolcraft expects to offer job-listings on its Web site by next year, Oakland U. is into the 'Net full swing, pushed there by both computer-savvy employers and students.

Many of the latter already have personal Web sites when they enroll, says Robert Thomas, director of the Rochester Hills university's placement and career services department.

"Employers want instant access to information," he says. As a result, OU students can use the school Web site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to place and update resumes, submit applications and sign up for interviews.

Now, says Thomas, "what used to take seven or eight days" — surface-mail delivery of resumes — "now takes seven to eight seconds" via e-mail.

Additionally, says Thomas, employers can, when registered, peruse students' password-protected resumes.

Hot-links coming

By fall, the university hopes to create "electronic portfolios" in which students work samples or letters of recommendation are "hot-linked" to their resume.

"It's a nice little feature we can add," says Thomas.

Today's business managers and college students comprise "an instant" generation and the rest of us have to catch up," says Thomas. "And we're doing so, sometimes slowly, sometimes not so slowly."

To help incoming freshmen, Madonna Uni-

versity's career services department offers "College 101" for all students who've never before attended one.

It also offers the System for Interactive Guidance and Instruction (SIGI), a computerized program in which students answer questions about such things as values and subjects they've done well in school and helps them prioritize their aims and objectives, says Christine Brant, director of career services.

Madonna, like its fellow schools, also helps guide students through its participation in various career fairs and similar programs.

There is Job Pursuit, in which all Michigan private liberal arts colleges cooperate and which in particular helps English majors find jobs; there is the Michigan Collegiate, a job fair held twice a year at Burton Manor in Livonia; and there also is Job Quest, a fair for area businesses held strictly for Detroit-area college students, says Brant.

But the cooperative education program is probably the best thing, she says. Students work in a field "and see if that's really what they want to do."

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■ Here we go... "Gosh, I'm really up about this, but the money is just a little short based upon what I've found in the market and my expectations. Is there any way we could do just a little better, you know, just to get off on the right foot?"

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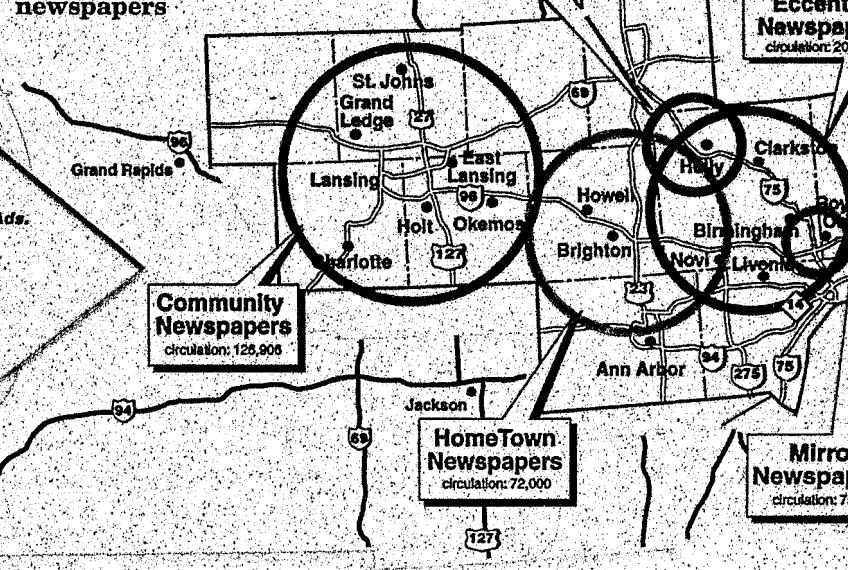


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Smart growth doesn't preclude gracious homes. It includes well-planned green spaces to balance the use of cluster housing. With homes of varying prices, such markets are more stable than .

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Dominic J. Moceri is a third-generation builder/developer with 18 years experience in development and real estate. He is vice president of the Building Industry Association and partner with brothers Mario and Frank in the Moceri Cos. of Auburn Hills.

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NEW HOMES & REAL ESTATE

These apartments live more like condos

They're apartments that look a lot more like condominiums.

