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Unique way to shop

Nicole Vratanina and Zak Milkovskii, both of Clarkston, are engaged to be married in June 2002. They decided to get a head start on "shopping" for their wedding by participating in the Who Wants to Get Married like a Millionaire fun contest at the Best Western Starling Inn, Sterling Heights.

While the couple didn't win the total wedding package grand prize, Nicole said she's happy with what they did bring home — a bed and bath set, silver wine goblets, a unity candle and holder and a Beverly Clark wedding planner. "It was nerve-wracking, but it was a lot of fun," Nicole said about the whole experience.

Man of many hats

Not too long ago, Clarkston Community Schools Supt. Dr. Al Roberts had the temporary role of "nanny-babysitter" for Emily, daughter of State Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) when both Roberts and Johnson spoke at a public event.

Monday night at the school board meeting, he had on another hat. He "worked" as school board secretary as well as superintendent. Administrative Assistant Ellen Whitehead wasn't at the meeting, doing her usual job of taking notes during board meetings. Roberts filled in while listening intently and adding his opinions to discussions of the board.

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TODAY

SPORTS

All-Star: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell was one of six Eccentric-area baseball players who participated in Thursday's 2000 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park/C1.

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New school tax to be levied in full



BY SUSAN B. TAUBER AND SALLY GIRARD
STAFF WRITERS

Owners of non-homestead property in the Clarkston Community Schools district will pay a full 3 mills in additional school taxes this year — two years earlier than district officials had planned.

School officials said they thought that just 1.16 mills would need to be

levied this July to offset rollbacks in the tax rate caused by the Headlee Amendment.

However, they didn't expect the sale of two large parcels of land for residential development, which, they say, makes it necessary for the school board to levy the entire 3 mills right away.

A mill is equal to \$1 on each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

"It's a fallacy that taxing businesses,

or non-homestead property owners, isn't going to affect anyone else," said Neil Wallace, Main Street business property owner, reacting to the news that the full 3 mills will now be levied.

"The extra cost of this millage is either passed through to the people who buy goods and services here or it's yet another burden that affects the small business people significantly at a time when we're saying we want to support small business people — particularly in the downtown village area," he added.

When voters approved raising the non-homestead millage rate by up to 3 mills on June 12, school officials

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Condemned land can't be used for swap

BY SALLY GIRARD
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The 78 acres Springfield Township bought from an area family cannot be used to replace recreational land on which the township plans to build its new civic center.

To build the civic center on part of the Shiawassee River Basin Preserve, facing Davisburg Road, the township had to set aside a like amount of land elsewhere.

The reason the swap was needed was because the Shiawassee Preserve was purchased years ago through a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board had to approve the swap.

In the end, the township condemned the 78 acres owned by the Dolza family, because some family members were not satisfied with the \$287,000 price offered. The family is now contesting the purchase price in Oakland County Circuit Court, Supervisor Collin Walls said.

Walls said he is angry with the DNR because he had been led to believe that the Dolza property was an appropriate swap.

"We found out after payment had been made (to the Dolzas)," Walls said, that it was not.

He said an internal DNR policy prohibits acquiring land that has been taken by a combination of condemnation and trust fund monies.

Deborah Apostol, program manager for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, said there was some confusion about the land transition. She said the Trust Fund Board operates on a willing seller/willing buyer premise and that means taking land by condemnation is not an appropriate way to acquire it.

She said the township condemned and paid for the Dolza property without getting a final OK on the swap from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. The condemnation went through in January and the Trust Fund Board just voted on the transition in May. She added the township had indicated that it was planning to try to buy the 78-acre parcel anyway.

Now the township holds title to the 78 acres and will use the existing park area at Dilley and Davisburg roads as the designated trade-off for the seven-acre civic center area. Apostol said that swap is pre-approved and does not foresee any problems with it going through.

Walls called the Trust Fund Board's policy illogical, especially, he said since the Dolza property was not purchased with trust fund money. Voters approved a bond issue in 1998 to build the civic center. Money from that vote as well as funds that the township had saved were used to buy the property.

There had been members of the Dolza family who did not want to sell the property. A representative of the Dolza family could not be reached for comment Friday. Walls and Springfield's attorney, Greg Need, said the time to contest the condemnation is past. Need said he doesn't think the Dolzas will be able to contest the condemnation.

"Time will tell," said Walls.

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Animal rescuers



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Orphan animals: Judy Walzak (left) and Martha Berg hold some of the homeless baby animals they care for.

Critter caregivers

Pair rescues abandoned baby animals

By SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Martha Berg's and Judy Walzak's houses haven't gone to the dogs yet, but they have gone to the kittens, squirrels, opossums, birds and other animals.

The women, who live in Waterford, work together at Clarkston Animal Medical Center in Independence Township. Berg is a receptionist. Walzak is a licensed veterinary technician.

They've both turned over a room of their houses to animals they care for. Berg takes in kittens who are too young to adopt. She feeds them a costly formula around-the-clock when they are very young. Right now she's caring for a 2-week-old orange kitten. Two of her charges were just adopted.

Walzak is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Her license enables her to take care of any mammal. She won't take in skunks or bats even though she's been vaccinated against rabies.

"I take in birds, opossums, raccoons, squirrels and other mammals that have been abandoned or orphaned by their parents," she explained.

This means there are two alarm clocks in the bedroom she shares with her husband, Jody.

"I have to have an alarm clock to wake me up for animal feedings throughout the night," she said. "The other alarm clock gets us up for work."

She has several young birds in her care right now, which have to be fed frequently.

Both Berg and Walzak bring whatever animals they're caring for to the Clarkston Animal Medical Center while they're at work.

"Dr. (Bruce) Hariton is so good about allowing us to bring in the animals to work," Walzak said. "Bless him for letting us do that."

Berg added that the veterinarian also assists them whenever necessary. "He's really good about helping us," she added.

Berg, a widow, began taking in kittens about three years ago.

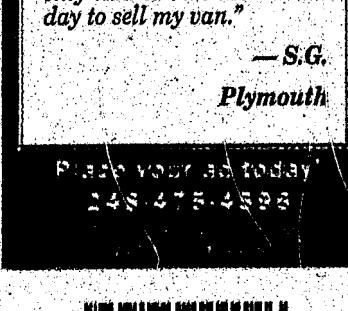
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Helpless: Judy Walzak is caring for these young birds.



Kitty love: Rebecca Hyke, a visitor at Clarkston Animal Medical Center, cuddles with a kitten that's ready for adoption.



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ACHIEVERS

Dave Trollman, son of Bruce and Marion Trollman of Clarkston, was on the Dean's List for both the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 semesters at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. In order to be placed on the Dean's List, a cadet must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a four-point scale.

Trollman is an economics major with a minor in engineering. He was recently promoted to the rank of Cadet Second Class.

This summer Trollman is working as a counselor at Michigan's Boys' State, a program organized by the American Legion, Department of Michigan. Also this summer Trollman will be working as a survival instructor as part at the USAFA Combat Survival Training program.

Shaun Manning, a junior at Hillsdale College majoring in English, was named to the Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester. Shaun is the son of Jim and Mary Bird of Clarkston. He is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School.

OBITUARIES**Martin L. Jackson**

Martin L. Jackson of Clarkston died June 20, 2000, at age 84.

Mr. Jackson was employed by Morley Brothers for 43 years before retiring. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army 32nd Signal Co. (Red Arrow).

Mr. Jackson and his wife were active in square and round dancing.

Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his wife, Alice (Bena), in December 1993.

He is survived by three nieces, Margie Lind of Arizona, Rose Steen and Vicki Middleton of Mississippi; two nephews, Richard Templeton and James Marsalis of Mississippi; three cousins, Bobby Leighnor of Ohio and Susan and Randy Walker of Colorado; and several friends including Charles Norman and Carol and Roger Drouin.

Arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home, Clarkston.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in St. Daniel's Church, Clarkston. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Home Health Plus Hospice, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076-4148 or The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Membership Service Center, P.O. Box 2042, Toms River, NJ 08754-9926.

Mary Margaret Walker

Mary Margaret Walker of Spring Hill, Tenn., formerly of Clarkston, died June 22, 2000, at age 68.

Mrs. Walker retired from GM Truck & Bus.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Thomas.

Mrs. Walker is survived by two sons, James (Mickey) Walker of Burton and John Walker; four daughters, Irene (Don) Walker-Eastman of Nolenville, Tenn., Arlene (Charles) Frank of Mayville, Dianna (Jim) Farnsworth of Millington and Donella (Brian) Richley of Waterford.

She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; six brothers, David LeMarbe, Robert (Lucy) LeMarbe, Don (Pat) LeMarbe and Richard (Carol) LeMarbe of Pontiac, all of Pontiac, and William (Mary) LeMarbe and Jim (JoAnn), both of Waterford; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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June 28: Kindergarten Kids Connection

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= Oakland Technical Center Northwest, PK = Pine Knob Elementary, SMS = Sashabaw Middle School, SP = Springfield Plains Elementary.

Independence Township Library

June 27: Get Into the Game. The library's summer program for teens in grades 6-12 will meet from 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 1. The second program is Game of Survival. It's

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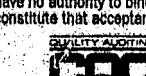
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Nice day: Golfers enjoyed the weather and course conditions for the golf outing at Heather Highlands in Holly.

138 golfers go 'fore' annual chamber outing



Sending it flying: Tim Wood drives the ball at the Chamber golf outing.

The 13th annual Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce was one of its most successful. Jerry Hankins chaired the Golf Outing Committee for the Chamber and said the 138 golfers and many others who just came for lunch enjoyed themselves Thursday while helping out with the organization's largest fund-raiser of the year.

The event took place at Heather Highlands in Holly with the planning beginning in January.

In addition to a good time golfing, participants could win one of the many raffles. The large prizes were a set of Top Flight golf clubs and a Jack Nicklaus master championship photo, Hankins said.

Cash prizes also were given to the best golfers.

The weather cooperated, too, with a perfect day for golf.



Eyeballing it: Patrick Toohey (top) and Dave Drapinski line up a putt.

Local singer salutes Broadway

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Lindsey Witt has a summer of singing, dancing and acting ahead of her.

The 17-year-old Independence Township resident is one of only three performers chosen by audition to be part of Singsation, a traveling music show that provides entertainment throughout the area. It's sponsored by Oakland County Parks Special Events.

Other members of this troupe are Bethann Still of Pontiac and Jerod Facknitz of Holly.

Lu Harding-Capots of Clarkston is the producer, music-director and choreographer. Steve Forbes of Ferndale is the group's director; Brittany Matthews of Saint Joseph is the assistant director.

Local residents can see Witt perform in Singsation at Clintonwood Park during the July Fourth festivities.

Other nearby performances are planned for Aug. 1 and 3 at Springfield Oaks County Park and Aug. 2 at Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park.

Witt, who will be a senior at Clarkston High School in the fall, sings three solos as part of the Broadway extravaganza. These are "Another Suitcase, Another Hall" from *Evita*, "Hello Young Lovers" from *The King and I* and "Memory" from *Cats*.

"Our shows last an hour," Witt said. "In addition to performing, we set up the lights, sound system and sets. I am certainly learning about different aspects of theater."

The group expects to perform Singsation at least 65 times this summer. They sing and dance for groups of all ages, from the very young to senior centers.

"Just this past week we were singing at a senior center in Farmington Hills. An older woman in the front row started singing along with me. I just loved it," Witt added.

The group is for hire to present Singsation at different events and locations. The fee is \$150 for a performance in Oak-



'Singsational!' Bethann Still (left to right), Jerod Facknitz and Lindsey Witt perform the Broadway medley show, 'Singsation.'

Local residents can see Witt perform in Singsation at Clintonwood Park during the July Fourth festivities. Other nearby performances are planned for Aug. 1 and 3 at Springfield Oaks County Park and Aug. 2 at Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park.

land County; \$200 outside the county. The troupe is available Tuesday-Sunday through August.

To book Singsation, call Oakland County Parks at (248) 858-1684.

Witt is looking forward to performing with Facknitz and Still throughout the summer.

"We expect to perform right up to the time school starts," she said. "I don't expect to do much else this summer."

The troupe started rehearsing several hours a day, three times a week in April and began performing last week.

Witt has been singing all her

life. "I can't remember a time when I wasn't singing," she said.

She performs with the madrigal choir at CHS and in school musicals. She traveled in other countries singing with a children's choir when she lived in Indianapolis. Her parents, William and Carolee Witt, moved the family to this area two years ago.

Witt studies voice with Barbara Bland and has training in jazz and ballet.

"I'm not sure what my major will be in college, but I know I will always be singing somewhere," Witt said.



Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Independence Township

Failure to return vehicle

On June 21, a 54-year-old Independence Township man reported his 2000 Cadillac Eldorado was taken by a 27-year-old Waterford man on June 16 and not returned. The car was found parked at a nightclub in Hamtramck, where the younger man works.

Malicious destruction of property

On June 20, someone broke five glass windows valued at \$500 at a home under construction in the 7300 block of Village Park Drive.

Breaking and entering

On June 20, someone removed five bags of dry wall glue and five bags of joint compound from a home under construction on Golf Point.

Larceny

On June 20, a 57-year-old Independence Township man reported the outdrive from his boat was removed while the boat was in storage. The outdrive is valued at \$6,000.

Operating under the influence of liquor-second offense

On June 18, a 39-year-old Waterford Township man struck a pick-up truck from behind while the truck was stopped on White Lake Road at a railroad

barrrier that was down. The truck was driven by a 39-year-old Clarkston man. Police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the Waterford man when they investigated the accident. The Waterford man registered 0.175 on a preliminary breathalyzer test.

Springfield Township

Larceny

On June 21, someone reported power tools were taken from the back of a truck in the 17000 block of Diane.

On June 21, someone reported tool boxes were removed from a shed in the 17000 block of Louise Drive. The tool boxes were later recovered.

On June 20, someone reported a purse was taken from a vehicle parked in the 17000 block of Detroit.

Breaking and entering

On June 21, someone reported a subject broke into an apartment building under renovation in the 9000 block of Dixie Highway. The owners are in process of inventorying what was removed.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 25 calls June 19-21. These included 19 medical calls, three automatic alarm calls, one investigation, one complaint and one grass fire call.

ACHIEVERS

The following four students were named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the spring 2000 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Lynda G. Gronlund is a junior majoring in music. She is the daughter of Roderick D. and Cindy K. Gronlund of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Adrienne M. Trager is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Aaron Z. and Victoria D. Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Neil A. Meyer is a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of Richard A. and Elizabeth

Meyer of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Paul J. Talbot is a junior majoring in music and philosophy and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service with a concentration in pre-law studies. He is the son of Stephen P. and Elizabeth G. Talbot of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

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"My family couldn't believe it. I've always been a dog person," she said. She and Walzak each have two cats and two dogs.

The caretakers get their orphaned or abandoned animals from several sources. These include people who find them and from Oakland County Animal Control, Michigan Humane Society and other places.

Berg feels fortunate she's always found homes for her foster kitties.

Walzak has been rehabilitating mammals for about 13 years. Her work with them requires a different touch than Berg's. Berg can cuddle and love the kittens as much as she wants. Walzak tries hard not to socialize with the animals she cares for. She tries to keep the animals wild so they can live independently when they're old enough.

"I do what's called a hard release," she explained. Once the mammals reach a certain age, they are moved from her den-turned-animal room to an outside cage.

"They need to get used to tem-

perature changes and the sounds of the outside before I can release them," she explained.

She gives them one last feeding, opens the door and out they go. The only mammals she feeds after their release are squirrels.

"By the time I get done with the other animals, they are still wild. I've never had an animal other than a squirrel come back to me and that's just what I want," she said.

Sue Neal, wildlife specialist with the Michigan Humane Society, said Walzak does a wonderful job rehabilitating wild life.

"The humane society gets thousands of injured and orphaned animals each year. Without dedicated volunteers like Judy, we couldn't help these animals," she said.

The society has only a handful of rehabilitators.

"Judy is dedicated to the humane care of animals and to not letting them bond with her. That's very important. It's not as easy as it sounds. It's rewarding work, but it takes a lot of time, effort and money," Neal added.

Rosanne Plasky, Michigan Humane Society director of volunteer services, said without volunteers like Berg, these very young kittens and puppies wouldn't survive.

"Within the last two years, the hours put in by volunteers taking care of young animals has increased by 72 percent," she said. "People like Martha do a real service for us and for those animals," she said. "We are always looking for more foster homes."

