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VINTAGE

**CLARKSTON** 

hough Native Americans lived in what is now northern Oakland County for hundreds of years before European settlers arrived, few of their stories remain common knowledge today. Following is one legend, as it appeared in the Fenton (Mich.) Courier, Sept. 14, 1933.

There clings to the wooded shores of Lake Fenton a beautiful legend. At a time when Indian tradition informs us that the shores of the lake were peopled by (Indians) living in wigwams, armed with bows and arrows. face and body decorated with war paint, and when the quiet of the sylvan surroundings was often broken by harsh war cries, a romantic love affair shaped itself and moved rapidly to a tragic ending. There was an Indion a tragic enung. There was an inc an youth, strong and handsome, a hunter from a distant tribe, who by the shores of this lake wooed the daughter of a Copnacanique chief. Tragically a rival Indian brave, of a gloomy dark bearing, lured his hand-some rival during a dark night of the autumn equinox into his vengeful grasp. He who was favored by this Indian maid was thrown into the angry lake! The spirits of the evil water dragged him down into their cruel depths, later to cast his lifeless form beneath the lake a northern bluff where it was found by his aweetheart.

"O, that I were dead as thou art!" she cried. Then resolving that none other should ever suffer sorrow here, such as had been hers, in deep grief she wrought the charm of "woven places and waying hands," which had reached her from the land of the here-after, and presented by those who ages gone by had left, and through whose offices no one as long as time may last can be drowned in these spellbound waters.

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical



## Planners say no to water park rezoning

■ Springfield Township planning commissioners voted unanimously Monday to recommend the township board not approve a rezoning request for a \$10 million water park at Indian Springs Metro Park.

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

itan Authority's latest request for a water park to a non-receptive Spring field Township audience and planning

Duncan appeared alone before a TAPP WRITER:

standing-room only public hearing on
One could only imagine that HCMA, whether the \$10 million water facility One could only imagine that HCMA chief planner Dan Duncan felt like a fish out of water Monday night as he presented the Huron Clinton Metropolities Authority's latest request for a

favor of the aquatic center.
On the Wednesday following the meeting, Duncan said the HCMA would press its rezoning request with

tinue to wait on the outcome of ongoing litigation in Oakland County Circuit

We don't anticipate any changes,

HCMA is going through a PUD rezon-ing request, said the judge told the two sides to attempt to resolve their differ-ences through the planning process.

against HCMA officials to preven

them from beginning construction.

The planning commission listened to numerous resident concerns and complaints — which ran the gamut from noise pollution to increased traffic to the second of and We don't anticipate any charges,
he said of the township's attitude.
This is not unexpected.
Several months ago, Judge Nanci
Grant found in favor of the township government when she told the HCMA it would have to abide by township zon. t would have to abide by township zon. recommend denial of the rezoning to the township board, which will make Duncan, in explaining why the the final decision:

After their vote, the commissioner received a round of applause from the

Please see WATER PARK, A4



Big-time boxing: Todd McMahon (left) and Josh Chapman box for fun with big gloves at the Clarkston Christian Association, a supervised after-school hangout for kids. The CCA is hosting a grand opening 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Wholesome hang-out

## Christian center hosts grand opening

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

utumn Marshall sits perched atop the locker ston Christian Association, relaxing after a long day at school.

The Sashabaw Middle School student meets her friends there regularly and watches the skaters speed by. The community center serves as a social hub for kids like her in the Clarkston area.

"If you bring a lot of friends, it's really fun," she said. "You can do whatever you want."

That's just what Daniel Niewoit likes to hear. As director of the Clarkston Christian Association and pastor at Mt Zion Church, he's been involved with the center since its inception just under one year ago Created as a safe, healthy "hang-out" for youths and young adults, the center will finally host a grand opening 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Please see CCA, A2



Slip-sliding away: (L-R) Sally Dickie, Jamie Hoffmeister, Sarah Durfee and Autumn Marshall slide down a ramp at the CCA.



Ramps that rule: Mark Rood says the CCA's skateboard ramps are "the best."

## Independence identifies uses for \$18,000 'gift'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Officials in Independence Township

recently learned the community is get-ting \$18,000 in project funds from Oak-land County government. "It was just like a gift," said Town-ship Olerk Joan McCrary. "Like found

Issuing from a fund containing excess property taxes collected by the

In accordance with the county's requests, trustees in Independence Township identified four potential pro-

jects to be considered for the funds: Route and direction signs for the township's safety path system at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Architectural analysis of the

county, the money will be disbursed through the Department of Management and Budget.

McCord farmstead to determine restoration costs and potential uses at a cost of about \$3,500.

Renovation of the former Independence Township sheriff's substation next to Township Hall at a cost that has not yet been determined.

■ Men's and women's bathroom facilities at Sashabaw Plains Park at a cost that has not yet been determined.

The project list has been submitted

to Oakland County Commissioner Frank Mallard for county approval,

McCrary said. The county has to make sure the projects qualify as legal expenditures of tax money, Mallard said. However, the township board will ultimately determine which of the projects to fund, he said, adding, "It's a nice thing that popped up."

Please see 'GIFT', A2

CCA from page A1

to formally welcome the public. The event features a street skate-competition for skateboarding and in-line skating, which is

and in-line stating, which is open to registered participants 12 abdioyer.

"The community has been so wonderfully supportive," said Niewoit. "We're really trying to serve the people in this community and the surrounding areas."

Middle school and high school students are welcome to man.

atudents are welcome to roam around the community center and engage in a variety of activi-ties. The center offers an indoor/outdoor skate park, bil-liards, films, a coffee shop, cyber-rate, artist guild, dance school, marriage and self-defense classes, Kindermusik — a music class for newborns to 8-year-olds and a middle school program that includes tutoring. With a staff of volunteers to ensure safe-ty and proper conduct, the center reaches out to teenagers during that span of time from the last school bell to the moment their parents return from work.