WyndChase Townhomes, luxury residences under construction by Singh Development in Canton, are designed so common living areas are on the main floor, bedrooms upstairs.

Some 170 units are planned for the initial phase of the community off Haggerty just north of Cherry Hill. The first should be ready for occupancy by mid-June.

All will have two or three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. A full-size washer and dryer will be placed in each unit. Each unit will have access to a one-car garage.

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- 1,426-square-foot, three-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, \$1,575.

"You have interest from one end of the spectrum to the other," Marilyn Sutti, property manager for Singh, said of prospective tenants.

"Some will want to spend time here while they're building a home, transients while they're looking for something or you have people who decide this is the lifestyle they want. They don't want the aggravation of owning a home, but they want something more like a home than an apartment."

Sutti compares WyndChase Townhomes to another Singh development in Canton.

"Summit Creek has everything from singles to families, a real mix. That's what you want," she said.

Location and easy freeway access are the big draws, said C.J. Gildersleeve, leasing consultant.

"We're close to I-275," she said. "You can hop in your car and in a couple of minutes go anywhere."

"Townhome-style apartments are pretty rare here," she added. "They're more like living in a home. Two-and-a-half baths make such a difference."

Size of the units and what they contain will impress prospective tenants,



WyndChase: All the townhouse-style apartments built by Singh in Canton place the main living areas downstairs and the bedrooms up.

added Sam Saraque, assistant superintendent on site.

"The typical two-bedroom apartment has 900 square feet. Our smallest unit is 1,200 square feet," he said. "We're in house-size here."

"We put in full-size washer and dryer, storage, garages," Saraque added. "Most apartments don't have garages."

The clubhouse with fitness center, outdoor pool and playscape also will entice. So, too, will access to the Plymouth-Canton schools.

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"People have been driving through here since we started constructing and asking, 'Can we see something?'" Sutti said.

Brick, vinyl siding and wood accents are primary exterior materials.

Would-be tenants can walk through a two-bedroom or three-bedroom model.

The two-bedroom is a good situation

for roommates since each bedroom has its own private bath. One has a combination tub/shower and a single closet, the other two closets and a shower.

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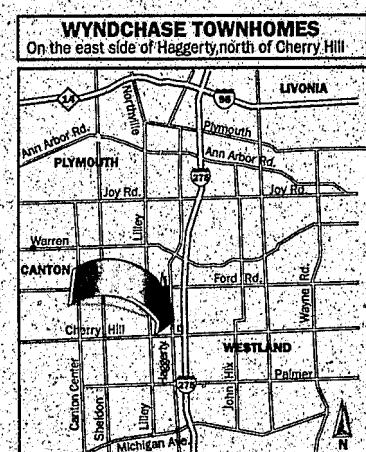
The larger three-bedroom unit features a shower and walk-in closet in the master, a second full bath with combination tub/shower for the other two bedrooms.

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The home offers three large bedrooms, two completely updated ceramic entry level baths, totally renovated kitchen with breakfast area, beautiful formal living room with fireplace, lovely large family room with built-ins and French doors to deck, gracious dining room, private office/library, gorgeous hardwood floors, recessed lighting, and a wonderful finished lower level with fireplace and additional storage area.

The master bedroom has a private bathroom with skylight and a walk-in closet.

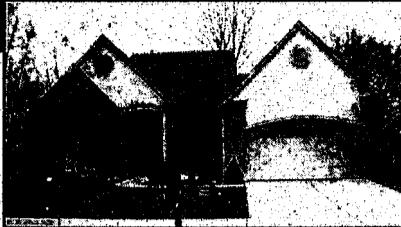
The spacious kitchen offers abundant cabinetry, hardwood floors, and a lovely breakfast area surrounded by windows

that look out on a wonderfully private park-sized lot that gives you that "up-north" feeling. Formal living and dining rooms are generous in size and tasteful in decor. The living room fireplace lends warmth and charm. A popular gathering place, the family room walks out to a huge deck which offers additional views of the outstanding lot. The library/office is very private and comfortably situated in the home, could possibly serve as a fourth bedroom. The lower level of the home almost doubles the square footage, and provides a huge finished area with another warm inviting fireplace and plenty of additional storage space. The attached two-car garage offers direct access into the home and electricity.