Berg and Walzak urge people who don't want very young kittens or those who find infant mammals not to drop them off by the side of a road.

Contact either Berg or Walzak instead. They can be reached at the animal center at (248) 625-5580.

Walzak also can be reached at home. Her number is (248) 673-2556.

ties and second homes in a school district. It doesn't affect residential property.

The non-homestead levy has been dropping in Clarkston, causing the district to collect \$400,000 less over the past two years than it would get if it could assess the full 18 mills.

The school district wasn't expecting to have to levy the entire 3 mills until the 2002-03 school year.

That's not what's happening.

The sale of two large parcels of non-homestead property in Independence Township raised the non-homestead property tax roll so high that the Headlee Amendment roll back took effect. It rolled the non-homestead millage rate for the school district back to 14.6772 mills. The recently-approved 3 mills will increase this millage to only 17.6772 mills instead of the expected 18 mills.

Craig Kahler, the district's business services director, said he wasn't aware of the sale of the properties prior to asking the school board to approve the 3 mills to restore the non-ho-

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stead millage to 18 mills.

The properties that changed hands from owner to builder are the Parks at Stonewood LLC at White Lake and Dixie Highway and the Oakhurst development off Clintonville Road south of Eston Road.

David Kramer, Independence Township assessor, explained what happens when non-ho-

stead property is sold.

When property is sold from the developer to builders, it's still considered non-homestead prop-

erty and taxed that way, but the taxable value cap is lifted.

That means, he explained, that the new taxable value becomes the new assessed value, which at current rates is going to be higher. But under 1994's Propo-

posal A, the taxable value can't rise faster than inflation.

For example, a parcel in the proposed residential community Parks at Stonewood had a tax-

able value in 1999 of \$2,500,

Kramer said. It was sold by

developer David Johnson in

October 1999. So now in 2000,

the taxable value is \$42,400.

The reason is because since Johnson originally bought the property not only has the value gone up, but improvements like roads, water and sewer were installed, increasing its value.

That property won't be taken off the non-homestead tax roll until someone occupies the home and files an affidavit claiming it as a homestead.

Even then, the school district won't see any benefits from new residences in the community.

"Not unless there are children in the homes attending our schools," said Kahler. "Then we can get money for our general fund from the state's per-pupil foundation allowance."

Kahler said he thinks the com-

munity may not understand that if a school district can't levy the full 18 mills from non-homestead

property due to the Headlee Amend-

ment, the state doesn't make up the difference to the district.

"They won't give us the

\$100,000 we're not going to be able to collect for the next school

year," he said.

And when families occupy the residences expected in Parks at Stonewood and Oakhurst, the state gets the full 6 mills levied on homestead property for its coffers.

"The only way we get any money from that fund is from the per-pupil foundation allowance," he said.

The district's foundation allowance for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, is

\$6,442.

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Dolza property whether or not the civic center was going to be built.

"We didn't throw that money away although to some buying a swamp might seem like it," Walls said.

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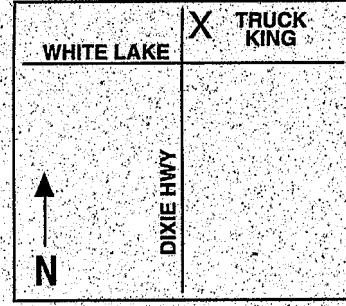
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Lawmakers say record increase in school funding isn't enough

BY MIKE MALOTT
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It was billed as "the largest single increase in school funding in the history of this state" by House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger (R-Lake Odessa).

But since the state government is enjoying record surpluses these days, other lawmakers complained the Legislature should be allocating even more toward education.

Senators and Representatives wrapped up work this week on a budget that sets K-12 school aid spending figures through fiscal year 2002-03. They had already set the budgets for the current year, 1999-2000, and next year, 2000-01.

But as they carried their financial plan forward two more years through adoption of Senate Bill 1044, they added supplemental appropriations for school districts boosting current and next year spending.

The budget bill added \$90 million in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, already under way. It hiked per pupil "foundation grants" by \$4,000-5,700. Foundation grants for next year, 2000-01, were hiked \$134 per pupil to \$6,000.

Setting fresh budgets for the next two years, lawmakers continued the pattern, hiking foundation grants to \$6,500 for 2001-02 and to \$6,700 for 2002-03.

Along with the \$90 million in the first year, the bill added \$366 million for next year. Then for 2001-02, the total allocation comes to \$11.6 billion. In 2002-03, the figure comes to \$11.9 billion.

The budget includes \$600 million of entirely new programs, including:

■ \$135 million for early intervention programs for children ages 0 to 5, a new grant program

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Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith
(D-South Lyon)

through which districts will try to send "home visitors" to the house of every new parent in the state.

■ \$126 million for summer school programs for children in grades 1 to 4 with low test scores.

■ \$110 million for teacher technology, including computers and Internet access.

■ \$102 million for school infrastructure.

■ \$60 million for teacher and school counselor training.

■ \$32 million for Golden Apple Awards to reward high performing elementary schools.

■ \$18 million to expand the Michigan Virtual High School.

■ \$17 million for a new education performance database.

■ \$10 million to support families seeking to gain employment.

■ \$15 million for districts "whose governance has been restructured in state statute."

Gov. John Engler praised the bill, saying it "increased funding for schools to the highest levels ever."

Although the difference in funding between Michigan's richest and poorest districts is currently about 2 to 1, it used to be 3 to 1, as recently as 1993 before the passage of Proposal A.

But not everyone was enthused with the bill.

"I think that what we have to do is recognize that the second

and third years of this budget really are fictional budgets," Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-South Lyon) said. "Everybody knows that we'll come back a year from now and pass a supplemental that will add additional dollars."

Reps. Patricia Lockwood (D-Fenton), David Woodward (D-Madison Heights), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) and Ruth Ann Jamnick (D-Ypsilanti) filed a protest over the bill, stating that: "With the current budget surplus, Michigan could finally meet its obligations for funding special education. Unfortunately, this budget does not address that funding. Instead, the Governor's proposal shifts funding around without adding the needed additional dollars. Finally, lowering class size is a proven method of improving student achievement. This budget provides a pittance

for smaller class sizes."

Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) opposed the bill saying it gave an additional \$15 million to Detroit schools and transferred \$250 million from school aid to the general fund.

In the House, representatives approved the bill in a 68-40 vote. Here's how area lawmakers voted:

Yes — Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield) and Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield).

No — Reps. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) and David Woodward (D-Madison Heights).

Senators voted 29-8 for approval of the school aid budget. Area votes:

Yes — Sens. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township), voted yes.

No — Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-South Lyon).

Patterson, wife of 25 years reportedly ready to divorce

BY PAT MURPHY
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Friends and associates of Kathleen A. Patterson and her husband, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, are quietly hoping the couple can reconcile any differences and preserve their marriage of almost 25 years.

"We love them both," one friend, who has known the couple for decades, said privately. "We want the best for both of them."

But there has been an unspecified breakdown of the marriage relationship, according to a divorce action Kathleen Patterson filed with the Oakland Circuit Court June 14, "... and there remains no reasonable likelihood the marriage can be preserved."

The suit was filed one month before the couple was to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

L. Brooks Patterson was county prosecutor when he married Kathleen Ann Coleman on July 14, 1975, in

Troy. Each had been married previously.

Over the years, the couple accumulated both real and personal property, according to the three-page suit. Their lake-front home in Waterford is valued in excess of \$500,000.

There are no minor children in the marriage.

The suit, assigned to Judge John J. McDonald, ask that the marriage be dissolved, the property be divided equitably and temporarily and permanent alimony be granted.

James R. Hand, the Birmingham attorney representing Kathleen Patterson, was unavailable this week and did not return phone calls.

A spokesman for the executive said he would have no comment.

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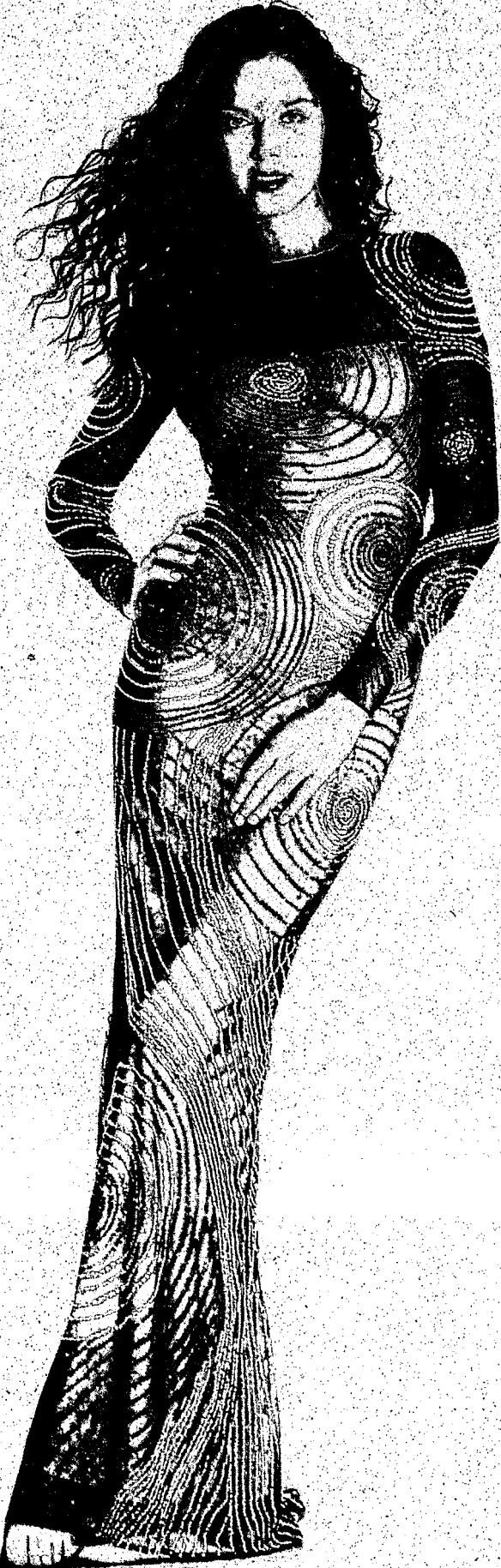
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Sunday, June 25, 2000

Fresh finds for summer wardrobes

THE REAL DEAL
**CARI WALDMAN**

School children are on vacation. Invitations to garden weddings and back yard barbecues hang on the side of our refrigerators. Dairy Queen has extended its hours.

Face it — these are all good things. But with the many new schedules, one of

the first things that often requires a wake up call is our wardrobes. It used to be that summer dressing started with pressed white linen suits, madras, Bermuda shorts, opaque pantyhose and massive floral pattern dresses.

Well, fast-forward and change the program. Pull your panty hose to the back of the drawer and ditch the iron. Bare legs are in and there is an overall easy-going mood that focuses on variety. The newest looks for summer include sheer fabrics, laser-cut tops, below-the-knee and extra-long skirts, as well as easy-to-wear stretch cottons.

Across the board, literally from the boardroom to the beach, the most hip looks for summer are ultra feminine and relaxed. Fashion right now is easy to wear. That's something we can't say about every season. So indulge a little in the latest crop of vivid summer clothes and accessories. And feel as bright and sunny as the days themselves.

The season's strongest buys to mix and match for three months of wear:

— A silk shantung two-piece suit with cropped pants in an unusual color.

— A beaded tank or tee.

— Seventies style gold rim sunglasses or big plastic shades.

— Strappy shoes made of a colored python or adorned with fun bohemian beads or flowers.

— A classic gold mule or silver sandal for under-stated evenings out.

— A bathing suit and cover up you feel confident in that can take you to lunch when paired with shorts.

— A small-elongated clutch or short handled mini-tote in bold color or pattern like a Pucci print, snake skin or pony skin.

— Long skirt or bias cut shorter skirt in an airy fabric with a paisley border, garden flower motif, handkerchief print or beading at the hem.

— A sheath dress in a color that can be worn for day or night, with any of your new accessories.

— A solid sleeve cardigan and Lycra tee to take any of your trendy bottoms to work.

Feel Great Tip

With so many open-toe shoes, the pedicure every six weeks is more than just a luxury this season. It's a necessity.

Cari Waldman of West Bloomfield is a free lance writer and stylist. Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com.



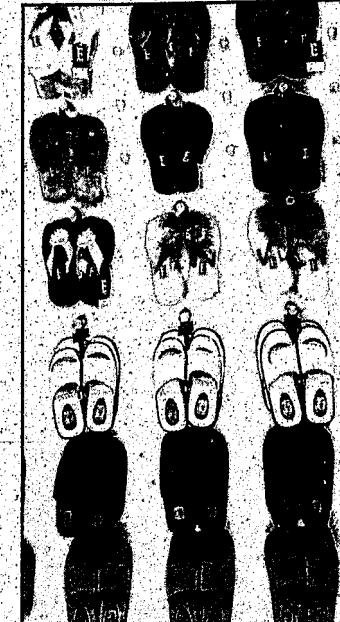
Lighten Your Load: The shape of the season is the mini tote. Pick a bold color, or a pony skin pattern like these from JC Penney.

At Mervyn's: Hillard & Hanson long floral skirt with side slit and cardigan.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JAN MICHAEL STUMP

Beach bound: Becky Schuck (left) and Julie Dahl, both 17, shop for swim wear at Everything But Water in Twelve Oaks Mall.



Best foot forward: Find the perfect beach sandal at Everything But Water, a new swimwear and accessories store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Dive into summer

Make a splash at the beach with new swimwear

BY LENA KHOUZ AND SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITERS

Ann McKay of Grand Blanc searched both fitting suit racks last week, hoping to solve a perennial summer dilemma shared by many women: What to wear to the beach?

McKay, 38, wanted to flatter her figure. She didn't mind paying a little extra or driving a few extra miles for quality. But she also needed something that could double as a wedding rehearsal suit for a beach party bridal dinner in Hawaii.

"If you buy a cheap suit, you can tell. The elastic wears out. It just doesn't hold up."

McKay's search — and advice from friends — took her to Everything But Water, a new year-round women's swimwear shop at Twelve Oaks Mall, where she found two suits and a sarong. Sarongs are beach necessity as far as McKay is concerned.

"You like something that fits and is comfortable and has a matching sarong," McKay said. "We women need that today, not everybody, but if you're

my age, you don't go strutting around without a sarong."

Or in an ill-fitting suit.

"You want a suit that flatters your figure type," said store manager Rebeca Jititanu. "You always want the suit to be fitted. You don't want it to be too big because it will stretch a quarter inch with wear."

"Everyone is different in their body shape. It's one of those things that you really have to be in the store and have us assist you to find out."

The store sells a wide variety of swimsuits and matching accessories, including separate tops and bottoms. Separates cost \$39.

"Most women don't have a perfect body. You might be larger on top or smaller on the bottom," Jititanu explained. "A store like this is important in this area because finding a swimsuit is so hard. It's just nice to have a store that caters to so many different body types."

Everything But Water sells more than 40 different brands of swimwear, including Calvin Klein, Polo Sport, Anne Cole, Sauvage, Gottex and Delta

Burke. Prices range from \$70 for a Cristina suit to \$246 for Sunflair.

The store, part of a Florida-based chain, carries swimwear in sizes XXS to 26 in styles that include maternity, mastectomy and long torso. It has a "no-hassle" return policy and stocks disposable undergarments in the fitting rooms.

"Our belief is that swimwear is just an extension of a woman's wardrobe, so it is very important that we are in Michigan to help women incorporate swimsuits into their wardrobe," said Jenny Dunlap, marketing manager.

Although the Michigan store carries only women's clothing, employees try to help men, too. If a shopper sees a suit in a magazine, for example, the store can order the item.

"We definitely are more fashion focused than sports inspired," Jititanu added.

She said bathing suits in bright colors, such as orange and turquoise, and with a "skimpier cut" are popular at her store.

Jititanu expects business will slow in winter, but isn't worried about main-

taining a market.

"There's always the need," she said. "A lot of people in cold weather states tend to go on vacation to a warm spot. We have a web site and we got a lot of orders from this area."

The company also runs stores in Ohio and Minnesota.



Popular styles: Look for suits by Girlstar, (upper left), and La Blanca, right, Beach Club sandals and sunglasses by Blue Gem.

Treat summer guests to shopping discounts

If you want to make your out-of-town guests feel like VIPs, take them shopping.

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn all have a program designed to make both out-of-town visitors and their local hosts feel like VIPs.