Loren Covarrubias, senior pas-tor at Mt. Zion, developed the concept a couple years ago, hop-ing to create something that would appeal to kids in middle school and high school. Since there was no safe place for teenagers to in-line skate or use skateboards, the center decided to include that at a minimal cost The middle school program allows students to take free transportation from Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools Monday through Friday, Admission is \$2. Open skate follows from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Once



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a student leaves the center, reentry is not allowed. Individu-als are required to get their own transportation home.

"It is also a benefit to parents," said Covarrubias. It's educa-tional as well as entertaining. Kids, programs usually don't provide much revenue so it's not

ucrative for businesses." Mt. Zion took on the responsiility and opened the Clarkston Christian Association last Octo ber. Little by little programs have been added and now the center is ready to meet the pub-

"It is an innovation in the sense that we saw there was need," said Niewoit. "We're trying to help parents with preventative influences.

At the same time, the center is decorated in vast, colorful murals. Loud music blares from various sound systems, snacks are available, and the place is stocked with whatever the kids

deem "cool." But Niewoit said nothing "Jeopardizes our standards." At the grand opening, Niewoit

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998

FOR GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998

To the Qualified Electors of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that Monday October 5, 1998 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. If you are not currently registered to vote or linve changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in, which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the

In Person:

At your Township Clerk's office located at 4393 Collins Road in Goodison,
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business hours—8.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m., weekdays.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

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oy conducting.
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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person imless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. Tablish September 24 and October 1, 1998 pong, one of many activi ties at the center. The center also has an indoor/out door skate park, billiards, films, a coffee shop, cybercafe artist guild, dance school and an array of classes. For a story on 🖫 one of those classes, see Page A13.

Table tennis:

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employee at the CCA,

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said that at least 90 percent of what is offered at the center will be represented for the public The grand opening coincides with the beginning of the school year because organizers felt it was a good way to reach out to the parents and to their chil-

Colleen Bruderick, director of the Mt Zion School of Dance will attend the grand opening to represent the dance school. The center offers several styles of dance classes including ballet. tap, jazz, hip hop, swing, tum-bling and special classes for boys and for senior citizens More than 350 students are enrolled in the classes.

"We have everything you could get in a local studio," said Brud-erick; referring to four, fully mir-rored dance studios with suspension floors. "It's a safe place for our kids to dance.

The response from kids in the community has been tremendous, Niewoit said. He takes the time to speak with them after school and knows many by name. That's how he manages to

stay in touch with their needs.
"It's like Eve had hundreds of kids," said Niewoit, who actually became a first-lime father two weeks ago. "I'm getting to know their families." Mark Rood, 13, has been com-

ing to the center since the day it opened. He goes there after school to skate.

"I like how they're Christian and they have the best ramps I've ever rode on," said Rood of

In here, attitudes definitely change. You just hope and pray that they take that outside of the building. There's no cussing or swear-

> Daniel Niewoit CCA director

the center's indoor/outdoor skate park. They have great jumps... All the stuff is put together good. Outside is totally awesome.
"Mostly everyone who comes here says it's a good spot to skate. You meet a lot of people.

skate You meet a lot of people here. It a all about a fun time.

But skating—on blades or boards—is not necessarily required. Jerry McDowell, 12, said there's more to do at the center than just skate.

There's an arcade, boxing, human bowling, ping-pong, air hockey, or you can just hang out in the coffeehouse," he said.

McDowell who attends

McDowell, who attends Sashabaw Middle School, didn't Sasnabay mindle School, didn't know how to in-line skate one year ago. He bought his first pair of skates on the day the center opened and has been skating there ever since.

\*Rollerblading keeps kids out

f trouble," he said.

It's not unusual to catch Niewoit hopping on his own board and joining the crowd. "We attract a lot of skaters," he said. "We have a lot to offer them. We're getting a real diverse crowd."

Skaters or no skaters, the center serves its purpose of provid-ing a safe, fun atmosphere for

kids of all ages.
"We see everyone from every-where," said Niewoit. "The full scope of humanity is represented

He said some kids sit down and do their homework: others stop in to visit and ask him ques

"Kids are kids," he said. "They should be encouraged to be themselves. In here, attitudes definitely change. You just hope and pray that they take that outside of the building. There's no cussing or swearing. They're very mindful of where they're

What's next? Covarrubias said they are looking for long-term results.

We're targeting kids at the most vulnerable age so they make choices that will lend itself to a good way of life, " he said.

Summing it up, Niewoit said: "We really want to reach out to the kids, the families, the community."

Call the Clarkston Community Association at (248) 620-4900.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Lewis A. Hunn

Lewis A. Hunn of Clarkston died Sept. 17, 1998, at age 65.

Mr. Hunn was a member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church; Clarkston. He retired from Koenig Sand & Gravel in 1997 after completing 41 years of service. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany and was a member of American Legion No. 108:of

or American Legion Andreas Oxford. He enjoyed traveling, reading and his wife's cooking. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, and three daughters, Cathlene of Pontiac, Kristina (Ralph) Marek of Attica and Beth Ann of Louisiana. He is also survived by a brother, Frank (Cindy) of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Oxford Town-ship Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston 48348 or Hospice of S.E. Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive. Ste. 212, Southfield

#### Olive Louise Smith

Olive Louise Smith, a Clarkston resident for 49 years, died Sept. 16, 1998, at age 76.

Mrs. Smith was a volunteer for Lighthouse of Clarkston and an active member of Sashabaw Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Hank (Linda) of Gregory and Richard of White Lake; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Alvin and Gene Miller.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral serviçe was held at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church in Clarkston. Interment was at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse of Clarkston, 5331 Maybee, Clarkston 48346.

#### **CLARIFICATION**

The Clarkston Community Historical Society uses the money it raises during its annual Crafts & Cider Festival to fund projects within the school system, such as a history book for the second-grade classes. It also uses the money it raises to preserve the organization's archives and photographs.