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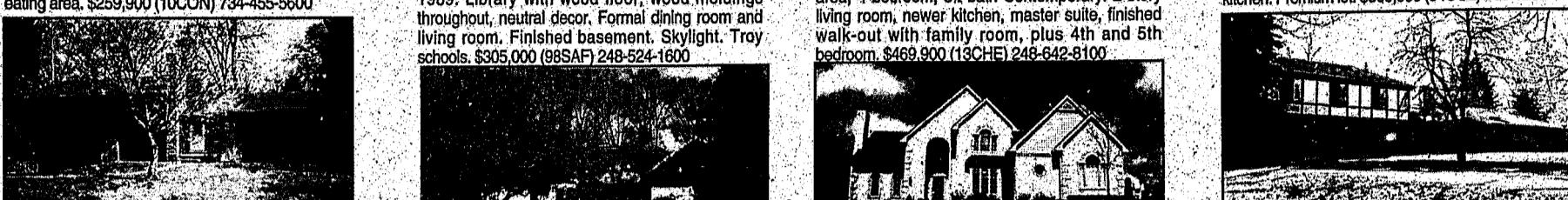
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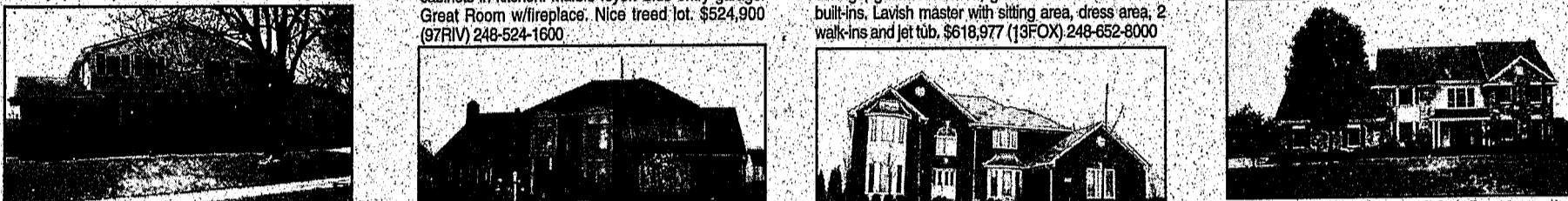
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Three front gables, varied in size, give a welcoming look to the Walsh, a plan that is both contemporary and compact.

Brick wainscoting and multi-paneled windows, one of them arched, add to the visual appeal, as does the wide covered porch.

A spacious and comfortable family room forms the core of this home, with other rooms wrapping around it on three sides and a small patio on the fourth.

Two glass doors that swing open for easy access are next to a gas fireplace tucked in the rear corner. The kitchen's eating bar and the family room's trayed ceiling help define these areas.

Counter space is plentiful in the C-shaped kitchen. Two or three people

can work companionably there without getting in each other's way, and the nook is roomy enough for a good-sized table.

A slender sidelight brightens the entry. Straight ahead is small coat closet, and next to it, a stack of triangular display shelves, ideal for displaying family mementos or other small treasures.

To the right is a window-bright room that could be outfitted as a living room, home office, home entertainment center or you name it. It could even be another bedroom, if that's what's needed.

Though not large itself, the Walsh's master suite boasts a large walk-in closet and a private bathroom. Amenities

here include a dual vanity and a shower. Utilities are just outside the door, in a pass-through space that connects the house and garage.

Secondary bedrooms are on the opposite side of the house, with a bathroom and linen closet between the two. The front bedroom (or study) has a vaulted ceiling.

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Enlist the help of everyone in the family and make a game plan — and you can get spring cleaning over and done with in a weekend or less.

Newer houses need the attention as much as older homes.