They're issuing VIP shopping cards to visitors and their hosts for a day.

In fact, all of Bloomfield Hills-based Taubman Centers' shopping malls are

participating in the program. The company manages shopping centers throughout the country.

The VIP card entitles shoppers to special discounts and will be issued to visitors who have traveled more than 50 miles to a given center, as well as their hosts.

Shoppers only need stop by the mall information desk and show a driver's license or picture identification with home address.

Twelve Oaks' shopping card, for

example, entitles holders to discounts at 25 different stores.

Although shopping has always been a popular activity among travelers, especially those visiting friends and family, Taubman's research shows a large percentage of their patrons are from out-of-town, said Karen MacDonald, the company's director of communications.

That's why "we thought it made sense to target that niche market with the program," which serves as an

incentive for local residents to shop at their malls and a vehicle for exposing visitors to them.

Since the launch of the program, Twelve Oaks has had visitors from more than 40 states and 20 countries.

For more information about the shopping incentive program for hosts and their guests, call Twelve Oaks at (248) 348-9411, Great Lakes Crossing at (248) 454-5010 and Fairlane Town Center at (313) 593-1370.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

sponsor the event, *Under the Stars Gala XXI*. Tickets are \$400. Call (313) 614-3393 to order. Duke will visit the Troy store from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

ANNUAL TRADITION

Hudson's-sponsored fireworks light up the Detroit-Windsor skyline at 10:06 p.m. WDIV-TV broadcasts the event beginning at 9 p.m. WPRI-FM simulcasts the action.

ON TELEVISION

Skip that weekly salon visit and be a part of the audience at Channel 50's taping of *Straight Talk*, hosted by Amyre Makupson. Taping starts at 4:30 p.m. The show is all about cosmetic surgery and will air on July 2. Call (248) 355-7089 for reserva-

tions.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

FALL FASHION

View the St. John Fall 2000 Collection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the designer salon at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. (734) 591-7696. The show continues on Friday, June 30 at Jacobson's downtown Birmingham store. (248) 644-6900.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

GIVE BLOOD

Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road, Novi, sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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COSMETICS CLINIC

Sign up for the Yves Saint Laurent clinic at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Troy. Call the store at (248) 643-3300 ext. 2108 for an appointment.

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) 901-2566 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND

The following stores can repair cane chairs: Guaranteed Furniture Services, Inc., 3380 West Eleven Mile in Berkley, (248) 545-1130; Furniture Medic (248) 684-5341, or (248) 889-9877; Furniture Refinishing Old World Refinishing Ltd., 32726 West Eight mile in Farmington (248) 471-1017; Plymouth Reed & Cane Supplies 1200 West Ann Arbor road in Plymouth, (313) 455-2150.

Several readers have the recipe for Sander's caramel icing.

Faces by Lisa Marie, 19159 Merriman, Livonia, (734) 765-3777 can do eyelash tinting or permanent make-up.

The child's tea set can be purchased through the Signature catalog (800) 669-9999.

A reader has the Star Trek Christmas ornament 1991 edition to sell for \$50.

Several readers said they could sew an umbrella table-

cloth.

Pampered Chef has a flan pan that has recipes similar to the Duncan Hines Tiara cakes.

A stuffed Shar-pei dog can be purchased at Toy Wonders & White Rabbit Toys in Novi.

Hammel Music in Livonia and Keyboard Services Inc. on Eight Mile in Southfield repair organs.

Bend Over slacks can be purchased at Kline's on Six Mile and Newburgh and through the Blair catalog in Warren, PA. (800) 458-2000.

Counter Part slacks can be purchased at area T.J. Maxx stores.

Valu-Center on Six Mile and Inkster carries frozen Sanders caramel cakes.

Plymouth Beading in Plymouth and Saputo Craft Shop in Walled Lake, (248) 624-9528, sells small pearl beads.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

A reader will donate a queen-size waterbed, including a headboard with bookcase and storage drawers.

A reader wonders what store at Livonia Mall sells personalized coffee mugs.

A reader has a repair and tune-up guide for the 1974-76 models of Ford Mustang.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A Super 8 movie projector for Pat.

An Elna sewing machine instruction book for Carrie.

A store that sells the two-gallon Ziploc or Hefty bag for Geri of Rochester.

A replacement cord for an electric coffee pot for Joslyn of Livonia.

A store that sells the Merrillat Kitchen 1985 wall cabinets in medium oak for Ann of Rochester Hills.

A store that sells Mother of Vinegar to make wine out of the vinegar for Sandra of Waterford.

The six-inch Pillsbury "cookie girl" (6 inches) from 1972 or any other Pillsbury collectibles for Neil.

A Kodak projector lamp ENZ-50, 30 volt, SEA30 for Margaret of Clarkston.

The record album, *Why not be*, by Fred Nollock for Candy in Lake Orion.

A store that sells white, 100% cotton white crew socks for men for John.

A June 1955 Pershing High School yearbook for Margie of Westland.

A used horse-buggy or carriage with one or two seats to use as a lawn ornament for Ernest.

A store that sells Sally Hanson instant fix nail repair kit.

A store that sells the film disk for a Kodak 3000 camera for Edith.

A store that sells the Swiss Miss Mix packet for Pat.

Yoder's mashed potatoes for Pat. Farmer Jack's used to sell them.

A reader wants any home movies from the 1955-1960 University of Detroit basketball games for April of Clarkston.

A store that sells the frozen Yoplait yogurt bar.

A store that sells men's Supp-Hose hosiery for Mrs. H. of Lake Orion. Jacobson's use to

carry them.

Any Betty Boop collectibles for Lois who resides in Highland.

A store that would be able to remove wall paint from an oil painting for Mary.

A 1998 Thurstan High School yearbook.

A 30-inch Rubbermaid stove divider.

A 48-inch vinyl green tablecloth for Florence.

Someone to appraise a bottle collection and someone to purchase the bottles.

A store that sells a T-shirt that's half blue (for University of Michigan) and half green (for Michigan State University) for Elaine.

The videocassette of the Rocky IV movie for Daisy.

A company that can clean a suede sofa.

A store that sells 8mm camcorder tapes for a video player for Kathy of Rochester.

The children's musical tape, *Songs for a Rainy Day*, with the song Fuzzy Wuzzy sung by Rosemary Clooney for Denise.

A store that sells notched burner rims for an electric stove for Judy who resides in Garden City.

The children's book, *Where's Wallace* by Hillary Knight in hardcover or paperback for Dawn.

A store that sells Olympia Spa deodorant or health care products in the Forest Moss fragrance for Joe.

A store that sells replacement doors and drawers for Merillat kitchen cabinets pattern, Homestead, in Oak #1 for Pat of Rochester.

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Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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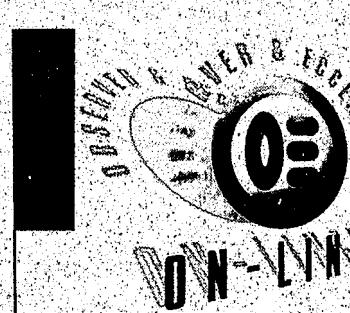


Go patriotic: Celebrate Independence Day in style with Maximal Art's Americana Collection. The pieces, collage with antiqued gold plate over pewter, range from \$10 for a ribbon pin to \$95 for the collector's limited edition bracelet. You can find Maximal Art products at Lori Karbal, Magnolias and Savoir Faire, all in Birmingham, as well as Paige Stanton Handmade in Franklin.

Need ideas for weekend fun? Find them in the Eccentric's entertainment section on Thursdays.

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Chateau St. Jean hits 25 year peak

Time flies! Twenty-five years ago, we were in Sonoma Valley looking at the birth of Chateau St. Jean (CSJ). The old house at the edge of Highway 12 is long gone, and the winery has been expanded several times. The original building on the site was saved when the winery was constructed. With its pillars and vaulted ceiling, it became the focus for the CSJ label.

Since its founding, only three wine makers have made CSJ wines. Richard "Dick" Arrowood put CSJ on the map beginning in 1974, with the first California vineyard-designated wines. Especially noteworthy and still being produced are the chardonnays from Robert Young and Belle Terre Vineyards.

Don Van Staaveren was hired in

1990 to succeed

Arrowood when he left to start Arrowood Winery.

Van Staaveren's goal was to bring the fame of CSJ's red wines up to the notoriety of the winery's white wines. His success can be marked by the fact

No. 1 wine of 1999 in the Wine Spectator's annual review of the world's 100 best wines.

In 1997, Steve Reeder replaced Van Staaveren as winemaker.

His personal challenge is pinot noir, the newest wine in the CSJ stable.

We first met

Reeder at

Penn Shore Winery in Pennsylvania in the 1980s when he was fresh out of enology school and honing his skills.

Winemaking challenge

Recently, we spoke with Reeder about his winemaking challenge. "I prefer a fruit-forward style of wine that reflects the vineyard source," he explained as we tasted the 1998 CSJ La Petite Etoile Fume Blanc \$14. "Unlike many wines made of sauvignon blanc, this is 100-percent barrel fermented in 50 percent new, medium-toast barrels." A fresh and rich citrus quality leads to melon and nectarine notes (without grassiness) ending with a creamy finish.

When most single-vineyard chardonnays cost \$30-40, the 1997 CSJ Robert Young Vineyard at \$24 is a bargain. A favorite of ours year after year, it shows apple and pear aromas with hints of nutmeg, a bit of barrel toast, and a vanilla finish.

"This wine is all about mouthfeel,"

Reeder said. "Fruit is there, but it is the seamless character that grabs me."

The 1998 CSJ Sonoma County Chardonnay \$13 is an absolute steal.

With medium-body, styled to accompany food, it has a smooth creamy finish.

A great value, since 45 percent is fruit from Robert Young Vineyard.

The newest vineyard-designated chardonnay is the 1998 CSJ Durell Vineyard \$24. Durell is in cool Carneros at the southern end of Napa and Sonoma counties. "The cool climate helps me capture the aromatics and fresh fruit flavors that are the signature of Carneros chardonnay."

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Cool slips: Cold Brew Cape Cod Cooler (top) is a flavorful blend of iced tea and cranberry juice cocktail. Cold Brew Lemonade Iced Tea blends two summer sippers — lemonade and iced tea.

Chill out with tea drinks

COLD BREW CAPE COD COOLER

- 3 cups cool water
- 4 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Glass-Size Tea Bags
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup chilled cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

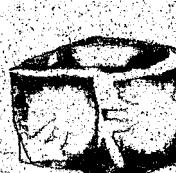
Pour water over tea bags and brew 5 minutes, dunking tea bags occasionally. Remove tea bags and stir in sugar. In large pitcher, combine tea with remaining ingredients. Serve with ice. Yield 4 (8-oz.) servings.

COLD BREW LEMONADE ICED TEA

- 4 cups cool water
- 2 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Pitcher-Size tea bags or 6 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Glass-Size tea bags
- 1 can (6-oz.) frozen lemonade concentrate, partially thawed and undiluted

In 2-quart pitcher, pour water over tea bags; brew 5 minutes, dunking tea bags occasionally. Remove tea bags. Stir in lemonade concentrate until blended. Pour into ice-filled glasses and garnish, if desired, with mint. Yield 4 (8-oz.) servings.

Recipes tested in *The Lipton Kitchen*



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To make iced tea with boiling water, and refrigerate it while hot, the tea will become cloudy. To clear, stir in a little boiling water. The "Quick Chill Method" is to brew as directed above using only 2 cups boiling water. Remove tea bags and add 2 cups cold water. See recipes inside.

Cookbook is Kibbee 'n' Spice and Everything Nice

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Janet Kalush of Haslett wrote Jamie Farr, one-time star of the TV series *M.A.S.H.*, and sent him a sample copy of her soon-to-be published cookbook.

Kalush hoped Farr would examine or sample a recipe or two, then comment favorably about them. Farr, like Kalush, has a Lebanese background.

Instead Kalush got a pleasant surprise.

"He called me, and offered to write the foreword for the cookbook," Kalush said.

Kalush's *Kibbee 'n' Spice and Everything Nice* offers recipes for fans of Lebanese cuisine that are quick, easy and understandable, which impressed Farr.

"Janet Kalush and I have never met personally but we are kindred spirits," Farr wrote. We are both of Lebanese heritage and are both lovers of American food.

"While examining the recipes of *Kibbee 'n' Spice and Everything Nice*, my ample Semitic nose went on a journey of wonderful aromas and tastes from my childhood."

From Arabic cheese to yogurt, it's all

there. Kalush wanted to fill what she calls a "big gap" of a need for Arabic cookbooks.

"The ones that are out there are quite detailed and some are dated," Kalush said. "Sometimes they are hard to follow, so I tried to create a book that was easy and offered step-by-step instructions."

"I wanted to write a book that was easily read, and easily used."

As you might expect, mint is prevalent in the recipes, which Kalush said should always be fresh. Gardeners can grow this stuff easily, as it tends to take a life of its own in a garden.

"Tabouleh (Suff-soof) calls for fine bulgur wheat, fresh parsley and mint, green onions and tomatoes, flavored with lemon juice, salad oil and salt and pepper."

While kibbee, the national dish of Lebanon, is traditionally served raw and is constituted of finely ground lamb, the book also shows how to create a cooked version.

Shish kabob, also seasoned with mint leaves, lemon juice and red wine, and stuffed squash also are featured.

But it isn't all meat. There's plenty here for the vegetarians, too.

Cracked wheat (bulgur) and chick-

peas are highlighted. There's spinach pie triangles, yogurt cheese pie triangles, lentils and bulgur, lentils and rice, pickled turnips and cucumber and tomato salad.

"I don't think people realized how healthy this food was," Kalush said. "It just took a while for the public to catch onto Lebanese food. It's so healthy."

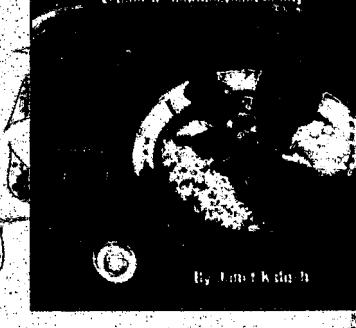
"There's a lot of beans, a lot of lentils and they use a lot of yogurt." Kalush adds that many of these salads are wonderful at this time of year.

The cookbook lists for \$18.95 and is published by the J. Lorraine Co. It can be purchased or ordered at bookstores throughout the metro Detroit area or online at www.ethnic-cookbook.com.

See recipes inside.

Kibbee 'n' Spice and Everything Nice

Popular and easy, from Jamie Farr's kitchen and pen



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Strawberries have long, delicious history

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Now that the strawberry season has just about ended and many stomachs have been filled with this delicious fruit, let's look at the coincidences that led to the origin of the common garden strawberry almost three centuries ago.

This strawberry traces its lineage to two American species: The Virginia strawberry and the Chilean strawberry. The first is native to the east coast of North America. The second is native to the west coast of North and South America. The expanse of the American continent was too large ever to allow these two species to "marry" under natural conditions. So how and where did these two species come together?

It happened in Europe. The Virginia strawberry was enjoyed by early settlers in the New World and transplanted to gardens in Europe by the 17th century.

Intrigue enters the story of how the Chilean strawberry made its way to Europe. Moving the clock forward to the early 18th century, we find French King Louis XIV needing a spy to observe Spanish fortifications in Concepcion, Chile. For this task, he chose Amedee Francois Frezier, who set sail on an armed merchant marine ship in 1712.

Amedee's posing as a merchant marine enabled him to visit Spanish fortifications as a tourist. Secretly, he kept notes and made sketches of ammunition storage and escape routes. He also wrote about the people, geography and agriculture there.

One plant that caught his fancy was the Chilean strawberry which bore fruits larger than those known in Europe.

Let's take a quick detour back in time to the year 916. As the French King Charles V is passing through Auvers in France, an ancestor of Amedee

Pick your own berries

Would you like to pick some strawberries at an orchard? Here are some farms and orchards to call about u-pick strawberries and other produce:

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- Long Orchard & Farm, on Bogie Lake Road — 1/3 mile north of Wise Road, Commerce Township. U-pick asparagus, strawberries, apples and pumpkins. (248) 360-3774.
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- Wiard's Orchards, Ypsilanti — I-94 to Huron Street, exit 183, then south four miles, follow the signs. U-pick strawberries, apples and pumpkins. (734) 482-7744.

For information on the National Cherry Festival, call 1-800-968-3380 or visit the festival website at 1-800-968-3380.