For many years **Brose Electric**: and "**The Print Shop"** have decorated their businesses with **Spartan** or **Wolverine** colors and balloons the day before the big game, unfortunately each business was decorated by it's opposing colors by the other guy (usgl). This drew more and more attention each year from our customers and stoppers-by, and in short, became great full This year, we are again combining efforts and inviting all to attend FREE for some FUN. HOT DOGS, CIDER, DONUTS and JAWING. All ages are invited to Wedt <u>YOUR</u> colors, listen to some fight songs and attend this once a year event.

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## Devotion to teaching earns educator high honor

STAFF WRITER

The student seems to have fallen behind his classmates. They're all supposed to be work-ing on an Internet project in the computer lab but he hasn't come up with a topic yet.

He's considering the Apoca-lypse but can't find any Web sites on it. He comes back to his teacher for help.

Jordy Whitmer asks him what his issue is, what he wants to focus on. The student stands there, shuffling, with no answer. Whitmer suggests he go back to his seat and think about a focus and then come back for help.

Minutes later, he's at the stu-dent's terminal. The focus is extinction and Whitmer's guid-ing him on an Internet search of

the subject.
This is the way he likes to teach. It's not so much about standing at the front of the classroom and spelling out the information. It's more about

explaining and then guiding.
Whitmer believes students learn better that way.

His commitment to education. of both students and his peers has earned him an esteemed Milken National Educator Award, a \$25,000 cash award given to educators across the country for their dedication, vision and innovation. Four Michigan educators received the award this month.

Michigan is one of 38 states that participates in the program. "Our state has recognized that we really believe in teachers and we really want to recognize the efforts and hard work of teachers. It is a really noble professaid Jean Shane, executive assistant to the state superintendent and coordinator of the state's Milken Education

In Whitmer's computer technology class at Birmingham Covington School, students just got assigned their next project of the card-marking period. Seventh and eighth-graders in the class will have to pick a subject. either dealing with the human body and how it works, or the envi-ronment, and then search the Internet for sites dealing with their topics.

From their list of sites, students have to pick the top five with the most beneficial information, and design their own Web site with links to the other

five. They'll have about seven class periods, or a little more than five hours, to finish the project.
That's when Whitmer revels in

his job.

To see a kid learn something because you set it up that way, that's a powerful feedback system," said the 36-year-old Clark-ston resident. "The kids end up teaching themselves a lot because of how I structure it."

His goals weren't always to teach technology in the district where he went to school. During the late 1980s, the Michigan State University student wanted

The following incidents were

reported to police and fire agen-

cies in Springfield and Indepen

in elementary schools. He got his master's degree in education technology from Johns Hopkins termongy in 1991 and is cur-rently a Ph.D. candidate back at Michigan State University. He started working at Birm-

ingham Covington School as a consultant in the 1995-96 school year. His job was to boost teachers' knowledge of computers and technology and how they could be used as educational tools. He'd been doing similar work districtwide during summers in Birmingham.

He looked for jobs in northern Michigan after that first school year at BCS, hoping to land a teaching position in Charlevoix.

teaching position in Charlevoix.

Whitmer grew up in West
Bloomfield Township and
remembers it before it became a
metropolis, before it lost its
small-town feel. He wanted to go
back to that way of life up north but a job never panned out.

So Whitmer accepted an offer as a social studies teacher at BCS, team teaching fifth and sixth graders with Susan Klopfenstein during the 1996-97 school year.

When Klopfenstein snagged an opening for media specialist at the school, Whitmer took the technology specialist position, not wanting to slice his working relationship with the teacher.

Klopfenstein said her col-league pushes the boundaries of education, challenging students and other teachers to continually

work harder, do better. "I think he has a true commit-ment to excellence," she said.

Whitmer's thoughts about his own job show he likes teaching students and educators. He's not as excited when he talks about his responsibilities as systems manager for the school, in charge of repair work when computers go down.

The office he's sitting in is full of laptops and computers on the fritz. He said he's been offered an out by the principal, a chance to drop the systems manage-ment portion of his job. But he won't take it yet.

He wants things running smoothly before he lets it go. When I start something, I want to get it to the point where it

orks on its own," Whitmer said. It was through his affiliation with the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, MACUL, that Whitmer first heard about the Milken award. Someone in the group had received it before.

The award was created by Michael and Lowell Milken to give public and financial recognition to teachers, principals and other education professionals who advance excellence in edu-

Whitmer's students aren't surprised he got the award. Most of them agree, Whitmer makes learning fun.

"He's pretty nice all the time," said Kevin Demorest, a seventh grader at the school. "He makes us do our work but it's usually

Lionel Jackson agreed. "He's smart and he goes out of his way



'When I start something, I want to get it to the point where it works on its own.

Jordy Whitmer Milken National Educator Award recipient

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Guilding students: Birmingham Covington School teacher Jordy Whitmer, a Clarkston resident, answers questions for students in his computer technology class. Students Jennifer Maertens, left, and Harini Rajaraman are partners in the class.

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## dence townships and the city of Clarkston Sept. 17-21.

**POLICE NEWS** 

**Independence Police** 

On Sept. 18, a purse containing money was reported stolen from a building on Bluegrass.

On Sept. 18, a school bag was reported stolen from a business on Sashabaw Road.

On Sept. 19, a cell phone and sunglasses were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Snowapple Drive.
On Sept. 19, a clarinet was

reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Clarkston Road. On Sept. 20, \$5,000-\$7,000 was reported stolen from a night

stand in a residence on Sashabaw Road. On Sept. 20, landscape rocks

were reported stolen from a residence on Clarkston Ridge.

Vandalism

On Sept. 17, a mailbox was reported destroyed by an unknown explosive device at a

residence on Griggs.
On Sept. 19, a vehicle was reported "keyed" at a site on Sashabaw Road.

On Sept. 19, mower/mulcher was reported stolen from a residence on Sashabaw Road.