■ Get ready. Pick a weekend and mark the calendar. Make a master task list of what needs to be done. Schedule cleaning services for big jobs like carpets or upholstery; or reserve rental equipment such as a carpet cleaner. Get your cleaning supplies and tools in order.

■ Get set. The week before, tackle small tasks each night: Do small laundry, clean out the pantry and refrig-

erator and declutter closets. Make three boxes labeled GIVE AWAY, GARAGE SALE and STORE; deal with these later.

■ Friday night. Assign cleaning tasks to family members according to age and skill level. Youngsters can dust; older children can vacuum or mop. Before bed, spray the oven with cleaner and soak stove drip pans and hood filter overnight.

■ Go! On Saturday morning, get up at 7 a.m. and have family members strip bed linens, mattress pads and curtains that need cleaning. Start the wash before breakfast and keep it going all day.

■ Focus. Turn off the television and turn on the answering machine. Do

not stop to read magazines you find. Clean each area thoroughly before moving on to another. Work from top to bottom and keep it going all day.

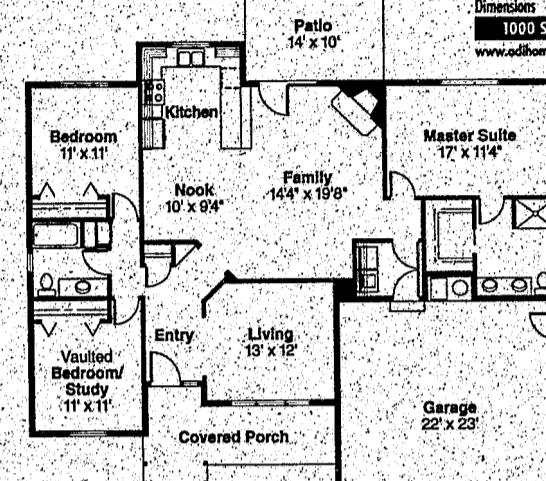
■ What not to clean. Some tasks can wait. Polish silver and clean out drawers over the next few weeks.

■ Spray dirt and grime from an aluminum storm door with whitewall-tire cleaner.

■ To remove dust from curtains, place panels in dryer with one-half of a fabric-softener sheet. Air-dry for 20 minutes.

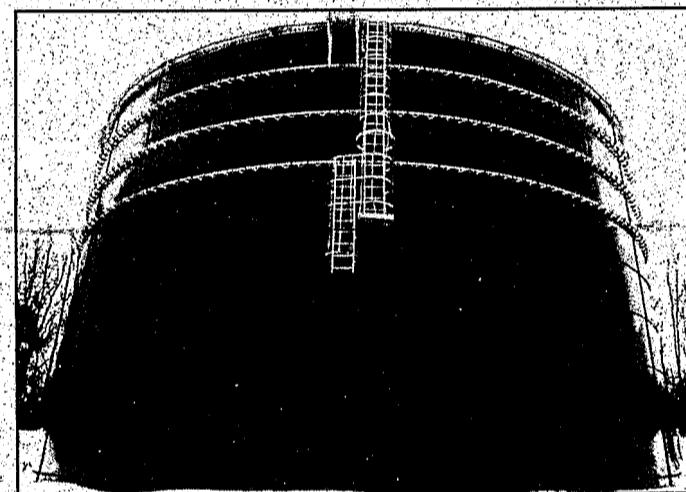
■ Wipe down sticky computer keyboards with baby wipes.

■ To clean and disinfect the telephone receiver, wipe it with rubbing alcohol.



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Cooperative water venture now operational



Water, water: This storage tank, 60 feet wide and 40 feet high, can hold a million gallons.

A new million-gallon water storage tank, a joint venture involving Hickory Highland Development (Kirco Development), Toll Brothers and Highland Township, is now up and running — figuratively speaking, of course.

The water system is north of M-59 east of Hickory Ridge Road and serves the new residential communities of Cobblestone, Timber Ridge and Preswick Village.

"Rather than each developer constructing individual, self-contained well-pump systems, this joint venture was definitely the best way to go for all parties involved," said Eric Mondrush, project manager for Kirco.