Enjoy these Lebanese treats

Here are recipes from Janet Kalush's cookbook, *Kibbeh 'n' Spice and Everything Nice*.

See related story on Taste front.

PICKLED TURNIPS (LAW)

10 whole small white turnips

1 15-ounce whole beets

2 tablespoons salt

2 cups water

1 cup white vinegar

1 clove garlic (per jar)

Red hot sauce (optional)

Wash and cut the turnips in quarters. Pack turnips and beets in quart jars, using 2-3 beets per jar. Dissolve 2 tablespoons salt in 2 cups water. Add 1 cup vinegar and pour over the turnips to cover. Add 1 clove garlic to each jar; if you like them hot, add a teaspoon of hot sauce.

Close the jars tightly and store in a cool, dark place. Turn jars upside down occasionally to blend flavors. Turnips will be ready in two weeks.

STUFFED SQUASH (KOOSA)

6 small koosa (zucchini)

1/2 cup rice

3/4 pounds, diced or coarsely ground beef or lamb

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon allspice

2 tablespoons butter

1 28-ounce can stewed tomatoes

1 15-ounce can tomato sauce

Cut off the stem and hollow out the koosa (or zucchini) using a long corer. If you do not have one, you can use the pointed end of a vegetable parer or small spoon to scoop out

seeds and flesh, leaving a shell with walls about 1/4 inch thick. Rinse the koosa with cold water and let drain.

Rinse rice and mix with the meat, salt, pepper, cinnamon, allspice and butter. Stuff the koosa 3/4 full with the meat filling. Do not pack too tightly, so the rice has room to expand.

Place the stuffed squash in a saucepan and pour the tomatoes and tomato sauce over it. Add enough water to cover. Cover with a lid and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and cook for 45 minutes, or until rice is done.

Place the cooked koosa in a serving bowl. Ladle the liquid into a sauce boat and serve on the side. Serves 6.

Nutritional information: Total fat, 17.5 grams; saturated fat, 8.2 grams; cholesterol, 51.7 mg; sodium, 681.7 mg; carbohydrates, 20.2 g; dietary fiber, 2.7, and 12.8 g.

LENTILS AND RICE (IMJADDRAH MA' ROZ)

1 cup lentils

4 cups water

2 large onions

1/4 cup oil

1 cup rice

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Rinse and sort lentils. Put them into a saucepan with the water; cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Sauté diced onions in the oil until dark golden brown. Remove from heat, add 3-4 tablespoons water and mash with a fork. Pour onion mixture into lentils along with rinsed rice, salt and pepper. Continue to cook over low heat until rice and lentils are done and water has evaporated, approximately 15 minutes longer. Serves 6.

Nutritional information: Total fat, 9.6 grams; saturated fat, 102 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium, 724 mg; carbohydrates, 45 g; dietary fiber, 10.8 g and protein, 11.6 grams.

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Reeder said.

Don't miss getting a bottle of 1998 CSJ Pinot Noir \$16, produced from grapes grown in Carneros and the Russian River Valley, two of the best areas for this varietal. The aromas of roses, cherries and plums combine with heady barrel spice and cranberry flavors. Reeder is off to a good start with this winner, but we doubt that the price will stay \$16 for long.

Disappointed by soft, wimpy merlot? It doesn't have to be that way. The 1997 CSJ Merlot \$22 is full, rich, round with cherry, cinnamon and power.

Hype given the 1996 CSJ Cinq Cépages means that it's long gone, but don't be disappointed. The highlights of our tasting were the new Reserve reds: 1995 CSJ Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and 1995 CSJ Reserve Merlot \$70. Each was aged 36 months in French oak barrels and are stunning wines: dense, dark, and delicious.

Legislation

A flawed piece of wine legislation passed on concurrence vote June 20. House Bill 4752, sponsored by Representative Nancy Cassis (R-Novil), started out well-intended, focused on protecting minors from sales of

alcohol via the Internet, but did not end up that way.

It will protect minors, but also the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association (MB&WWA) who want to protect their turf and prohibit you from buying wines, other than those their members represent. Don't try to have a small California winery ship you that special wine. Don't join an out-of-state winery club because it can't ship you wine either. Find a good deal on a special wine from an out-of-state source? Forget having that shipped. It's all illegal. The only way you can get a case of wine, every 24 hours if you want, is to carry it into the state personally.

We know many of our readers contacted legislators protesting passage of the bill. When they are up for re-election, remember they did not listen to you and favored a monied group, who gets protection with its money.

The suit we and some Michigan wine consumers filed in Federal Court is your only hope of a measure of relief from a monied, turf-protecting monopoly.

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Time for tea Chill out with iced versions

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When you're in a hurry for freshly brewed iced tea, try Lipton's Cold Brew Blend tea bags. There's no waiting for the water to boil. Look for Lipton Cold Brew Blend at Kroger and other metro Detroit grocery stores.

Here are some recipes to try.

COLD BREW MINT-TEA JULEP

3 cups cool water
2 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Pitcher-Size tea bags or 6 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Glass-Size tea bags
1 cup orange juice
24 fresh mint leaves
1/2 cup sugar

Pour water over tea bags and brew 5 minutes, dunking tea bags occasionally. Remove tea bags. In blender, process all ingredients at high speed until blended. Strain over ice and garnish, if desired, with mint sprig. Yield 4 (8-oz.) servings.

COLD BREW HAWAIIAN COOLER

3 cups cool water
2 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Pitcher-Size tea bags or 6 Lipton Cold Brew Blend Glass-Size tea bags
1 cup chilled pineapple juice
2 tablespoons sugar

In 1/2 quart pitcher, pour water over tea bags; brew 5 minutes, dunking tea bags occasionally. Remove tea bags. Stir in pineapple juice and sugar. Pour into ice-filled glasses and garnish, if desired, with pineapple slices. Yield 4 (8-oz.) servings.

Recipes from The Lipton Kitchens

Rosemary, spice of the year, accents fava beans

The year 2000 is the year of rosemary.

This favorite herb, used in cooking, medicine and cosmetics for thousands of years, was named the "Herb of the Year" for 2000 by The International Herb Association. It was chosen for its broad spectrum of uses, many of which are related to health and well-being.

Rosemary is believed to have cancer-fighting capabilities, and may also protect against Alzheimer's disease and heart disease. Its strong antioxidant properties may contribute to rosemary's health-enhancing potential.

Native to the Mediterranean region, rosemary was once worn in garlands around the heads of Greek students who believed the herb would improve their memory. It has long been known, therefore, as the remembrance herb.

Rosemary offers anti-bacterial properties as well, and people in medieval dwellings used rosemary-scented water for hand washing. The herb was burned in sick rooms to purify the air, and was used to slow food spoilage in the days before refrigeration.

When cooking with rosemary, you can use the leaves whole or ground, fresh or dried.

Rosemary's warm, pungent, pine-like flavor complements a variety of foods, especially lamb, chicken, potato, eggplant, bean, zucchini and tomato dishes.

Crush or mince fresh or dried rosemary leaves before adding them to soups or stews.

Try making rosemary bread, a traditional Italian favorite. Add rosemary to marinades with garlic for grilling eggplant and mushrooms, or use a sprig of rosemary to impart flavor to grilled fish. Since the flavor of this herb is very strong, be sure to use it sparingly.

Rosemary is a key ingredient in numerous herb and spice mixtures. Try a combination of ground rosemary, mustard seeds, cumin seeds, fennel seeds, black peppercorns, cloves and thyme as a rub for poultry or fish. Or, prepare a mixture of ground dried rosemary, thyme, oregano, basil, sage and fennel seed with ground dried orange and lemon zest. This can be sprinkled on steamed vegetables, fruit salads, lentils and other grain and bean dishes.

GARLICKY FAVA BEANS

1 jar (10 oz.) fava beans, drained and rinsed*
1/2 cup fat-free Italian dressing
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, chopped
1 teaspoon fresh oregano, chopped
2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1/4 cup fresh savory, chervil or parsley, chopped

In a large bowl, combine beans, dressing,



Garlicky Fava Beans

garlic, onion, rosemary, oregano and tomatoes.

Let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Stir in savory (or chervil or parsley) and serve.

Nutritional information: Each of the six servings contains 124 calories and less than one gram of fat.

*Substitute lima beans for fava beans if you desire.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Citrus 'sangria' is cool and refreshing for summer

If icy homemade lemonade is your idea of a great summer cooler, you know how refreshing juice drinks can be. Why not expand your repertoire with some new ideas for elegant summer fruit drinks that can really quench your thirst on a wilting hot day?

The nutrients found in these beverages are an added plus for good health.

Spices give a unique flavor to a grape julep made by combining sugar, water, cinnamon and cloves in a small saucepan, heating to a slow simmer, and cooking at lowest possible heat to make a syrup. Strain and chill the syrup, then stir with grape juice and serve over ice with a slice of lemon.

Go tropical with a cooler made by pureeing in a blender chopped fresh mint and chilled pineapple juice. Add ice cubes and blend to form a smooth slush. Combine the slush with more pineapple juice and some frozen lemonade concentrate, then serve in tall glasses with mint springs and pineapple chunks on small skewers.

From Mexico comes a watermelon cooler made by spreading one-inch cubes of seeded watermelon on a cooking sheet and freezing. Meanwhile, pour boiling water over mint leaves in a bowl, cover and let steep for 10 minutes. Drain and discard the mint leaves and chill the reserved liquid in the refrigerator. Place the frozen watermelon cubes in a blender with the cool mint liquid and some plain, lowfat yogurt. Blend on highest speed until smooth and serve garnished with skewered watermelon balls or wedges.

You can even find some new ideas for lemonade. Make ginger lemonade by mixing peeled, crushed fresh ginger with sugar and water in a saucepan. Simmer over low heat until the liquid is

syrupy, then cool and discard the ginger. Stir in cold seltzer or sparkling mineral water and fresh lemon juice, refrigerate until well chilled and serve over ice. You can make variations by omitting the ginger and adding strained, pureed raspberries or pineapple juice to the recipe.

For something really different, try buttermilk lemonade. Combine sugar and lemon juice, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Then stir in low fat or nonfat buttermilk and refrigerate until well chilled.

CITRUS "SANGRIA"

1 lime	15
1 lemon	15
1 orange	15
4 cups white grape juice	15
1 bottle (28 oz.) carbonated water	15
Crushed ice cubes	15

Cut lime, lemon and orange in half. Squeeze juice from one half of each; cut remaining halves into thin slices.

In large pitcher, combine grape juice, soda water, lime, lemon and orange slice and juice. Fill wine glasses one-quarter full with crushed ice. Pour in sangria and a slice of citrus.

Nutritional information: Each 1-cup serving contains 79 calories and 0 grams of fat. (Makes 8 cups.)

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our June 25th insert, we advertised the PC game "Icewind Dale." The game is now tentatively scheduled for release on Friday, June 30th. We are offering rainchecks for the game until it is released.

We apologize for this inconvenience.



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An Orange A Day Keeps The Doctor Away

Scientists in Denmark have discovered a common substance in apples and citrus fruit which enhances the immune system. The substance is known as pectin, and it works like a natural biochemical signal, activating the life processes of white blood cells.

Research done at New Nordic's laboratories in Denmark and results from other international laboratories such as the Max Planck Gesellschaft in Germany and the Kitsasato Institute in Japan, demonstrates how a particular form of pectin, called

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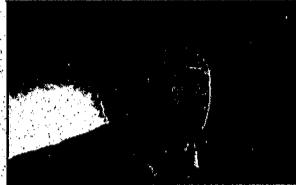
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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Listening for answers while turning the radio dial

That sound from the radio isn't just the homogenized melodies of oldies formats gone awry.

It's the blathering noise of economics.

Of course, you'd have to be naive to think that radio is about perpetuating music as a living, breathing art form.

Like other mediums, radio is a business first and foremost. That's understood, OK.

So, for a few moments, please excuse the moaning.

Dizzying familiarity

A metro area of thousands of car-bound commuters should be a radio programmer's dream.

Yet the limited range of listening options on the radio is distressing.

There are oldies. Oldies from the 1960s. Classic rock oldies. Classics from the '70s, '80s and '90s. Contemporary classics that are oldies.

If everything is an oldie, then how can any new music ever be made?

How many times can the music of rock's 1960s heyday be relived? Nostalgia is no longer a concept, it's become a way of life.

And why is it so important to play a list of familiar songs, rather than music from recording artists who compose with more than three chords?

In the land of Motown, it isn't too difficult to find at least a dozen local musical artists whose music should find a home somewhere on local radio.

Push a button

Excluding public radio stations like WDET-FM and WEMU-FM, there's little variety.

"Radio is a format-driven concept," said Dick Kernen, vice president of Industry Relations at Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Arts in Southfield, and widely considered as the guru of the dial.

"With radio, you push a button and you get what you want."

What most listeners want is information about traffic delays and weather reports.

But beyond the drippy campaigns of marketers trying to appeal to the coveted 25-49 year-old audience, there are serious questions.

Or at least questions asked in a serious way.

A classic format

Why, for instance, can't the metro Detroit market sustain a classical music format?

Two months ago, WYUR-AM pulled the plug. The Bloomfield Hills-based station had played classical music about two-thirds of its air time. Sure, there were problems with a weak signal and an inconsistent format that included a hodge-podge of programs.

These are profound problems considering that classical music listeners are extremely particular about the sound quality.

Since the last legitimate classical music station, WQRS-FM, went off the air two years ago, metro Detroit is probably the only major market in the country without a place on the dial to hear Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven.

Listening options on radio are severely limited because radio stations don't see dollars and sense.

For those who appreciate variety, the developments on the Internet may hold a promising future.

Internet options

The stations on the Internet resemble the underground stations of the late 1960s, said Kernen.

Those stations pushed the boundaries of what could be played on radio, and paved the way for the radio-format revolution of FM.

Kernen was the program director 30 years ago at cutting-edge WABX,

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SEARCHER OF TRUE WORDS

Thomas Lynch's new book of essays a witty, wise and luminous work

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Author Thomas Lynch's publicity in New York City is neither pushy nor condescending, and that in itself should be a significant sign of things to come.

When she suggests to simply give a call to one of the most critical critics callously

Rest: On Metaphor and Mortality. Lynch's wit and utter mastery of language makes a compelling case for an elevation to the highest ranks of American letters.

That's not hyperbole. Nor simply a statement to get the attention of near-sighted, pigeonholing critics.

The evidence of Lynch's brilliance is

acclaimed authors in the country — not to mention undertaker and poet extraordinaire — it's well, refreshingly simple.

Eleven digits later, and on the other end of the phone at the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, is the consoling, mellow voice of Lynch, who has become, by now, something of a character himself on the American literary landscape.

(Lynch was preparing to leave Milford for a two-month national tour to promote his book. He suggested that the formal interview be done via email. Please see accompanying story.)

The groomed gray beard, dapper dark suit, natty bow-tie and oval wire-rim spectacles on the nose of a second-generation undertaker and Irish gentleman are becoming as distinctive as Tom Wolfe's ice-cream suits and Stephen King's lingering sneer.

Yet despite national recognition and an impressive list of awards, including an American Book Award for his earlier work of essays, *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*, the caricature of Lynch as an undertaker with a handy pen and paper to inscribe his verse, he admits, is growing weary.

In his recently published collection of essays, *Bodies In Motion and At*

found throughout the book, from the Introduction, where Lynch provides his explanation for why he writes, to the tale of lifting Milford resident George Horton's body onto a stretcher for delivery to the funeral home, to watching the summer solstice in Reno, to the beautifully trenchant essay on leaving the 20th century, "Time, Time, Time."



Existential:
Thomas Lynch's collection of essays illuminates the push and pull of life.

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Irish literary ancestor William Butler Yeats. And with his critical success, Lynch is considered a major contributor to the American essayist tradition, which runs from H.L. Mencken through Garrison Keillor.

Yet Lynch is also grounded in another literary tradition as a writer who considers literature as a metaphor for life.

Poet William Carlos Williams perhaps knew first-hand about the necessary pain of life from his days as a dentist. And Hemingway captured the American frontier spirit through his love of the outdoors and adventure.

For Lynch, who has a front-row seat to the travails and despair of those in need of his family's funeral services, there's a luminous world where compassion is a salve, and humor reinvigorates the passion for living.

In *Bodies In Motion and At Rest*, Lynch sheds light on a world where the only difference between the living and dead is a few well-chosen words.