#### Independence Fire

Between Sept. 17-21, firefight-

ers responded to 16 calls. Among them were seven medical runs, four personal-injury accidents and two vehicle fires. They included:

On Sept. 19, firefighters assisted a patient who was in cardiac arrest at a residence on North Eston.

On Sept. 19, firefighters assisted a 91-year-old woman who had sustained a possible broken leg during a fall at a business on Dixie Highway. She was transported by ambulance to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc.

#### **Springfield Police**

Thefts

On Sept. 17, firewood was reported stolen from a residence on Dixie Highway.

On Sept. 18, cash and personal papers were reported stolen from a residence on Hunters Ridge.

On Sept. 18, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Gibbs Road.

Vandalism

On Sept. 17, dents were reported in the side of a mobile

home on Sleepy Hollow. On Sept. 19, a window was reported broken on a vehicle parked on Oakhill.

Vehicle Fire

On Sept. 18, officers responded to a vehicle fire on I-75. There were no injuries.

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#### Water park from page A1

HCMA officials have been trying for more than a year to get approval for the 20-acre water park. They have requested a

rezoning, a project must demon: sentative at numerous meetings, strate a material benefit to the attempting to fine-tune and community and it must preserve adjust the plans so that they natural features that might not might be better received by the otherwise be preserved, among township. At one point in time other criteria, said Planning the HCMA down-sized its plans. Commission Chairman David but those were rejected as well Commission Chairman David -

Hopper at the meeting. Current plans call for a wave pool, lazy river ride, children's pool and other amenities at the 2,250-acre Indian Springs off White Lake Road. Indian Springs also encompasses the 245-acre Timberland Sanctuary and representatives of the sancere present to speak

against the proposal as well.

Duncan told the commission that park officials expect about 1.250 bathers to use the park on! an average day. The aquatic centro abid ter would be open 90-103 days nances. per year, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Duncan said.

"It's deja vu all over again," Duncan said, referring to his fre-quent appearances before the commission and quoting a statement made famous by former baseball player Yogi Berra. Dun-PUD rezoning for 41 acres. has beal player Yogi Berra Dun-In order to qualify for PUD can has been the HCMA's repre-

patible with the township's master plan and that the proposed use would be too intensive for

the rural area The HCMA is a five-countywide authority, established by state mandate, and it has long contended that it does not need to abide by local zoning ordi-

, "These are normal park and recreation facilities that we are

proposing here." Duncan said at a natural beach at the park, the hearing. "We/feel very which crosses the strongly that this facility will Springfield/White Lake townprovide clean, safe water recreation for the residents of the

Despite Duncan's pleas, a number of residents said they do not want the facility in their township. Some questioned the need for water recreation in a county that is filled with lakes and pools.

"A water park in this area and the HCMA resumed its doesn't seem to fit the character plans for the larger scale development.

Township authorities and residents have maintained a stance outside the board offices before that the water park is not constituted. the meeting "I don't know of missioner Paul Rabaut. "I don't many places in the United see a material benefit to the States where you have more water recreation than we have here.

Springfield resident Sherry Boston voiced the sentiments of many when she said, simply, "I don't want a water park in my backyard. Ljust don't."

The HCMA, however, believes Indian Springs needs a swimming facility because there is not

ships boundary.

Before casting their votes against the park, several com-missioners explained that they do not believe the park is com-patible with the surrounding area or the master plan and that it does not meet the criteria for Planned Unit Development zon-

"I do not believe this property meets the required criteria," said commissioner Jeffrey LaBruzzy, "I'think it's bad planning to

use a PUD to circumvent the underlying zoning," added comsee a material benefit to the community.

It was commissioner Zona Sommers, however, who drew the loudest round of approval from the residents when she said, simply, "The community does not want it. They have not wanted it since day one."



On 15.17 acres on Sashabaw Road, north of Sashabaw Creek Meadows, for a single-family res-

idential development. On a 31.72-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Clarkston

and Pine Knob roads for single-family housing.
On 70.66 acres on Pine Knob Road, north of Greenview, for a single-family residential devel-

Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital received first-reading approval for rezoning from sub-urban residential to planned

■ Independence Township unit development from Indepentrustees granted final approval dence Township trustees for its for rezoning from rural residen- Clarkston Medical Campus at tial to suburban farm residen- Dixie Highway and White Lake

> The Parke at Stonewood — a mixed residential and commercial development proposed on more than 250 acres at Dixie Highway. White Lake and Clement roads — received first-reading approval for rezoning from suburban residential to playing a mit development. planned unit development.

"The Developing Clarkston Area" is an occasional update on the progress of residential and commercial building projects in the Clarkston area.

at the building during the inter-

im, but we are disappointed to learn they have elected to close

down the service," Harrison said.

"We do apologize to our neigh-bors in Clarkston, but we do

promise to re-open the facility as

quickly as possible. Clarkston needs and deserves its own

Besides Harrison, president of Harrison Development Co., Clarkston Financial Corp. con-

Ed Adler, president of Food-

■ Clarkston attorney Lou

■ Real estate executive Bill

Chuck Fortinberry, presi-

# Join us for the...

Are you or anyone you know interested in being in the 1998 Lake Orion Homecoming Parade? All community members, clubs, organizations, and businesses are welcome! The Parade is October 2, so mark your calendars! The deadline to be in the parade is September 23! If you are interested, call Cristin Popelier at the high school, 693-5420, and leave a message. We hope to see you there!

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Historical site markers at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000 and township identification/entry signs at a cost of about \$18,000 are two projects that did not make the list submitted to the county because they weren't considered "highpriority," McCrary said.

However, board members did seem to come a consensus about the importance of different enhancement projects while dis-cussing the surprise funds, she

"I think we (the township board) all like the idea of facilities at Sashabaw Plains because we know how badly they are needed." McCrary said. "We also know that the renovation beside township hall has to be done."