"It was an environmentally friendly plan because it provided for the preservation of the maximum number of

trees and allowed us to avoid a potential water threat at the same time," he added.

If the developers had chosen the individual well system, each additional well could have created a point source for contamination of ground water," Mondrush said.

The water system consists of a ground-level water storage tank and a 170-horsepower, 2,060-gallon-per-minute pump station.

The tank, 40-feet high and 60-feet wide, weighs nearly 50 tons and is comprised of an aluminum dome and 225 sidewall panels.

Construction started last August and cost about \$1 million.

The current water needs require only half of the system's capacity. The excess

capacity will provide a reservoir of water for the entire township during peak usage period when the township-wide system is complete.

The Highland Township Fire Department also receives a key benefit from this new water source. The additional water not only provides a new source for fighting fires near the tank, but also allows firefighters to fill their tanker trucks to serve the entire township.

Another of the beneficiaries is Cobblestone, 173 one-acre country estate home sites developed by Kirco Development of Troy.

John Richards Homes of Birmingham has been selected as the builder of choice there.

Timber Ridge, a Toll Brothers community of 75 home sites on 1/3-acre lots is on the east side of the water storage facility.

"This system is the first major component for a proposed town-wide Highland Township water system," Mondrush said.

"It will provide the needed increased water pressure for the entire township and allows for added capacity as needed in the future, as well as the ability to adjust pressures when capacity demands," he said.

Local rates rising

Mortgage rates rose in the metro Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by www.HomeLoanUpdate.com:

■ 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.66 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 8.56 percent with 0.8 fees and points the previous week.

■ 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.35 percent with 1.0 fees and points last week, up from 8.21 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ One-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 7.15 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 6.94 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

One Year Ago the average 30-year rate was at 7.23 and 1.0

points and fees, 15-year 6.83 and 1.0 points and fees and 1-year ARM 5.76 and 1.1 points and fees.

The Fed's actions on Tuesday to raise overnight lending rates also worked to push mortgage rates higher this week, said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac.

Because the Fed's action affects short-term rates more than long term, the largest effect was on ARMs, which rose significantly after the Fed announced its raise.

Also left open by the Fed was the possibility of further increases if the economy doesn't begin to show signs of slowing. This, in turn, would serve to push mortgage rates higher still.

Construction loans have many faces

ducci said.

Loans available for new construction include the following:

■ Fixed rate mortgage loans that establish monthly principal and interest payment at closing.

■ All-in-one construction loans that combine in one package the features of a construction loan with those of a permanent loan, providing disbursements from a loan to fund construction while a home is being built.

■ Bridge loans that allow current homeowners to secure capital by a mortgage on a current home.

■ Draw loans that supply interim cash to qualified buyers during new construction.

■ Home equity loans that enable current homeowners to secure a line of credit during construction.

"New construction loans differ from loans for buyers of existing homes, but the process doesn't

have to be more complicated," Carducci said.

When buying an existing home, borrowers simply must select a type of loan, choose a lender with the best interest rate and select a repayment plan.

"If you do your research, you can find lenders who do not charge higher interest rates on new construction loans versus conventional mortgage loans," Carducci said.

If a builder doesn't require mortgage progress payments throughout the construction process, as he would do with the all-in-one loan, borrowers might consider a construction "end" loan. These loans are closed, and the mortgage funds disbursed

upon completion of construction.

"This type of loan frees the borrower from making any monthly mortgage payments until the new home is completed," Carducci said.

Interest rates for a new construction loan can be locked in when a borrower applies for a loan or floated until closing.

When a rate is locked in, borrowers are guaranteed that rate at closing. Some lenders even close the loan at the rate at the time of closing if it is lower than the rate at the time of application.

"A borrower should never be afraid to ask questions about terminology they do not understand," Carducci said.