An opera house education

BY ALICE RHEIN
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For Nancy Deisenroth, one visit to a Michigan Opera Theatre production last year sparked a summer of love.

Love of learning, that is.

As the Southfield resident was thumbing through the program book during intermission, she noticed an ad about the summer series *Learning @ the Opera House*.

Before long, she had eight classes under her belt.

"I teach singing, so I was very interested in vocal health. I write songs, too, so learning about copyrights was wonderful," she said.

For Donna Barion, a Bloomfield Hills resident and music teacher, the experience was similar.

"I came late to the appreciation of opera," said Barion.

So when she found out the MOT offered classes that could teach her more about *The Three Tenors* and Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, she jumped at the chance for enrichment.

"There are so few opportunities in this area. I feel like I got a very cultural experience," she said. "It was like being in college again."

Learning @ the Opera House began in 1996 as the brainchild of Karen VanderKloot DiChiera, director of Community Programs at the Michigan Opera Theatre.

In three years, the ex-wife of MOT's general director Dr. David DiChiera has watched enrollment more than triple.

And it isn't just the metro Detroit area that's taken notice of the lectures, workshops, per-

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Portrait painter: Patricia Hill Burnett, posing with her painting of former Prime Minister of Great Britain Margaret Thatcher, kicks off the Arts Legends series at the Detroit Opera House.

Lawrence's artwork leaves lasting impact

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

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When Jacob Lawrence, the American painter, died at age 82 in mid June, his often-quoted comment about the role of the artist seemed to emanate from a distant past. "We all like headlines," he once told his students, "but this shouldn't be confused with the real meaning of your work."

In the age of celebrities, shock art exhibits and egotistical headline seekers, Lawrence's words seem modestly prudent, but strikingly anachronistic.

Unlike many contemporary artists who came of age after abstract expressionism and the swirling logic of deconstructionism, Lawrence was a chronicler and a devotee practitioner of art as history.

"He was part of the Harlem Renaissance, and came up at a time when there was a lot of social realism in painting," said George N'Namdi, owner/director of the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery in Birmingham, one of the longest-established private African-American art galleries in the country. N'Namdi also has a gallery in downtown Chicago.

Too often, art critics qualify Jacob as a significant African-American artist. That, however, not only does a disservice to the artist, but to the emotional resonance of the work.

Arguably, Lawrence's narrative series of 60 small paintings entitled *The Migration Series* is the most powerful art with a social theme done in the 1930s



Purveyor: George N'Namdi has prints at his Birmingham gallery of work by the late Jacob Lawrence, whom he lists among the great American artists.

and 1940s.

The migration of blacks from the South to the industrial North in the first several decades of the century is the largest movement of people in the history of the country. One of Lawrence's first acclaimed series was inspired by the Haitian struggle for independence in the late 1930s.

A series on famous abolitionist John Brown is in the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"His work was always about history," said N'Namdi, who noted that another famous African-American artist who was part of the Harlem Renaissance, Romare Bearden, focused more on the cultural themes of the black community.

Throughout six decades of work, Lawrence chronicled the spiritual migration of African Americans in paintings created in a process similar to printmaking. According to N'Namdi, who maintains several of the artist's prints and graphic works at the gallery, Lawrence typically worked simultaneously on a series of paintings, using one color at a time to create a consistent tone.

N'Namdi characterized Bearden and Lawrence as the "tortoise and hare," to describe the recognition that Bearden received at the end of his career, and the accolades awarded to Lawrence at 23, too young to be considered for a grant in the Works Progress Administration, which began in Franklin Roosevelt's first term as a program to put artists to work. Many social realism artists such as Thomas Hart Benton were supported through WPA grants.

A few years ago, one of Lawrence's paintings sold at auction for \$300,000. A high amount, said N'Namdi, considering that Lawrence works on a relatively small scale canvas.

"He's one of the original American artists, up there with de Kooning," said N'Namdi.

Lawrence continued to paint until his last days, before he succumbed to lung cancer.

BOOK REVIEW

Author explores A Change called Death

A Change Called Death by Raymond M. Fraser, (Press-Tige Publishing Company, Catskill, NY, \$11.99)

By DOUG JOHNSON
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A Change Called Death by Canton resident Raymond Fraser is a book that is tough to categorize.

It is a private detective story, a mystery story, a love story.

But it is also something of a blueprint, helping neophytes through elemental metaphysics and spiritualism.

Fraser, an ordained minister and owner of Mystiques-West in Westland, has woven together the elements of a mysterious death and seances, where an experienced medium helps the protagonist, Sean Thomas, track down what has happened to his twin brother, Cameron.

"There are two sudden twists at the end of the book that go beyond what usually occurs in seances."

It will take a willing suspension of some strongly held beliefs on the part of some readers to understand and accept many events of this book, especially the surprise conclusion.

Even so, most will be entertained by Sean's quest for answers that leads him through family conflicts, a sex therapist and finally to his church.

Beginnings

The story begins in San Francisco where Sean is a private detective. His mother calls him from Detroit and tells him his brother is dying.

Sean flies to Detroit, his brother Cam dies of injuries of unknown origin, and the search begins for the how and why.

It leads through the villainous Kyle Washington, who is much too close to Cam's wife, Angie.

In the end it is an 80ish medi-

um, the Reverend Ada Stitch (a stitch in time saves a life?) who brings the family through "Le Change" and solves the mystery.

The events at the end create a new mystery and set up the sequel to *Change*, a mystery titled *Threshold*, now at the printers.

Readers will want to be familiar with at least the basic tenets of the Spiritualist Church; author Fraser was ordained in the Universalist Church and the Reverend Stitch is based on a real minister and medium with whom he is acquainted.

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches is based in Lily Dale, N.Y. There are Spiritualist churches in Royal Oak, Detroit, Oxford and Leslie. "We believe that the existence and personal identity of individuals continues after the change called death," Fraser said.

"There is a higher side of life. Since we are spiritual beings in physical bodies we have the ability to communicate. Thus mediums, and mediumship. The seance circle is an attempt to contact individuals on the higher side of life."

Fraser admits he was skeptical of mediumship in the beginning, even given the admitted liberal nature of the Universalist Church.

Fraser is an Universalist minister but considers himself a member of the Spiritualist Church, two different denominations.

"I was a real conservative Christian with traditional beliefs. It took me at least two years to be convinced," he said.

Spiritualist services are very similar to all Christian services including the holding of Sunday School, Fraser said.

"We differ when we get into spirit messages and spirit communication," Fraser said.

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Lynch: In most cases there's no plot or plan. I'm casting about with words, bits of lines and sentences, images, intellects; and once I let go, the language keeps things afloat. If it sinks (and it often does) I start again later.

Eccentric: How does the essay, "Bodies in Motion and at Rest" serve as a theme for the other 19 pieces in the book?

Lynch: That title essay frames these "existentials" that interest me: a pregnant woman with a dead father finds herself between this life's existential voids — human being and ceasing to be — and asks, out loud, "Why?" I was always writing a book of essays. Many of these were commissioned by magazines or newspapers. Some were

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Eccentric: How do you conduct many interviews via e-mail?

Lynch: Well, I prefer e-mail to the phone, if only because the distance between the brain and the fingertips is a little further than the distance from brain to mouth.

Eccentric: At what point do you wish to discard the identity as a "funeral director/undertaker who writes" for the more distinctive "writer"?

Lynch: I am a funeral director. I am a writer. Most writers, certainly most poets in this country, are multi-taskers: poets-slash-something. I just get a little weary of folks dealing with the caricature and never getting past it, into the work itself.

Eccentric: Do you find that people are drawn to your work because of an expectation that you'll give them insight about the grieving process?

Lynch: That's part of it.. A death in the family is an emotional event, but not only emotional, it is a spiritual event, but not entirely spiritual; it is also a social, psychological, and retail event.

Lynch: But I think they are also drawn to my work because, like me, they are interested in the existential events: birth, death, sex, grief, love, faith.

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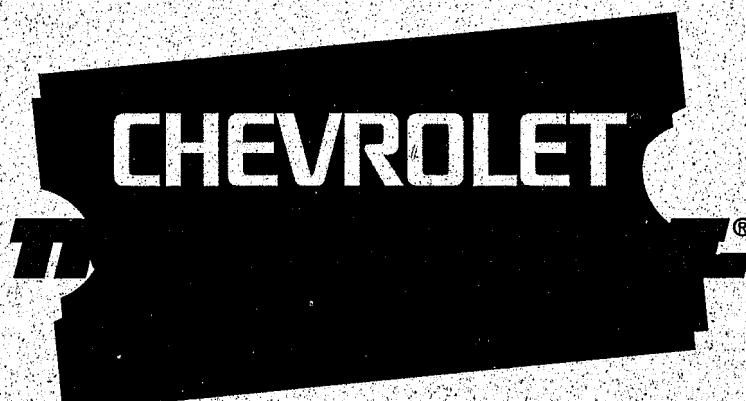
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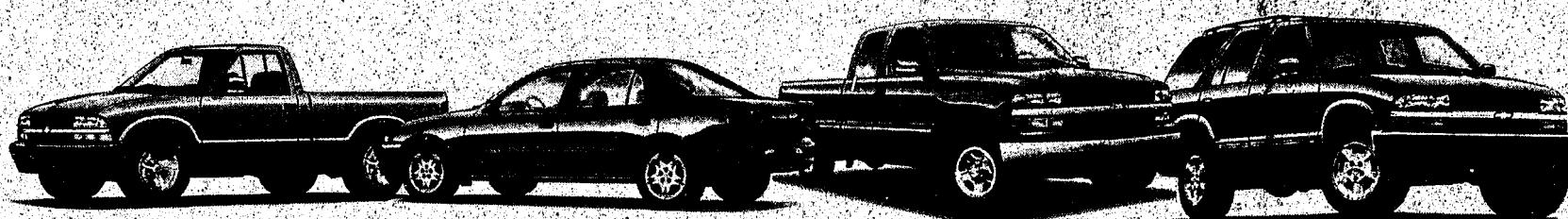
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Hey now, he's an all-star



Strike a pose: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell was one of six area individuals that represented the East squad in the annual All-Star Classic high school baseball game at Comerica Park in Detroit on Thursday. Mitchell was 1-for-2 with a run scored, and caught a fly ball in the outfield for the final out of the game.

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Clarkston's Mitchell, Orion's Goleski among six area standouts that helped the East squad win the All-Star Classic

BY BRAD MONASTIERI
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The best high school baseball players in the state gathered at Comerica Park Thursday, and Eccentric area players were right in the thick of the action.

Ryan Goleski (Lake Orion), Chris Mitchell (Clarkston), Jim Geldhof (Troy), Mike Pierce (Troy Athens) and Joe Zacharzewski (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) all played for the East All-Stars at the 2000 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game.

Thanks in part to key hits from the aforementioned players, the East team defeated the West 14-9 in the nine-inning contest. This marked the first year the mid-summer all star game has been played at Comerica Park, after many years at the old Tiger Stadium.

The highlight of the game for Oakland County players came after the game was over, as Goleski was named Team MVP. He reached base three of four times at bat, and hammered a two-run triple in the top of the fifth, which gave the East a 12-1 lead.

Goleski, who is headed to Eastern Michigan University next year on a baseball scholarship, said he was very relaxed playing in the biggest stadium he's ever laced them up in.

"I was just very relaxed all day," he said, just after receiving his MVP honors. "Guys were real nervous at breakfast, but to me it was just a normal game. I've been able to play at big stadiums before, and this was just another great experience for me."

Although Goleski didn't start, he finished strong, playing the final five innings at first base, managing four at bats. He walked to lead off the fourth and scored on a single by Neal Laws of Madison Heights Lamphere that gave the East an 8-1 lead. After his fifth-inning triple, Goleski added a single to left to lead off the seventh, but was stranded on third base. He popped out to second in his final at bat.

"I knew I didn't hit it high enough to be a home run, but I knew I hit it hard," Goleski said of his triple. "I was thinking about going for home, but at that point in the game, we were kind of showing them up with the score, and I didn't want to make it any worse."

Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek said Goleski is the first Lake Orion ballplayer to be selected to the game, which recognizes the top 36 players in the state. The selection is a great thing for the program,

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Stars earn split with Anchor Bay

The North Oakland Stars were trying to remain atop of the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation Connie Mack Division standings while the New Baltimore Anchor Bay Angels were trying to gain their first league win.

Well, the Stars kept their league lead after the first game with a 4-1 triumph, but fell from their perch after a

4-2 loss to the Anglers in the nightcap at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Sean Letsinger (Lake Orion) pitched a three-hitter with nine strikeouts to gain the decision in the first game. J.D. Leichtman (Rochester Adams) led the Stars' attack with two hits and two RBI. Chris Brown (Rochester) added a double and a single with one RBI, and Ben Bingham (Adams) also contributed

to hits for the Stars.

In the second game, Bingham pitched the first four innings and did not allow any earned runs, but still suffered the loss. Bingham also had two hits, while Leichtman laced an RBI single for North Oakland.

■ Rochester Yankees 1, North Oakland Stars 0 — Rochester Yankees pitcher Aaron Johnson

(Ortonville-Brandon) turned in a gem of a performance to lead his teammates to a hard-fought 1-0 diamond triumph over North Oakland.

Johnson allowed two hits and fanned four in working seven shutout innings to pick up the win.

The Yankees (3-1) pushed across the

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On the links

All-Area Golf team packed with young talent

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One conclusion can be made after analyzing the 2000 Eccentric All-Area Girls Golf Team: The level of play in this vicinity will elevate over the next few seasons.

The fact that six of this year's eight first-team selections are underclassmen — Rochester's Cara Christeson and Birmingham Marian's Kristin Stroh were the lone seniors to make the squad — indicates there's a bright future ahead for various individuals and teams.

"I think more girls are taking up golf and more parents are getting their kids involved in the sport," Rochester head coach Hal Commerson said. "Absolutely, it's a sign that the future is bright. There's a golf boom going on right now and we're in the midst

of it. Some of the performances this season bears that out and the girls just keep getting better and better."

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, the third-place finisher at the Division 3 state meet, leads this year's All-Area team with four first-team representatives. Junior Moira O'Connell, sophomore Courtney Quay and freshman Liz Vollman are all making their initial appearances on first team, while Kingswood's Del Walden is the Coach of the Year.

The other first-team representatives include Megan Bradley (Rochester), Lindsay Drewes (Rochester Adams) and Kristen Nolan (Troy Athens).

Following is a brief profile of each first-team golfer, as selected by a panel of area coaches:

MEGAN BRADLEY, Rochester: Making her debut appearance on the first team, Bradley enjoyed a stellar sophomore season that culminated in a 194

(98-96) at the Division 1 state meet held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course.

Bradley, whose grade point average is just below 4.0, tied for sixth at the inaugural Eccentric Newspapers Girls Golf Tournament conducted at Fieldstone Golf Club by shooting a 91. She carded a 91 at the Oakland County Division I Tournament at Pontiac Country Club, good for eighth place, a 93 at the Division I regional hosted by Sylvan Glen, and a 95 at the Oakland Activities Association Division I league meet held at Pine Trace.

"She was our number two golfer most of the season, and she was just a quality person who loves the game," Commerson said of Bradley, a two-year varsity performer. "Megan has got a great opportunity to be a very fine performer. She hits the ball pretty long, she hits pretty good iron shots and I think she

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can be a very good leader for our team."

CARA CHRISTESON, Rochester: Christeson is arguably one the top performers to ever play at Rochester. A three-year varsity player and two-time Eccentric first-team selection, Christeson completed her senior season with a seventh-place showing at the Division 1 state meet (83-81-164).

Christeson, who's headed to the University of Florida to study engineering, boasted a tournament scoring average in the low 80s. A 77 allowed her to win the Eccentric Tournament by 11 strokes; she tied for second at the Oakland County Division I Tournament with an 84, and placed third at the Division 1 regional at Sylvan Glen with an 82.

Christeson also shot rounds of 83 (Indianwood) and 85 (Pine Trace) at the two OAA Division I league meets.

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light this season.

An instrumental leader and team MVP, Drewes tied for fourth at the Oakland County Division I Tournament with an 89, tied for sixth at the Eccentric Tournament with a 91, and shot a 94 at the Division I regional at Sylvan Glen. She also had impressive outings at the OAA Division I league meets, carding an 88 at Pine Trace and 90 at Indianwood, and finished the

season with a 47.0 scoring average for nine holes.