Township officials expect to hear back from the county by Sept. 30, she said.

The funds should be available "shortly thereafter," Mallard

#### Local businessmen finalize purchase of old bank building

Clarkston Financial Corp., a group of local business leaders, has announced the purchase of the building at 15 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

The 87-year-old historical site originally served as the home to Clarkston State Bank, and most recently was used by NBD as a branch bank, before that company decided to close the facility in

The ATM machine at the bank will not be operational during the transition.

David Harrison, president of Clarkston Financial Corp., made the announcement.

"We purchased this building with the intention of some day opening a community bank right here in Clarkston," Harrison said. "Papers have been filed to obtain a charter using the original name Clarkston State Bank. Once the state approves the application, we are targeting a

Terms of the purchase were not disclosed. We were hopeful NBD would continue to operate an ATM site

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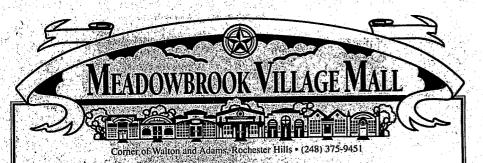
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## Legislators boost state court budget

STAFF WRITER

With some items still unresolved, the Legislature passed and sent to Gov. John Engler a \$215 million budget bill for

It's 2 percent more than Engler asked and 4 percent more than the current year.

Lawmakers opted against making a number of Engler's recommended changes.

A lawsuit over funding of judges' retirement cast a question mark over the budget. Engler recommended \$476.000 in higher court fees to support the retirement system. The Legislature eliminated it and will deal with the question once the suit is settled.

The budget supports 611 judges - seven on the Supreme Court, 28 on the Court of Appeals, 259 on district courts 107 in probate courts and 210 on circuit courts.

Line items showed that the overwhelming majority of court system employees aren't

For example, while there are seven justices on the highest court, they employ 277 others, or 40 for every elected justice. They include 136 in Supreme Court administration, 80 in the state court administrative

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district courts, 107 in probate courts and 210 on cir-

tion systems, 24 in trial court Lawmakers restored it. automation support and 12 on Abortion funds—Ti the Foster Care Review Board rent budget prohibits

93-14 with area Republicans Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills and Deborah Whyman of Canton voting no. The Senate vote was 35-1 with two Detroiters absent; all area senators voted yes, There was no debate.

Here is the fate of other Engler recommendations

A rule that requires the court to "buy American" and from businesses in deprived and depressed communities.—Engler sought to eliminate it; lawmakers restored it.

Anti-nepotism policy = Engler sought to remove it; lawmakers restored it.

Travel policy - Engler sought to remove language requiring the Supreme Court to adopt the most efficient and

office, 21 in judicial informa, cost-effective method of travel.

Abortion funds – The cur-Foster Care Review Board rent budget prohibits use of The House passed the bill indigent defense funds for abortion-related procedures. Engler sought to eliminate the rule; the Senate convinced the House to restore the prohibi-

> The Senate wanted to hold up 10 percent of the judiciary appropriation until the Supreme Court adopts rules allowing judicial candidates to express opinions on political issues. Lawmakers eliminated the 10 percent penalty but encouraged the court to change its miles.

> Oct. 1 is the start of the new fiscal year. The judiciary budget was one of the last bills that lawmakers approved. Most others were done before the Legislature ended its regular session July 2.

The \$215 million budget bill for state courts supports more than 611 judges; an overwhelming majority of it goes to support staff For example, while there are seven justices on the highest court, they employ 277 others, or 40 for every elected justice. They include 136 in Supreme Court administration, 80 in the state court administrative office, 21 in judicial information systems, 24 in trial court automation support and 12 on the Foster Care Review Board.

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In lieu of a coat, flu shots can also be obtained of a donation of \$10 or more. The proceeds will also benefit the three charitable organizations, and all donations; including coats and cash, are tax:

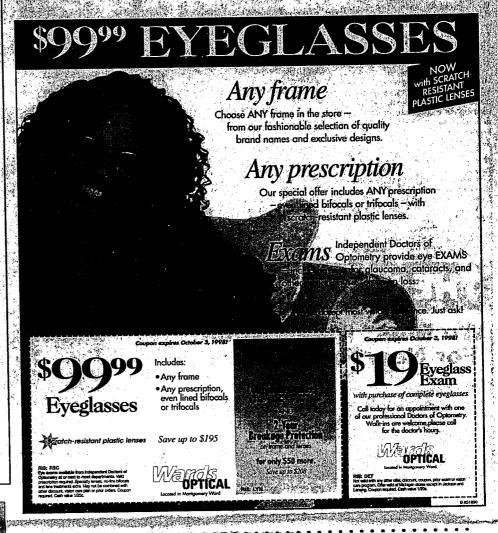
Highway at Meyer Drive.

Dr. M. George, director of the center, launchet the drive-thru flu shot program in 1992 to encour age busy people to be immunized against the flu.

He hopes to collect about 2,000 coats.

An ordinary overcoat can prevent you from getting the flu this year, says the Royal Oak Medical Center. The center will offer a free flu shot in exchange for a donation of a clean overcoat during its annual drive-through flu shot program; as seen he new or used. They will be discontinuously the new or used. They will be discontinuously the first state of the first state o

Shots will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Royal Oak Medical Center, 5130 Coolidge Highway at Meier Drive: Dr. M. George, director of the center, launched





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## Local restaurant célebrates Oktoberfest

#### Union Bar and Kitchen gears up for tradition-bound harvest festival

al celebration of drinking an Oktoberfest, a classic German harvest festival, is set for Sature. drinking and

Celebrated in Germany each year during the last week of September, Oktoberfest is about eating drinking and gathering," Catallo said. "And those are things we built the Union to accommodate."

accommodate."
Slated from 11 a.m. through the evening beneath tents in the restaurant's parking lot, the Union's Oktoberfest features Detroit polka band Big Paddy. Lackowski and the La Dee Daz. A big draw for patrons last year, the musical ensemble is "one of the finest polka bands in Michigan," Catallo said. "Just close your eyes and imagine that

Y NICOLE STAFFORD you're with Lawrence Welk," he poked, "They're that good."