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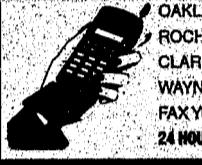
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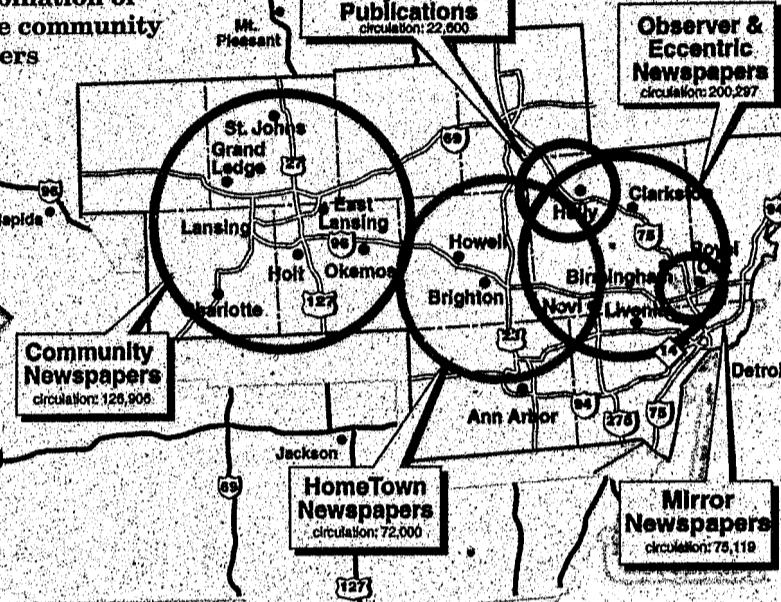
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MAKE ME SMILE: Divorced white, Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lbs, employed, enjoys theatre, museums, reading, nature walks, community events and children. Seeking an honest, goal-oriented, intelligent, non-smoker, non-drinker with a healthy attitude and good sense of humor. BOX 32040

ENJOYABLE TIMES: Single lady, 122 lb, 5'5", blonde with blue eyes, social drinker, enjoys having fun. Looking for a single male, for friendship and more. BOX 13011

ROMANCE 101: Single white mother of three, 39, 5'7", blonde with green eyes, medium build, bullied employed, enjoys long walks, camping, going to the beach and more. Looking for a single male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

THINK OF YOU! Single white female, 36, 5'5", 120 lbs, romantic, fun loving, down to earth, who likes riding on Harley's, long walks, boating, camping, music and good company. Seeking a single white male, tall, 36 to 45, who's caring, affectionate, with similar interests, for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 13058

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THE IDEAL MATE: Single white mother of one, 54, 130 lbs, red/brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys children and just about all that life has to offer. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16394

GIVE ME A CALL: Single white mother of one, 54, 130 lbs, red/brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys children and just about all that life has to offer. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16394

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single white female, 56, blonde with brown eyes, medium build, easy-going, enjoys children, bingo and just having a good time. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and a possible companionship. BOX 16489

FRIENDSHIP FIRST: 38 yr old, single white female, 120 lb, 5'3", honest, caring and open minded, enjoys good conversations, romance, the outdoors, camping, movies and more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 45, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16518

ATTRACTION & CLASSY: Electric, slender blonde, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays and more. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, romantic, special gentleman, over 58, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 31915

BASIC INFORMATION: Single white mother of two, 30, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys reading, camping, the beach and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13164

COLLEGE EDUCATED... 36 yr old, 5'7", single mother of one with light brown hair and hazel eyes. Seeking a college educated, single, white male who's honest and has a sense of humor. BOX 16469

HONESTY IS THE KEY: Single white female, 55", blue eyes, brown hair, medium build, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys music, long walks, bike riding, movies, bingo, going to church and much more. Looking for a single white male, 55 to 62 who enjoys life. Must be honest and caring with similar interests. In Down River Area. BOX 31953

LIFE'S TOO SHORT: Affectionate, slim, petite attractive, creative, spiritual, divorced, while female, 49, seeking an honest, thoughtful, sincere, intelligent, non-smoker, non-drinker with old fashioned values, enjoys music, dining out, trips up North, movies and antiques. Seeking a single white male, who's sincere, honest, social drinker, with a good sense of humor, for friendship first. Down River Area. BOX 31953