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rounds of 99 (Pine Trace) and 100 (Indianwood) at the OAA Division I league meets.

MOIRA O'CONNELL, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood: O'Connell, a 1999 All-Area honorable mention selection, posted a 91.3 tournament scoring average and proved to be one of Kingswood's most consistent performers this season. The junior shot an 82 to place second overall at the Division 3 regional at Dama Golf Course and recorded a 176, highlighted by an 83 in the second round, during the Division 3 state meet at Forest Akers East.

"Moira has an exceptional set up and she really works hard at her game," Walden said. "She put up some really good scores this year, she was easy to coach and was a wonderful leader on a young team."

O'Connell also tied for third at the Eccentric Tournament with an 89 and carded a 95 at the Oakland County Division I Tournament.

COURTNEY QUAY, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood: This gifted sophomore earned a spot on the Division 3 Honorable Mention All-State Team, thanks to an 87.0 tournament average and numerous top-10 finishes. Quay's best performance came at the Brighton Invitational in April where she fired a 77.

"Courtney is exceptionally long off the tee and she can hit the ball a long way," Walden said. "She made great improvement from her freshman season, no doubt about it. To shoot a 77 at the Brighton Invitational and be in the mid-80s at other big tournaments is very solid golf."

Quay posted rounds of 85 and 89 at the Division 3 state meet, carded an 86 at the Division 3 regional at Dama Golf Course,

shot a team-leading 89 (tie for fourth) at the Oakland County Division I Tournament and placed fifth at the Eccentric Tournament with a 90.

KRISTIN STROH, Birmingham Marian: Stroh, a four-year varsity performer at Marian, is no stranger to All-Area honors. The talented senior was an honorable mention selection in 1998 and a first-team representative in '99.

Stroh, the Mustangs' team MVP who has signed with the University of Dayton, recorded a 47.0 scoring average for dual matches. She carded a 92 during the first round of the Division 2 state meet at MSU's Forest Akers West, tied for fourth at the Division 2 regional at Fieldstone with a 93, tied for 12th at the Eccentric Tournament with a 95, and shot a 96 at the Oakland County Division I Tournament with a 90.

"It was refreshing to work with a golfer who took her game seriously, but maintained her personal priorities at the same time," Marian first-year coach Mary Jane Samberg said. "Her performance this season is evidence of a well-balanced competitor who has only begun to tap her potential as a golfer."

LIZ VOLLMAN, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood: Vollman enjoyed a tremendous freshman season as she garnered Division 3 All-State Honorable-Mention honors. At the Division 3 state meet, Vollman tied for 10th overall after shooting rounds of 82 and 90.

"Liz was really a pleasant surprise this season," Walden said. "She was very consistent and was just an all-around good player. I think she showed that she's a little more advanced than most ninth graders in terms of

her set up, her focus and her ability to make things work."

Vollman, who sported a tournament average of 87.6, took medalist honors at the Division 3 regional at Dama Golf Course with a season-best 80, shot an 85 at the Brighton Invitational, tied for third with an 89 at the Eccentric Tournament and placed seventh at the Oakland County Division I Tournament with a 90.

DEL WALDEN, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood: Walden's third season at Kingswood resulted in a third consecutive trip to the state finals for the Aardvarks. Kingswood placed third at this season's Division 3 finals behind champion Grosse Ile and runner-up Caledonia.

Walden was named the MIGCA Division 3 Coach of the Year and rightfully so.

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2000 Eccentric All-Area Girls Golf Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Cara Christeson	Rochester	Senior
Liz Vollman	Kingswood	Freshman
Courtney Quay	Kingswood	Sophomore
Maura O'Connell	Kingswood	Junior
Lindsay Drewes	Adams	Junior
Megan Bradley	Rochester	Sophomore
Kristen Nolan	Troy Athens	Junior
Kristin Stroh	Marian	Senior

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Kingswood captured team titles at three high-profile tournaments — the Eccentric, Oakland County Division I, and the Division 2 regional. More impressively, Walden's top five

scorers at the state meet consisted of three juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

"I knew we would be better this season, but I was impressed at how the girls were committed

to becoming better as a team," Walden said. "They improved as individuals, but they really did care about what happened to each other."

as well as the player, he stated.

"It's gotta make him feel proud to be out there, it makes us feel proud to watch him out there," Schramek said from his fifth-row seat. "Because of the success we've had as a team, he is out there, and it's something we can all share in." Goleski's teammates Sean Letsinger, Justin Hanning and Jon Garcia were in attendance.

Mitchell, a four-year starter for Clarkston, started the game in right field and recorded the game's first base hit, a lined single to right, in the top of the second. He scored the second of what would turn out to be seven East runs in the second inning. He ended the inning striking out, as East paraded 11 batters to the plate in the inning.

Mitchell was pulled from the game after the bottom of the third, but re-entered to play right field in the eighth and ninth innings, though he didn't get another at bat.

"It was just a regular game, except for 40,000 seats in the stadium," he said with a smile.

"It was so much more wide open here. The ball was harder to pick up off the bat, and judging fly balls was tough, because you had to know where the walls are. But this gives me much more incentive to come back at a park like this in the future, as a major leaguer."

Clarkston coach Phil Price said it was a special experience for Mitchell to play in the game.

"They put on a nice banquet, and to play on this field, it's just awesome," he said. "He's never been here before, and what a way to come into the place for the first time." Price said the last Clarkston player to be elected to the game is Brent Brundige, who played in the game around a decade ago.

Geldhof, who is headed to Central Michigan University next year, said once everyone got the first-inning jitters out, the game was played just like any other.

"Once in a while, I would take a glance around and just look at the stadium," he said. "I wanted to see what a great place this is, that I got picked to play in. This

will definitely give me great experience I can use in the future."

Geldhof started the game at shortstop, and pitched the ninth inning, walking one and getting three out. He went 1-for-4 at the plate, singling home Mike Fisher of Trenton in the top of the eighth to give the East a 14-5 lead.

Troy coach Paul Diegel, who has seen five of his players play in the All-Star Game, said this game was a nice reward for Geldhof, a three-year starter for the Colts.

"He hit over .400 for his career, helped us to the state championship game (in 1999) and gave us such great leadership. That's what we're going to miss the most," he said.

Diegel was honored as well, being named to the East coaching staff.

"I'd have no problem coaching these guys," he said, looking over his collection of all-star players. "It's certainly an honor to be with a group like this."

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Michigan prep baseball

Mitchell is playing at South Georgia Junior College next year, and his family is moving there with him. A few more weeks of summer league ball, and it will be time for him to return to the Georgia clay.

After completing a stellar four-year career, Mitchell said playing in Comerica Park only gives him more incentive to play well at the college level and give himself a shot at the major leagues.

"Playing here today, it makes me want to try even more to get here in the future," he said, taking

a sweeping look around the new ballpark. "It's going to put my goals in baseball even higher now."

Goals and dreams are two of the biggest assets any 18-year-old kid can have. Thanks to a nice day at a big-time ballpark, playing among highly-skilled peers, Chris Mitchell and Ryan Goleski see the goals more clearly than ever before.

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lone run of the game in the third inning when Mike Crawford (Lake Orion) delivered a two-out single off Stars hurler Matt Lestan (Troy) to score Mike Pruchnicki.

Crawford and Ryan Ford (Rochester Adams) each two hits to lead the Yankees. Paul Hudson chipped in with a single.

"This was as fine a game as you will see played," Yankees manager Dan Hauser said. "Aaron pitched an outstanding

game in giving up only two hits.

He once again showed why he is one of the area's top pitchers. This victory should help us gain confidence as we head towards the top tournament in the U.S. later this month in Ohio."

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CORVETTE 1996 - Collector Edition, 6 speed, leather, Bose Gold Sound System, Ride control, 37K, excellent condition. \$26,000/best. (248) 478-0808

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PARK AVENUE 1994 Front clip, hood & fenders, \$300.

PARK AVE 1992 - V-8, sunroof, loaded, leather, 77K miles, Mint: \$7000. (248) 669-1688

PARK AVENUE 1990 - all black, 5 speed, \$49 down, \$131/mo. 20 minute credit approval by phone. OAC

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CAMARO 1994 - 6 cyl, manual, needs some work.

\$3,400/best. (248) 973-5414

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MG 1970 Midget, restoration, car, \$55,000 miles, new parts, \$4100. (248) 652-1931</p

Salesman from page H1

is genuine. Yes, he's hob-nobbed with the rich and famous, but when it comes to selling cars, he likes the families and common folks just as well.

Michel even has a puppet he calls "Freddie," to keep the children happy. Freddie is a frog that sits high above his office cupboard — along with the Crayolas and a Slinky.

His office also holds numerous bottles of Aquafina water and B-complex vitamins to keep his energy level up. Michel notes he practices hatha yoga daily, to relax and deter the "stress-sales-process."

Freddie cautions kids to "buckle up" when their parents take them for a test drive. "I'm most proud of Fred," said Michel, putting on the hand puppet. "It's always nice to entertain the kids. I put on a little show once in awhile."

He puts down the puppet, providing a little history of his background.

His passion for the car sales business came from his father, Allan R. Michel, Sr., who worked as a used car manager for 37 years.

Around the family dinner table, "some people talk medicine. We talked about the car business," Michel joked.

When he was 29, Michel started his own car wash at Washington and Woodward in Royal Oak. "I probably had the perfect spot," he said.

After seven years, "the federal government bought it because they needed to build a freeway (I-696). I was pushed out. They needed my land so they bought out my business."

844 Dodge

ADVENTURE 1998, 37K. Very clean, cd, sunroof, alloy wheels. \$12,000/best. (248) 489-3247

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846 Eagle

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TALON 1995 - excellent condition, super clean, 58K, CD moonroof. 2 yrs left under warranty. \$7800. (734) 394-5608

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PROBE 1994 GT - very low miles, power moonroof, 41K, \$49, down. \$131 mo. 20 minute wait approval by phone. OAC. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5568

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TAURUS 1999 SE wagon - Full power. 13K mi, excellent condition. \$13,800. (248) 426-8665

TAURUS 1998, SHO, red, V6, power moonroof, CD, leather, full power. \$15,900. (734) 425-2222

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850 Geo

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852 Honda

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Top Sales With



Celebrity salesman: Paul Michel has delivered his share of Jeeps to local celebrities.

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Paul Michel's pride and joy is a special photo hanging on the wall of his office. It shows a beaming Michel and an equally beaming Joe DiMaggio.

"I delivered a car to Joe. It was my claim to fame, back in 1989 when he was MVP of the finals," recalled Michel of meeting the legendary, former Detroit Pistons basketball player.

"Chrysler gave him a Cherokee Limited and asked me to deliver it for them. And he's a very quiet man. I think he said 10 words to me."

Michel, a veteran car salesman, who works at Birm-

ingham Chrysler Plymouth and Jeep in the Troy Motor Mall, has signed, sealed and delivered a lot of vehicles to famous people: fellow Pistons greats Isiah Thomas and Dennis Rodman — pre-wedding dresses-tattoos-and-multi-colored-hair.

That was an unusual experience. Rodman bought "the least expensive Wrangler he could possibly buy. Six months later he pulled up in a semi with the Wrangler. The only thing that was left was the shell. He had to have tires this high."

Michel estimates the height as 5-foot-10.

"I think he turned it into a Monster truck. It was quite amazing."

All-American basketball player Spencer Haywood leased a Cherokee Laredo sport utility vehicle and

comic Tim Allen chose a Jeep Wrangler "with all the options."

"He was funny and we stay in touch. He still retains a home in Birmingham and I still change his top," said Michel, referring to another one of Allen's cars, a classic convertible.

It wasn't the car Allen drove when he was ticketed some years back: "That was his Ferrari," Michel said.

He mock-complains, "Tim stole some of my bits and took 'em right to Hollywood."

Michel flashes a bright smile — as dazzling as a chrome job — that matches his immaculate white shirt.

It's the perfect smile for a car salesman, but Michel's

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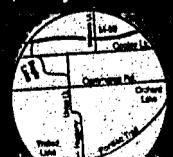
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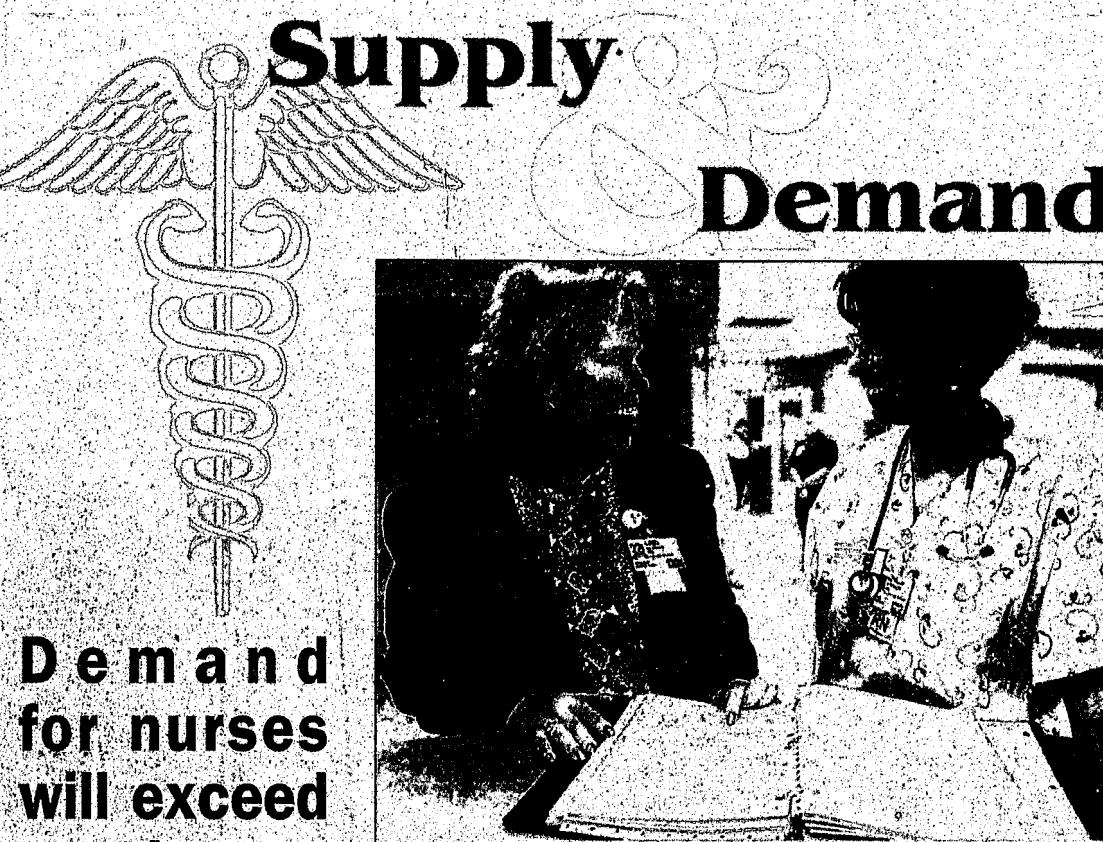
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Demand for nurses will exceed supply

BY RENEE SKOGLUND

STAFF WRITER
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Choices, choices, choices. More than ever before, today's nursing profession is marked by a variety of career paths.

Want the drama of the operating room or the emergency room? The intensity of critical care? Or do you prefer a non-hospital setting - home care, a nursing home or a clinic? Maybe you want to become a nurse-midwife, a registered nurse-anesthetist or an advanced nurse practitioner with your own caseload and the ability to prescribe medication.

"Or you can be a person like me, who g-

oes into administration," said Judy Johnson, vice president of Patient Care Services for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "It's amazing when you start listing all the career possibilities with t

he one degree."

As the largest health-care occupation, registered nurses held about 2.1 million jobs in 1998, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Three out of five jobs were in hospitals, inpatient and outpatient departments.

The employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2008. As baby boomers age, the demand for nurses will significantly outpace the sup-

ply for the next two decades. According to the Bureau of Health Professions, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1,385,000 registered nurses will be needed by 2010; however, they project just 656,000 will be available.

The most rapid growth is expected in hospitals' outpatient facilities, such as same-day surgery, rehabilitation and chemotherapy. Employment in home health care is expected to grow fairly rapidly, and employment in nursing homes is expected to grow much faster than an average, according to the U.S. Depa

PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Nurses needed: Nancy Burton, registered nurse director at Henry Ford Hospital, left, with nurse Michelle Johnson.