Dust off that lederhosen — or Gatallo said. old up the short suspenders to one of the short suspenders to old up the short suspenders to ol

day.

"Out of all of the Chrkston Union Bar selection of Gercelebrations during and Kitchen man and Oktoble year, this is the berfest tap brews one that best fits the Union," said the restaurant's owner, Curt Catallo.

Calebrated in Germany each year during the last week of September, "Oktoberfest is about 1,000 links of Liverst 186". Curt Catallo

packet.

In fact, about 1,000 links of bratwurst and knockwurst are on order and 50 gallons of potato pancake batter is being whipped for the event. Staff will dress for

tor the event. Staff will dress for the occasion, and prizes will be awarded for best German gath. After visiting several famous Oktoberfest spots while vacas, tioning in Munich last year Cafallo describes the event as sacred but admits "it's just an excuse for German revelry." For additional information

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Classic cars, contests and the Cruisin' Kids World roll-into Independence Oaks County Park on Sunday, Oct. 4, for the 14th annual Fall Color Car Classic. Spectators can view and vote for their favorite vehicles in 22

show classes including antiques, street rods and sports cars.

street rods and sports cars.

The event runs noon-4 p.m. with a fall color cruise through historic Clarkston to Mr. B's Roadhouse, Clarkston, immediately following the show.

Festivities include Cruisin' Kids World for kids featuring drag tricycle races, a magician, games, contests, face painting and numbkin decorating.

and pumpkin decorating.

The event also includes a swap meet, disc jockey, miniature yacht races on Crooked Lake, door prizes and nature center tours. Also visiting will be the Oakland County Parks Puppet Show, Bumpa Bounce, Orbotron, The Wall (climbing wall) and Oaklowns.

Car show participants can reg star the day of the show for \$12/vehicle or by calling (248) 858-0916 in advance. Vehicles must be operational. There is a one-mile gravel entrance to show site. Registration is limited to the first 700 vehicles.

Show participants receive free hayrides, pedal boat, canoe and row boat rentals and goody bags. Commemorative dash plaques will be given to the first 150 par-ticipants. Event set-up and check-in is 8 a.m.-noon with judging from 1-2:30 p.m. Spectators can vote for their favorite vehicle. Trophies will be awarded for "Club Participation."

A spectator entry fee of \$8/vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged. The event is sponsored by Rich Sign, Mr. B's Roadhouse, Clarkston; and Oakland County Parks.

Independence Oaks County Park is on Sashabaw Road, 2½ miles north of I-75, near Clark-

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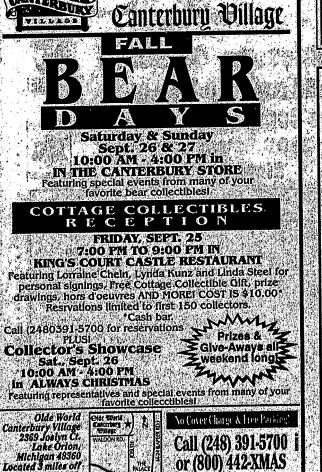
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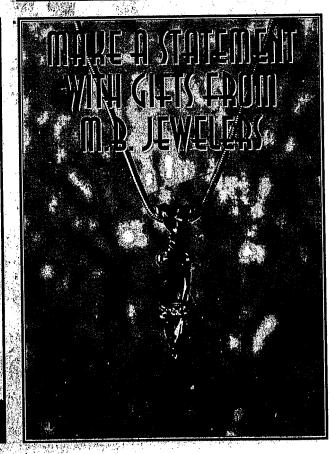
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## Family struggles to overcome illness

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

Being diagnosed with incurable cancer triggers all kinds of emotions, according to Teresa Devine, a 36-year-old housewife

in Bloomfield Township.
"It's overwhelming," she said.
"I felt great, but the diagnosis said I was going to die ... and

The possibility of death is still very real, said Teresa, the wife of Oakland County commissioner Dan Devine Jr. and the mother of four children. But with luck and research from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) — Teresa Devine could live to enjoy her grandchildren.

The Devines talked about their experience in documented detail this week from their home in the Adams Square subdivision. They felt comfortable doing so for several reasons, they said, including the support they have received from family, friends, neighbors, and total strangers.

Two months ago! Teresa was diagnosed as having stage four metastatic malignant melanoma a condition considered incurable and beyond the help of conventional treatment like ventional surgery, radiation or chemotherapy. Physicians at St. Joseph Mercy, Harper Hospital, the

Karmanos Institute, the Cleve-land Clinic and Sloan Kettering were not optimistic.

Today, however, Teresa Devine will be part of a study supervised by Dr. Steven A. Rosenberg at NCI in Bethesda, Maryland. The study focuses on the immunization of patients with metastatic melanoma using DNA bolstered with gp100 anti-

She will get at least four injections, with close medical moni-

"As I understand it," said Dan Devine, "the vaccine helps the body's immune system to recognize the cancer as an invader, and the body responds."

The diagnosis is admittedly depressing, the Devines said as they prepared for the biggest challenge in their 14-year mar-

That certitude of that diagnosis, however, is almost a relief compared to the uncertainty and anxiety of the previous months, he Devines said. Since last October. Teresa has undergone a hysterectomy, breast surgery and chemotherapy without pinpointing the cause.

Last month, physicians at Sloan Kettering diagnosed the cause of her symptoms as most likely the brownish, black mole removed from Teresa's chin in

1992. "It (the mole) was diagnosed as malignant melanoma," Teresa Devine said. "I did what the oncologist advised (annual skin examinations by a dermatologist), and I thought everything was under control.