SINCERE: Pretty, petite, trim, divorced white female with a passion for life and love, seeks a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, physically fit, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share his/her pleasures, enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining, theater and family and travel. BOX 36055

TREAT ME RIGHT: Single white mother, intelligent, good looking, in good shape. Looking for a traveled fun and adventurous male, 30 to 55, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16770

FOR COMPANIONSHIP: Widowed, white female, 51", 125 lbs, blonde with hazel eyes, active, enjoys traveling, dining out and bike riding. Looking for an honest, fun loving, white male, 65 to 72, for friendship and companion ship. BOX 32043

JAZZ ANYONE: Single, black, Christian mother of two, 21, non-smoker, and very independent. Enjoys jazz, the outdoors, plays and concerts. Seeks a single, black Christian male, 25 to 35, non-smoker, non-drinker for a serious relationship. BOX 36109

SEEKING COMMITMENT: 35 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde, pretty, blue eyed female, about size 18. Been told I am pretty and is attractive, active and is interested in possible relationship. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities, cuddling, music and much more. BOX 31999

CLASSIC ROMANCE: By pretty, blue eyed female, youthful 50's, bright, warm, and outgoing, 5'6", 170 lbs, but losing. Searching for a professional, successful, handsome male for friendship, possibly relationship. BOX 36111

ROMANCE DESIRED: I am a brunet with brown eyes. I am open and honest and looking for the same in a man. I love all animals, but especially horses. I like to read, trivia, movies and meeting new people. Would you be interested in sharing it all with me? If so, give me a call. BOX 36204

KANSAS GAL: I am a brunet with brown eyes. I am open and honest and looking for the same in a man. I love all animals, but especially horses. I like to read, trivia, movies and meeting new people. Would you be interested in sharing it all with me? If so, give me a call. BOX 36204

SEEKS SPECIAL SOME 1: Single Hispanic female, black hair, petite, enjoys dancing, swimming, bike riding, walks in the woods and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 13010

SPONTANEOUS: White widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 40 to 55, for similar interests, for a possible relationship. Children are welcome. BOX 32043

GOING UP NORTH? Pretty, blonde haired, blue eyed, single white female, 46, petite, romantic, enjoys boating, the outdoors and more. Looking for a single male, 25 to 45, who's sweet, for friendship and sharing. BOX 16334

WISHFUL THINKING: Single female, sophisticated, 135 lbs, likes traveling, boating, the outdoors and more. Looking for a single male, 25 to 60, for a good sense of humor. BOX 36097

EVERYDAY THINGS: Single female, 35, 5'4", 145 lbs, employed, enjoys having fun. Looking for a single male, for friendship and more. BOX 13011

WANT TO MEET ME? Single female, 35, 5'4", 145 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys church, family, and more. Looking for a single male, 25 to 60, for a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE: Single white female, young 40 plus, 5'10", seeking life partner who enjoys church, family, and more. Looking for a single male, 35 to 45, who's sweet, for friendship and sharing. BOX 16334

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U: Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 13030

MAKING A GOOD MAN: Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker, very honest, caring male who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16892

WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED: Single white female, 31, 5'4", blonde with green eyes, employed, enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, concerts and sports. Seeking a single male of any race, 35 to 54, non-drinker or smoker, to pamper, cuddle and give all my love too. BOX 12994

DANCE WITH ME: Single white female, 24, likes dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship first and more later on. BOX 16687

KEEP ME COMPANY: 18 yr old, single female, auburn hair, hazel eyes, 145 lbs, self employed. Enjoys theater, walks, museums and keeping up with my children. Seeking intelligent, emotionally fit, non-smoking, non-drinking male with a healthy attitude and a sense of humor. Must value honesty and be goal oriented. BOX 31976

ONE OF A KIND: Single black male, 27, 5'11", 180 lbs, seeks a fun loving, single white female, 18 to 30, in the down river area. Give me a call and let us talk it over. You will never know unless you try. BOX 13168

MAKING ME SMILE: Single white male, 40, 5'11", 180 lbs, attractive, well educated, non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, caring male who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13039