Please see NURSES, D2

High salary expectations need to be evaluated carefully

JOB SEARCH

GEORGE HAYES

I have been involved in a job search since early March of this year and, to date, have not received any feedback from companies and executive recruiters. I am looking for a leadership position with a salary into six figures. Why am I not getting any positive responses? Mark F.

A. While \$100,000 isn't what it used to be, it is still a salary level realized by far less than 5 percent of the workforce. This might be hard to believe when your neighbors and relatives seem to be as financially well off as you are. Most of us float within socio-economic circles that are similar to our own, so it's easy to become convinced that a hundred large is no big deal. I've heard candidates say, "Lots of people earn more than I do." But they are only looking up. Truth is, there are lots more who make less.

Quite simply, the job market is organized like a pyramid. Openings for entry-level laborers are, at least in Y2K, available in abundance.

There are fewer openings for supervisors and fewer still for mid-level managers. And the air really gets thin at the top. Senior level candidates often have longer, more arduous job

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partment of Labor.

In terms of employment, the nursing profession traditionally experienced cycles of high and low. The profession has not recovered from the last shortage, which began in 1995," said Johnson. "The scarcity is in pockets. Specialty nursing is most severe - critical care, emergency rooms and operating rooms."

The median age of the registered nurse population continues to rise - at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the average age is 42.5, close to the national average of 44 - and many experienced nurses are leaving the profession. Replacements are needed.

"Many floor nurses have moved into the operating room because of the hours. Now those people are beginning to retire," said Johnson.

"However, a small trend is beginning of people seeking second careers in health care. "We have many brand new nurses who are 40 or 50 years old. They're great because of the compassion they show," said Nancy Burton, associate administrator of Patient Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital.

Benefits

The U.S. Department of Labor reports the median annual earnings of registered nurses were \$40,690 in 1998, with the highest 10 percent earning more than \$69,300. The median annual earnings in the industries employing the most registered nurses in 1997 were reported as follows:

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- Nursing and personal care facilities 36,300

"I think the pay is fairly healthy. The market has certainly driven it up," said Johnson. There are different educational routes in registered nursing. Associate degree in nursing (A.D.N.) programs are offered by community and junior colleges and take about two years. Bachelor of science degree (B.S.N.) programs, offered by colleges and universities, take about four to five years.

An attraction to nursing for many people is ability to work part-time or schedule shifts of eight- and 12-hour days. "Yes, there is a commitment for weekend and holiday sched-

uling, but the flexibility is there," said Burton.

Personal touch

Today's nursing is both high-tech and high-touch. Sophisticated machines and computers are now part of the profession. "But we've never lost sight of the care. People say nursing offers TLC, but we do it on a scientific foundation," said Burton.

The ability to care and the desire to advocate is what makes a good nurse, said Johnson. "A caring, compassionate nature and wanting to help other people. It's that simple. If you are an inpatient you are at your most vulnerable state. Nurses help patients and families navigate the system."

"It's holistic thinking. They're not just thinking of your body. It's body, mind and spirit and pulling what's necessary to support it."

Both Burton and Johnston wish high school and middle school counselors would encourage students to consider the nursing profession. "It's a very fulfilling career to help care for individuals," said Burton. "You really are making the biggest difference in the lives of patients and their families. That's what allows you to go home fulfilled every day."

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searches because their skills are viewed as industry or discipline-specific. There just aren't that many employers within a specific geography requiring high-priced talent at a given point in time.

One strategy might be to expand your parameters or pare down your expectations. For example, nobody likes moving, but being open to relocation might enlarge your target market. Also, you might want to re-examine your salary requirements.

There is no law of nature that says you are forever entitled to a certain amount having once attained it. Make sure the language on your resume isn't an instant turn-off to employers outside of your field. A good resume will be specific enough to explain what you did, but generic enough to allow readers to envision an application of your skills and experiences in new

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The home office has risen dramatically in importance during my tenure as a builder. While not everyone uses one, most homebuyers want the spare bedroom/study to be wired as a home office.

With growing numbers of sales people and some office staffers becoming "mobile," a dedicated home office is the primary workplace. Seldom styled like a paneled study, most full-time home offices emulate a business office transplanted into a spare bedroom or a basement suite.

As the number of hours spent there increases, home offices are rising on the priority list for a home's amenities such as outdoor views, access, and privacy. As the square footage increases, the amenities grow to include such conveniences as food service, meeting, waiting and entry areas, all isolated from the rest of the house. A full-time home office frequently has multiple telephone lines, a fax line, and a computer line, be it a telephone, cable or digital subscriber line built in.

The preferred location for running the home itself is usually a kitchen nook, a corner or a countertop where online shopping, e-mail or faxes can be dispatched and received. For children's use, easily monitored "public" computer areas are the norm.

Parents with dedicated home offices universally include a separate area for their children's computer. I often hear remarks like "They're not going into my office," even though the kids are usually more accomplished with computers than the parents are.

The appeal of home offices has jumped since the Supreme Court ruling two years ago that directed the Internal Revenue Service to allow deductions on the proportion of a home used exclusively as a taxpayer's principal place of business on a regular basis.

Steve Perlman has been a builder for 20 years. He is a principle partner in Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes Inc. in West Bloomfield and is secretary of the Building Industry Association.

Condo or home, sub has 'em both

How's this for choice?

Buyers can choose the same exact floor plan as part of a two-unit attached condominium or as a stand-alone detached condo at the Vistas of Central Park in Canton.

Just over 100 units - 82 attached, 24 detached - will be constructed by The Selective Group in the first phase of the Vistas off Beck south of Cherry Hill.

"It's the same floor plan; they just pull them apart," said Lori Sasena, sales counselor. "We give two extra windows when they do that."

"People like that there are two attached, so they get a lot more privacy than a three- or four-unit building," Sasena said. "Privacy is a big thing, and still being able to live in a condo that's maintained."

"We wanted to keep it consistent," said Tim Stapleton, Selective Group president. "We didn't want to introduce a whole new product look."

Three floor plans, two ranches and a story-and-a-half, are available.

The attached units start at \$254,900 for a ranch of 1,916 square feet and \$261,900 for a ranch of 1,981 square feet, each with two bedrooms and two baths, and \$268,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,270 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The detached units start at \$279,900 for a ranch, \$291,900 for the story-and-a-half.

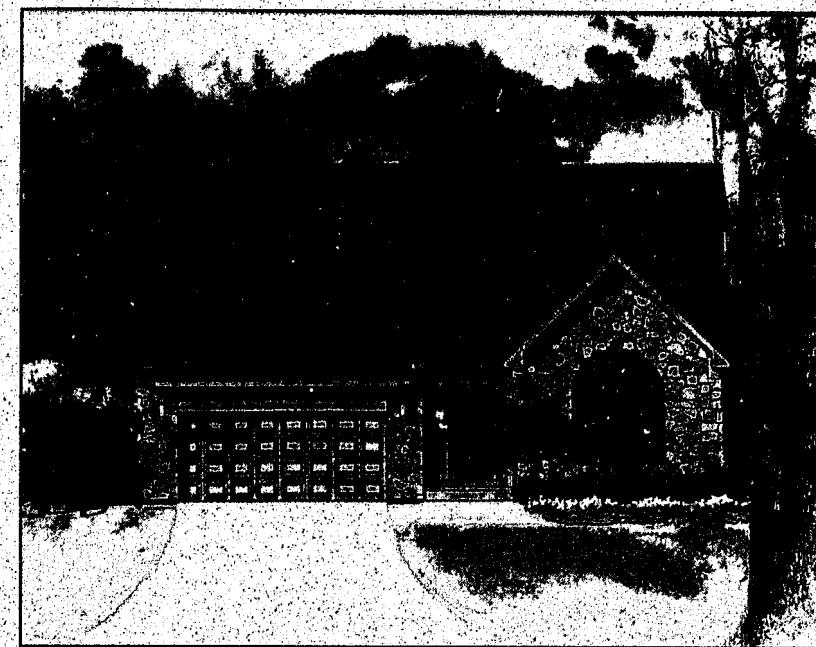
"A lot of people are attracted to close ness of things going on in the community here," Sasena said, citing Fellows Creek Golf Course and Summit on the Park recreation complex.

"We find empty-nesters, move-down buyers want to be in a non-maintenance environment in a golf course community," Stapleton said. "We think it's a great area of Canton ... affordable."

"I have a lot of people mention they've built several homes at this point in their life and the quality of workmanship is very good here," Sasena said. "People really like the large kitchen/ nook area. It's really big for a

Clarification

The correct number for the office models of Chestnut Hills subdivision in Davison Township should be (810) 653-2848.



condominium.

Visitors appreciate "open" floor plans, high ceilings, brand-name appliances, hardwood floors," added Brenda Globe, sales counselor.

"They're pleased with the standard features," Sasena said. "Some haven't upgraded at all. They moved in at the price we sold them."

All plans include at base price two-car attached garage, air conditioning, fireplace, deck, first-floor laundry and basement.

Standard features also include a separate tub and shower in the master suite, range, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen, wood flooring in foyer, hall, kitchen/ nook and half bath, ceramic tile in the full baths, and carpeting throughout the rest of the home.

Two models have been built in attached condo form.

The Devon, the 1,981-square-foot ranch, contains a den with cathedral ceiling, great room with sloped ceiling and a kitchen/ nook with sloped ceiling and two-way fireplace (standard) shared with the great room.

The master with cathedral ceiling features a two-sink vanity with makeup sitting area, a walk-in closet and a wall closet and a compartmentalized commode.

The plan also presents a second bedroom and a second full bath.

The Essex, the story-and-a-half, features a den, great room with cathedral ceiling, dining area and master with cathedral ceiling, a pair of walk-in closets and dual-sink vanity on the main floor.

Two bedrooms - one decorated as a computer/ exercise room - and a full bath are upstairs.

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

Work will begin on a clubhouse, outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts at Vistas of Central Park this summer, with completion targeted for next summer.

The Vistas of Central Park is served by city water and sewers. There will be sidewalks in front of the detached condos. The community is within the Van Buren school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$28.92 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price. That means the owners of a \$262,000 condo would pay about \$3,800 the first year.

The monthly association fee of \$155 includes grass cutting, snow removal, outdoor sprinkling and maintenance of common areas.

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Devon model: This ranch of nearly 2,000 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths can be bought as a stand-alone or attached condominium.

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The sales office/models at the Vistas of Central Park, (734) 340-2097, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily.

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Medium-sized house plan especially nice for retirees

The unique features of the Intrepid (G24-714) with its large great room, two bedrooms, and the unfinished basement option would provide a wonderful home to retire into and enjoy life.

It is medium sized with just 1,711 square feet and an optional basement, if needed. The exterior has classic lines with a beautiful window on the left and the garage door decorated by two half moon windows on the right.

Entry into this home is across the covered porch lined with posts and railing into an airlock area. This is ideal for taking off wet coats, leaving

wet shoes outside, or simply screening those who enter.

Once in the entry hall, the kitchen and nook are on the left. The nook faces the covered porch with a built-in desk and corner pantry. The kitchen is U-shaped and open. An eating bar runs along the rear towards the great room.

An overhead fan, centered in the great room, moves the heat produced by the fireplace. This sunken room has numerous windows facing the back yard allowing natural light into the room.

To the left of this area is the formal dining room with a door opening onto the screened

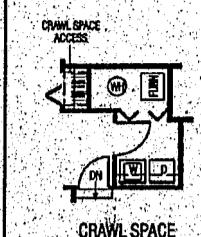
porch in the rear. A door off that porch opens onto the rear deck.

The balance of the rooms on this side consists of the second bedroom with a wall closet and large windows plus a den. Between the bedroom and the den is full bath with a single sink and a tub. The linen closet for this area is outside the second bedroom.

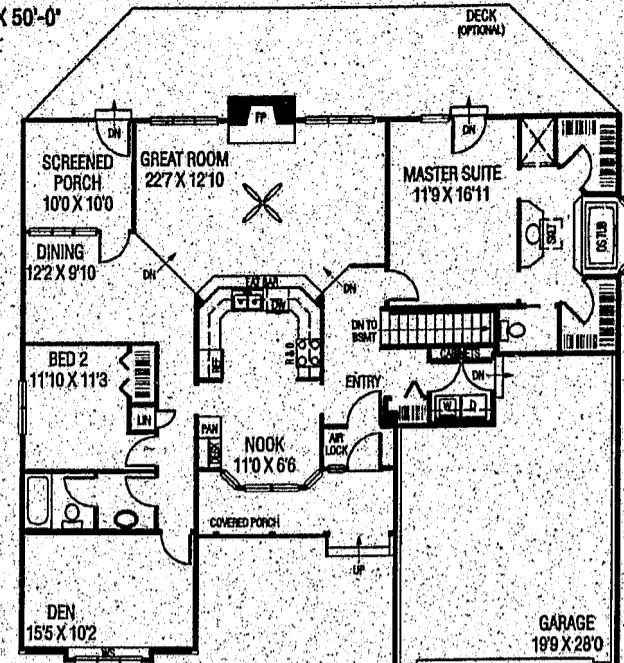
On the right side of the great room is the master suite, which occupies the entire rear.

This room has two large corner walk-in closets, with a full bath worked into its design. The oversized tub is between the two closets with a single

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sink across a small hall. There is a skylight overhead to provide extra light on those winter days.

On the rear wall is the shower and on the front wall is the stool area. It is separated from the room by a pocket door. A door to the rear deck from the main suite area would encourage the installation of a spa or hot tub.

Outside the master suite are the stairs down to the optional basement. The plans for the

basement are unfinished and can be finished as needed.

Between the stairs and the garage is the utility room with built-in cabinets and the washer/dryer. The door to the utility and makes it easy to unload groceries and pack them directly into the kitchen area.

The two-car garage is deep. Part of it could be used as storage or a workshop could be built in for the gardener, wood-worker or crafter.

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Pedal pushing is good for you, cuts gasoline use

Gasoline prices are high, but you can save on fuel, increase health benefits and enjoy the spring weather by dusting off your bicycle for short-distance errands from your new home, AAA Michigan says.

More than a quarter of all travel trips are one mile or less, notes Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. It takes about six min-

utes for a healthy person to leisurely ride one mile, so many routine trips to a nearby drugstore or library are within moderate bicycling distances. Bicycle racks (paniers) to carry supplies are available from most bicycle shops.

"Now is the time to cultivate the habit of bicycling, when time and distance permit," Basch says. "You can enjoy the pleasure

of riding, while saving money and improving your health."

When riding, remember safety comes first. AAA Michigan advises:

- Always wear a helmet. Bicycle helmets are 85 percent effective in preventing head and brain injuries from bicycle crashes.

- Check your equipment. Be sure your bike is tuned up and

equipped with reflectors. Consider a rear-view mirror, repair kit and a mounted water bottle.

- Improve visibility around dusk and dawn by wearing bright clothing or reflective patches and using a headlight.

- Know the rules of the road. You are recognized as a driver of a vehicle. Therefore, drive your bicycle as you would any vehicle.

Obeys all traffic laws. Ride on the

right hand side of the street, move with the flow of traffic and avoid making improper left turns or lane changes.

- Be predictable. Avoid darting out of driveways or making sudden moves. Be sure to use hand signals before turning.

- Review all new bicycle routes, be prepared for difficult traffic situations and keep alert for any potholes and uneven

pavement.

"Motorists also have a responsibility to avoid collisions with cyclists," says Basch. "Crashes often occur when drivers turn left without yielding to an oncoming cyclist or when motorists open a car door in front of a cyclist. Sharing the road safely is a mutual responsibility for cyclists and motorists."