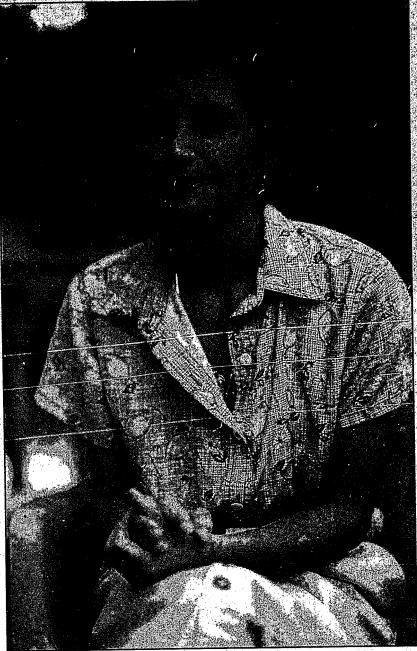
"When I collapsed (last October), I had no idea it was related to that mole."

Ironically, Teresa's problem surfaced when she was worried about her husband who had been hospitalized with meningitis viral, rather bacterial meningitis which can be fatal.

"He just got home from the hospital and I went to get his medicine," recalled his wife. "I collapsed at the pharmacy."

Within days, Teresa underwent surgery to remove a ruptured ovarian cyst. That was followed by extensive tests and more surgery. "And I'm a person who is afraid of needles," she

Physicians were never sure



Maximizing good times: Dan Devine took a leave of absence from his law practice in order to spend more time with his family, including from the left, Megan, Dan, wife Teresa (holding the youngest, Teddy) and Dominic, swinging the bat.

But the diagnosis was usually bleak. The uncertainty and the anxiety were almost debilitating, charge of her life and enjoy what she said. "It can't control tomoring the middle of the night."

charge of her life and enjoy what she can. "I can't control tomoring the middle of the night."

Things started to change, however, once Teresa decided to take

I can control today. I can love my husband, hug my kids and cherish my family and friends."

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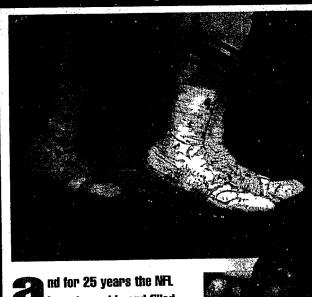
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## Cypical family' strives for balance

Struggles from page A7

By Pat Murphy, Staff Writer

In most respects, Teresa and Dan Devine Jr. considered their family to be "typical."

He is a lawyer who is also an Oakland County commissioner, a Republican from Bloomfield

She had worked in the finance staff of the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn. But she left in 1989, when their first child was born. Teresa, 36, describes herself as a "soccer mom," which includes classroom duty at Eastover El mentary School and Fox Hills Preschool Center:

She was also a precinct dele gate and chair of the Political Action Committee of the Bloom-

field Republican Women's Club.
The youngsters — Dan; 9;
Megan, 7; Dominic, 4; and Teddy
who turns 2 on Halloween are busy with school, soccer and

growing up. But the Devines also realize how fortunate they are most in having the love and support of family, friends, neigh-bors and total strangers. But they also acknowledge their good fortune in having extensive health insurance and the money to afford things like second opin-ions from consulting physicians.

Much of their lifestyle changed, however, when Teresa was diagnosed as having incur-

able cancer. The couple wanted to "take charge" of their lives and make the most out of what-ever time they have together.

Dan took a leave of absence from his law practice in Bloom-field Hills, but he continues his duties as county commissioner. He'll miss today's regular meeting, but he attended committee

meetings last week. Teresa left her job with Ford Motor in 1989, She wanted to see her youngsters off to school in the morning, and she wanted to be home when they returned. the seriousness of her illness Now. Dan is there too.

After reading volumes on the causes and treatments of cancer,

Giving in to bitterness or get-

ting bogged down wondering "Why me?", would be akin to let-

ting down the thousands of peo-

ple — no exaggeration, the Devines insist — who have

expressed encouragement and

support since learning of her ill-

the family changed its diet: no more red meet or junk food. Fur-thermore, they developed a fondness for vegetarian meals. "Last night (Monday), we had vegetari-an tacos," said Dan. "I don't know how she (Teresa) does it,

but they were delicious."
The Devines said they have always been forthright when it came to telling their youngsters about their mother's illness. "But, when mom lost her hair because of the chemotherapy," said Dan, "they started to realize

Teresa and Dan said they take time with each child, hoping to minimize the anxiety and help

me every day," she said. "I get five or six cards every day. Some are from friends, but many are

friends of friends ... people I

don't even know." Parishioners at St. Hugo of the

Hills Catholic Church, the fami-

ly's home parish, mention Teresa

Devine in their prayers, "But it doesn't stop there," she said.

"Other churches — and at least one synagogue — mention me in their provers

"People are so helpful," Teresa

Devine said, "So thoughtful."

their prayers.

him or her understand the situation. "I think they have some understanding of death," said Dan, "but I don't know that they

realize the full impact.
"They ask questions once in awhile, and we try to answer as

The Devines have gone out of their way to make sure one thing hasn't changed. "We keep a rou-tine," said Dan: "We want some semblance of normality. The kids still know they have to make their beds, and they know homework comes before television.".

The family has always been religious, according to Dan. They met while both were undergrad-uates in South Bend, Indiana. He attended Notre Dame before enrolling in the Detroit College of Law, and she obtained degrees from St. Mary's College and Notre Dame before getting a masters degree in finance from Wayne State University.

Teresa, an avid swimmer and fitness buff, has always worn a religious medal. Now, she wears nine medals, most of which were given to her by friends as well as strangers.

Their spirituality became stronger and "more realistic" after Teresa became ill, said Dan. "We know God hears our prayers," he said, "and those of all the people supporting us. But we know God may not answer them the way we want him to."