CANT WAIT: Single white male, 5'10", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, NASCAR, roller blading, dining, quiet times, traveling and more. Looking for a single, honest, caring, down to earth female with similar interests. BOX 16432

THE MOON AND STARS: Single black male, 27, 5'11", 180 lbs, seeks a fun loving, single white female, 18 to 30, in the down river area. Give me a call and let us talk it over. You will never know unless you try. BOX 13168

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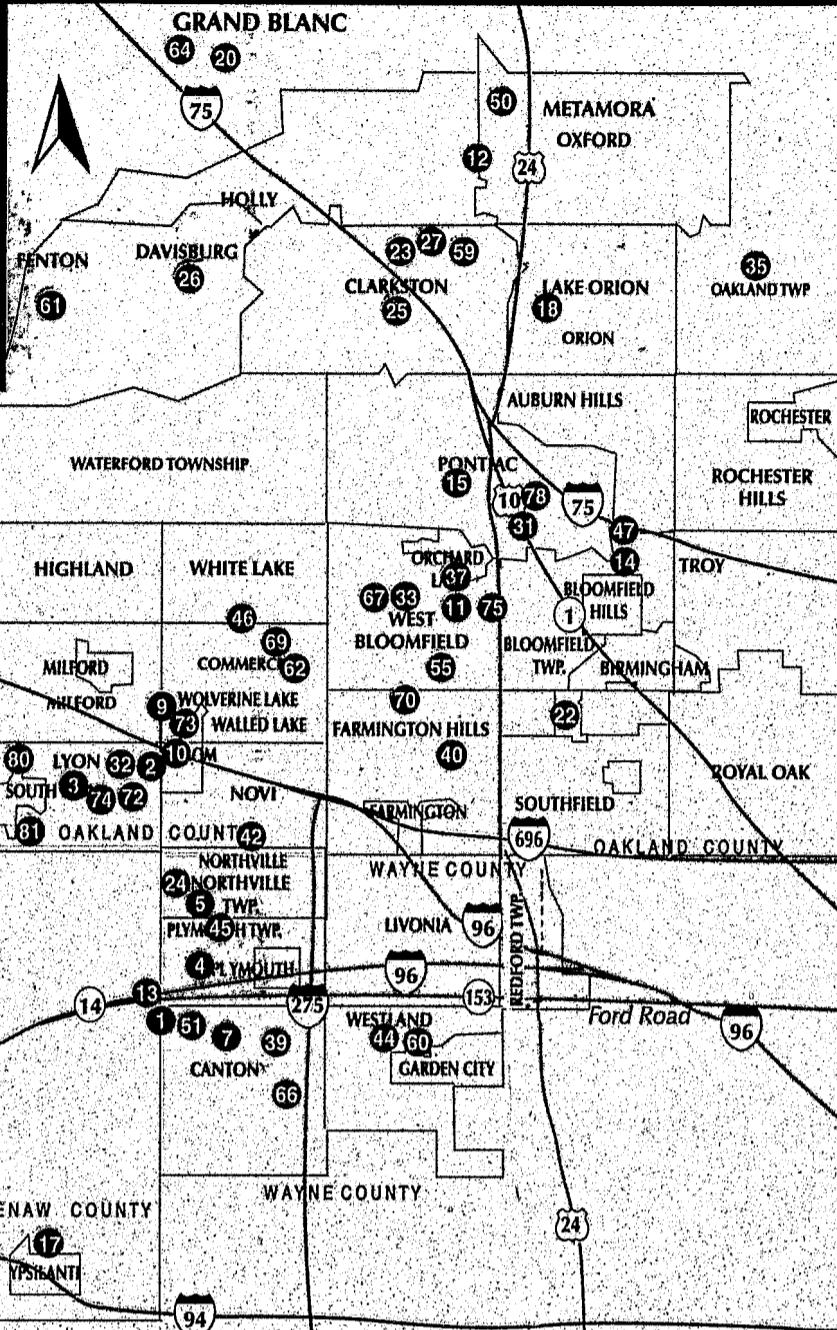
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