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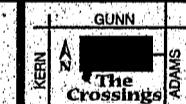
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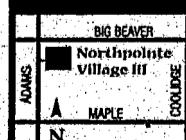
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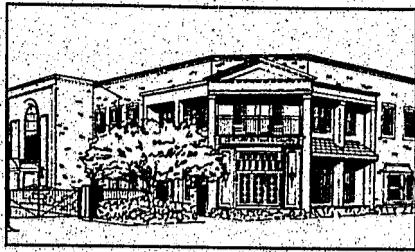
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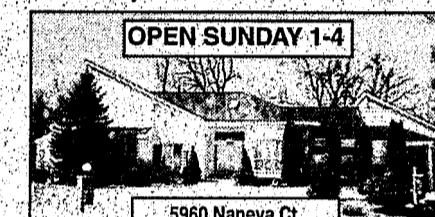


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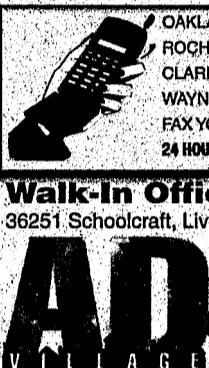
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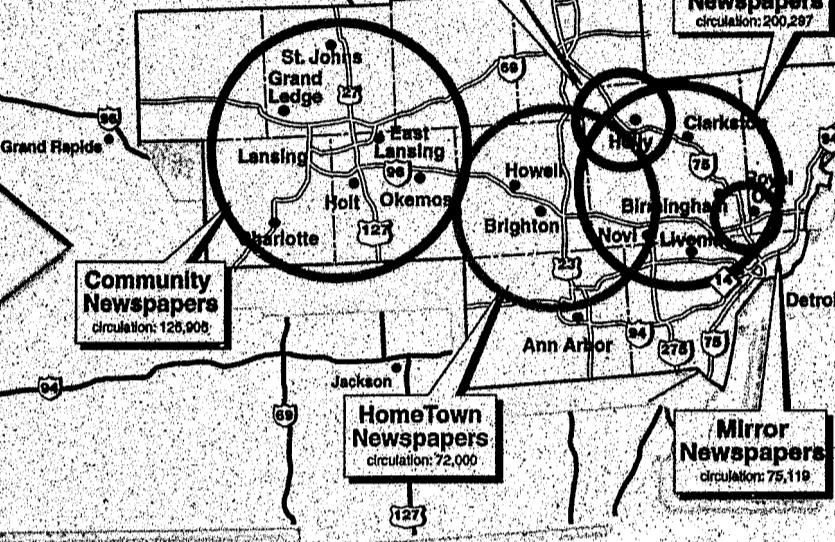
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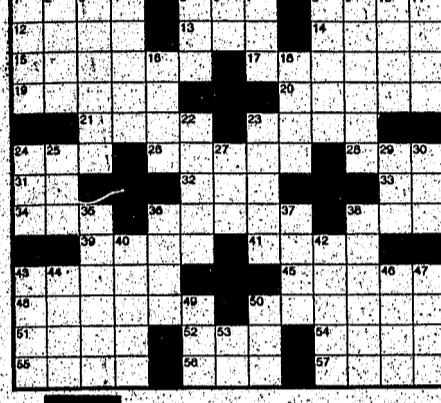
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The Auto Mower, a battery-powered lawn mower could revolutionize the lawn and garden marketplace and change the way America spends its Saturday mornings.

"The Husqvarna Auto Mower is designed to keep lawns neatly trimmed throughout the growing season with minimal human assistance," said John Bailey, business unit manager for consumer lawn and garden for Husqvarna.

"All that's required is the installation of a boundary wire and some initial pre-programming of the mower's timer," he added.

A built-in circuit board with a microprocessor and a wire loop that carries a low voltage signal are the brains of the Auto Mower. The wire loop forms the outer boundary of the area to be cut. This thin green wire is stapled to the ground and the grass grows to cover it in a matter of a few weeks.

Installation and initial programming will be performed by a Husqvarna retailer or independent contractor.

The secret of the mower is a dock-

ing station that serves as a conduit through which the mower recharges itself. When the mower recognizes that it's low on power, it begins to search for the dock station.

Subsequently, it follows the wire back to the station where it recharges. Fully recharged, it returns to its task of cutting grass. Once it reaches its pre-programmed cutting time, it turns itself off. After its timed rest period, it turns itself back on and continues cutting.

The Auto Mower operates in a random pattern, until it reaches an area of long grass. The mower then switches to cutting systematically in squares.

"On a fully charged battery, the Auto Mower will run for approximately one and a half hours," said Bailey. "It takes about an hour to recharge the battery, then it's on its way again."

A collision sensor informs the mower when it has hit a solid object, such as a tree, rock or lawn furniture. When this happens, the mower backs up, turns and then begins mowing in another direction.

It continues to operate in this fashion, automatically, or a programmed period of time each day, so you never see your grass grow. Your yard maintains a manicured look throughout the growing season.

Key benefits of the Auto Mower include the elimination of noise and emission free operation. In addition to mowing your lawn by itself, it will do it without refueling, or waking the neighbors early in the morning. The Auto Mower can be programmed to run day or night.

The Auto Mower contributes to the improvement of soil conditions since it cuts grass in tiny pieces that are left to disintegrate on the lawn to provide the lawn with added nutrition.

To guard against theft, the Auto Mower is switched on using a personal code, and has a built-in theft alarm. The Auto Mower will have an introductory retail of \$1,999 plus a nominal installation fee.

For more information about the mower, call (888) HUSKY-66 or visit www.husqvarna.com.



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Repairing broken storm sashes can be easy do-it-yourself project

BY POPULAR MECHANICS
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Odds are good that a window will break in your new home at some point.

Fixing most broken storm sashes is easier than you think. You don't even have to cut the glass to fit. The hardware store will do that for you.

Replacing the glass in an aluminum storm sash requires few tools and those are all standard household items. A rubber or plastic-headed mallet and a wooden block are needed to tap apart the sash frame members and a pair of cutting pliers used for electrical wiring or scissors are used to cut the rubber spline that secures the glass in the groove of the frame.

In addition, you'll need a screwdriver and a tape measure.

If the old rubber spline is split or deteriorated, replace it by bringing it in to the hardware store so it can be matched for size and shape. It's a good idea to get the new spline a bit longer than you'll need so you can trim it for a perfect fit.

The first step is to remove the aluminum storm sash from the window frame. Wear gloves and goggles to protect yourself from jagged glass

fragments.

Then determine the exact size of the replacement glass that's needed. Measure the sash frame's inside dimensions including the support lips on which the glass pane sits. You can always take the sash frame with you for the replacement pane.

To disassemble the sash, remove the four corner screws that hold the frame together. If there are no screws, carefully pry out the rubber at a corner where it is cut rather than folded.

Once you have started it, you should be able to pull out the rubber strip spline. Do this all the way around the pane and then you can lift out the glass. Frames with corner screws come apart so you can lift one side of the frame off the edge of the glass and then remove the rubber spline holding it.

For either design, wear gloves and watch for the sharp edges of the broken pane.

Depending on frame design, you can carefully place the new glass in the frame and then gently work the rubber spline that secures and seals it back into the groove around it. Work gently and you should be able to do the job safely with your fin-

gers. If you want to push it in place with a tool, use either a piece of wood like a doctor's tongue depressor or a popsicle stick. Do not use a screwdriver because it could either break the new glass or tear the rubber spline.

If your frame comes apart, put the rubber spline gasket on the edge of the glass before assembling the frame around it.

With a new spline, start by folding it over to find the middle of its length and then start this in the center of the top of the glass. When you get to the corners, cut a miter so the spline folds over neatly as you push its groove over the edge of the glass.

Then, when the spline is fully fitted to the edge of the glass, install the frame sections.

Start with the top, then do both sides and put the bottom on last. Before fitting the bottom frame member, cut the spline at the center of the bottom of the glass so it makes a neat butt joint. Gently tighten the screws holding the frame together and the job is done.

All that remains is to reinsert the sash in the storm window the same way you took it out.

Match mortar on brick patches

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Although built to last by those who came before us, old house foundations are vulnerable to the wear and tear of time and the elements.

The key to preserving and maintaining these brick and stone walls is periodic inspection to prevent small problems from growing into big ones. The usual maintenance is repointing the joints between the old brick or stone.

Your first line of defense against foundation problems is keeping the exterior of these old brick or stone walls in good condition. The integrity of the lime mortar joints must be maintained to prevent water penetration.

If water does get inside, the normal freeze-thaw cycle will cause the masonry to move and crack and allow even more moisture in. Also, it's best to keep all plant materials at least 16 inches from the face of the wall to prevent problems that

can be caused by the roots.

Most homeowners are aware if there are any areas where bricks, stone or mortar are missing, chipped or cracked.

Obviously, situations where there's been a major loss of material demands that the building be shored up before the repair work is done. This is not a do-it-yourself project.

But repointing patches of masonry, although labor intensive, is something an old-house owner can tackle with a great deal of success.

You should also check the interior walls and ceilings of your house for signs of cracking in the plaster or drywall. Although some cracking is normal – usually it's a result of cyclical movement in the soil or shrinkage of the materials themselves – wide gaps where you can stick your finger or a ruler are another story.

If you note these or any other major movement of the walls, it's time to get some professional advice.

from a contractor or structural engineer before you begin any masonry work.

There's a major difference between the way restoration masonry work is done and what's commonly done in new masonry work today, and that's the type of mortar that is used.

Too often, portland cement mortar mix is used to repoint old joints that were originally lime mortared.

You must keep the materials compatible, and old lime mortar and new cement mortar just don't mix. The latter is much harder than the original. Therefore, cement mortar can cause cracking and spalling of the brick and stone because the stronger material shrinks or moves at a different rate than the original lime mortar. And when something has to give, it's usually the old brick or stone and lime mortar.

Ultimately, this harder material will destroy its surroundings and completely defeat the purpose of all your repointing efforts.

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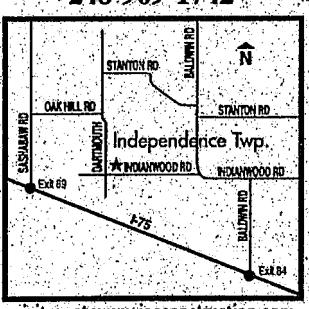
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ONE IN A MILLION

Single white mother of one, 42, 5'6", 140 lbs, non-smoker or drinker, looking for a white male of 58+, plus, who can embrace all of the above as well as a full time commitment to a relationship. BOX 13273

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Laughing, nice voice, love. Are you looking for these? I am a single down river, pretty, young looking, 60,ish, white professional female, 5'1", 140 lbs, non-smoker or drinker, looking for a white male of 58+, plus, who can embrace all of the above as well as a full time commitment to a relationship. BOX 13273

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55 yr old, single female, 5'1", 140 lbs, brown hair, weight, proportionate, clean, neat, good figure, 5'4", 154 lbs, non-smoker or drinker, looking for a white male of 50, great shape, and figure. BOX 16770

BASIC INFORMATION

Single white mother of two, 30, 5'6", 125 lbs, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys family oriented, Enjoying horseback riding, swimming, camping and boating. Single male, 36 to 40, height, and weight proportionate with similar interests. BOX 32425

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!

Divorced, black mother of one, 42, 5'6", 140 lbs, non-smoker, intelligent, medical professional, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, and quiet times at home. Seeking a well established, single or divorced male with good character, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 13502

LOTS OF ENERGY

I'm a small, cute, young looking, physically fit package with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure, for sincere friendship, possibly relationship. BOX 35982

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NEW BEGINNINGS

I'm a single white female, 5'6", plus size, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a single male who's down to earth, romantic, outgoing and not phobic. I am very outgoing and enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking a male, non-smoker or non-drinker, 35 to 45, BOX 32047

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LARGE AND LOVELY

Single white female, 47, 5'6", 250 lbs, attractive, searching for a single white male, 45 to 54, with values, honesty and humor, I enjoy movies, music, dancing and travel. Waterford area. BOX 35984

GOERS WHERE ARE U

Single white female, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, college educated, enjoys dancing, music, reading, the outdoors, sports, walks and more. Seeking a single male, who's honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

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THINKING OF YOU

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GOOD HEARTED MALE

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SPOONED

Single, white female, 41, 5'3", average, and has similar interests, seeking a single male, 45 to 54, for a possible relationship. BOX 13487

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GIVE TIME HERE

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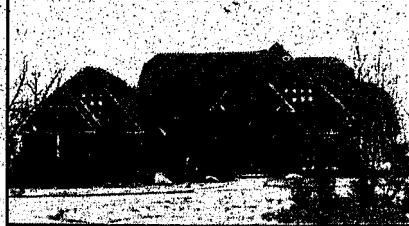
Single white male, 37, 5'11", 175 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, easy going, honest with good heart, enjoys boating, movies, dining, dancing, reading, gardening and just being around water. Looking for a single female, 20 to 30, height and weight proportionate, independent, honest with good sense of humor. BOX 13305

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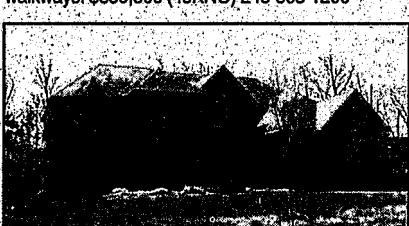
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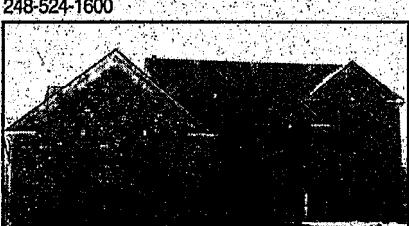
DO YOU WANT PERFECT? Exquisite home in exquisite sub! 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Beautifully finished basement and professional landscaping with brick pavers and mature trees, 3 car garage and circular drive. \$499,900 (29BOU) 248-363-1200



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TROY. This stunning MacLeish built colonial on cul-de-sac street offers 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. Three fireplaces, dual staircase, extensive use of moldings and columns. \$735,000 (23BEL) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER. Brand new colonial in Oakland Twp. with 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. Extra deep basement with daylight windows. 2-story foyer, 3 car side-entry garage. Rochester schools. \$389,800 (40CHA) 248-524-1600



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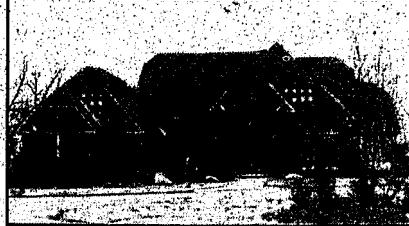
PRIME FRANKLIN LOCATION! 4 bedroom/2 full, 2 half bath Tudor style home. Beautiful treed lot with pool. Luxurious master bedroom, gourmet kitchen and large rooms. Neutral tones. Birmingham schools. \$519,988 (24FRA) 248-626-8800



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'98 COLONIAL IN LIVONIA! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, great room with marble fireplace. Master bedroom with oversized bath and Jacuzzi. Neutral decor. Larger lot, side entry garage. \$328,900 (80CRO) 734-455-5600



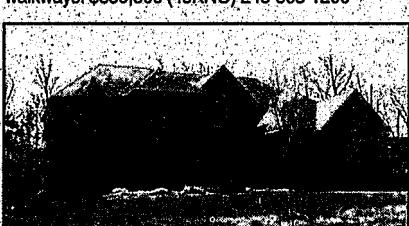
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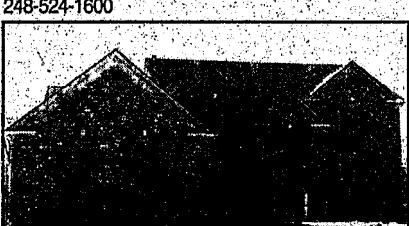
ENTERTAIN IN PHEASANT HILLS! 4 bedrooms, 4 baths on edge of cul-de-sac. Vaulted ceilings & master suite w/lis & hers WIC's. Kitchen w/island. Exercise room. Double doors to walkout & deck. Lots of hardwood floors. \$449,900 (01COL) 734-455-5600



RIVERVIEW RESORT! Master with huge WIC & deck overlooking pool. Family room has wet bar & full wall brick fireplace w/bookshelves. Breakfast area overlooks 2 tier deck & beautiful in-ground pool. Formal dining onto Florida room. 1st floor laundry. \$249,500 (51RYA) 734-455-5600



BLOOMFIELD. Fabulous lakefront contemporary in the Chestnut Run North area. Custom built ranch with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 1 lav with formal living room and dining room and great room. Finished walkout. \$1,399,900 (79CHE) 248-642-8100



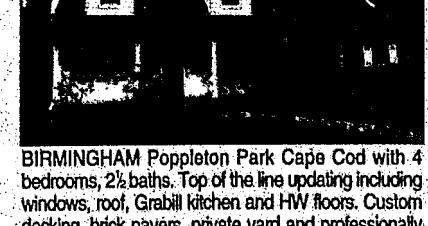
FARMINGTON HILLS. Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 3 lav, 3-story home. Open floor plan. 4 fireplaces, butler's pantry, in-ground pool and walkout. Move-in condition. \$749,500 (15RAM) 248-642-8100



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