## **Future site of** 52nd district court in limbo

Rochester officials aren't ertain where the 52-3!District Court should go when its lease in Rochester Hills expires this year.

The city can't give it a home on municipal property, but it would welcome a site some-

Council will send that mes-sage to Oakland County as it arches for a new court loca-

"It's not that we're not interested in having the court in town," councilwoman Ann Marie Boyce said, "it's that we don't have a home for it on

municipal property." Members Monday voted unanimously to tell the county that it may request a court of its own if the current 52-3 court building moves to a non-

contiguous city.

The county must obtain a formal release from Rochester if it locates the court in a noncontiguous city, such as Auburn Hills, Rochester may ask for its own court in lieu of the release.

The county has considered sites in Rochester Hills, which surrounds most of

Rochester, and in Auburn

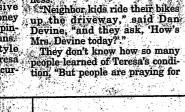
Hills. "Your voice is important. You do play an important role in this. You have some clout on the issue, county Commissioner Sue Douglas told the

Douglas said the county of may locate its district courts of in cities and villages only. She added that only three cities, Rochester, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills, meet the population criteria for becom-

ing court sites. "As long as you have a court contiguous to you, you're considered to have a court," she explained. "If you don't, the county has to provide you with one or you have to sign off on it formally."

Douglas predicts the county eventually will locate a satellite court in the division's north side, where population is growing.

The 52-3 division includes Lake Angelus, Addison, Oakland, Orion and Oakland Township, the village of Oxford, Rochester, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills.





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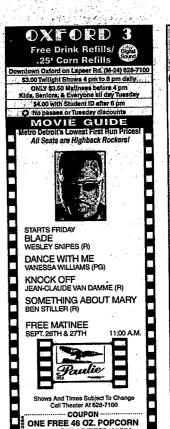
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NANCY STROLE, Clork Charter Township of Springfield

blish: September 24 & October 1, 1998

By Tim Richard Stark Writer

They have different attitudes toward mall voting, cutting the number of elections and reducing

Incumbent Republican Cantice Miller favors moving toward : mail voting, endorses the concept of fewer special elections and already has reduced the number of Secretary of State branch

offices from 181 to 178. Democratic challenger Mary Lou Parks says people like to go to polling places, wouldn't reduce the number of elections and favors more programs and ser-

Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars" for failing to submit campaign finance statements on time. Parks said the forms should be made easier to under-

For the first time in history. Michigan's two political parties have nominated women for the No. 3 post running the oldest department in state government.

#### **Customer options**

"A lot of people have looked to Oregon," which ran a U.S. Senate special election by mail, Miller said. "It's a marked improvement in voter participa-

"In Michigan we are not ready for that until we have a good qualified voter file (now in place). We'd like to start with (mail voting in) school elections and single-ballot question elec-tions to get the clerks around the state experience, making sure we do not have any kind of

Miller sees no gain from Satur-day and 24-hour voting, but she favors consolidating (say) school and other local elections. "I come from Macomb County where we had 18 elections in the course of a year. I think that (holding fewer elections) is an avenue for increasing voter participation.

We should take off some of

the restrictions on absentee vot-– that is such an easy way to vote. Seniors, of course, use it extensively," Miller said. Under current law, a person may vote by absentee (including mail) if or she is working, intends to be out of town, is 60 or older or incapacitated.

Parks said "not really" when asked whether she supported mail voting. "I like the process of voting. I think people enjoy getting out to vote

Parks added, "I'm not certain we should have fewer, more" elections. "That's something we could look at."

They were asked whether Michigan, with 51 elected state officials, inflicts too long a ballot on voters.

Miller was satisfied but would consider making all university boards appointive, as Gov. John Engler has proposed. That would eliminate 24 posts from the bal-

"I won't say we should have fewer," said Parks.

#### High rents

After taking office in 1995, Miller made a speech in which she complained that her prede-Democrat Richard Austin, had set up five Secretary

of State branch offices in Demoshrinking population, but zero in growing Republican areas like Wixom and Novi. What has she

"We've done a study demographically to see where people want to do business," Miller said. "We did a canvass of the Wixom-Novi area, one of the explosive growth areas in the state. The real estate is a little expensive

"In lieu of that, we'd like to offer customers options where they don't have to go to branch offices all the time. Now you can renew (vehicle plate licenses) by mail, by phone, by fax, by Internet. We have a mobile branch office taking service to you.

The number of branch offices has been reduced from 181 to 178, Miller said.

"Already the Touch-Tone option has taken several hundred thousand transactions annually. We're the first state agency to be interactive on the

"We do 17 million transactions annually. We'd like to move about 40 percent to one of these other modes instead of face-toface contact. It's better for you and less expensive for the state."

Miller would like to see twoear vehicle late registrations. She believes drivers of leased vehicles - 40 percent of the market - would like that. "It would mean a quicker cash flow for the state," she added.

"We're looking to install kiosks, similar to banking ATMs, in shopping malls."

Parks took the opposite view, saying "we should bring the office back to the people." She criticized the state's ending of giving driver's tests at the Secretary of State's office.

Parks supports the 1993 Democratic federal "motor-voter" law which requires states to accept voter registrations not in Secretary of State offices (which Michigan has had since the mid-1980s) but also welfare, unemployment and public health

Gov. Engler's administration fought implementation of that law but lost in court.

#### Parks fined

Republicans and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce have made an issue of Parks' being fined repeatedly for failing to file campaign finance statements on time. Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars," including \$170 for the state Senate primary that Parks lost Aug. 3.

"I honestly have never met Mary Lou Parks," Miller said. 'The only interaction I've had with her is campaign finance enforcement. She is a blatant violator.

Miller added, "Disclosure is the operative phrase. It's impor-tant for people to understand who's trying to influence these elections" through disclosure of contributions.

Parks replied: "Isn't that very nice to say? I serve as a legislator, and yet she doesn't know me, and yet she can charge me. That speaks to what I've been talking about. She should have been able to work out the

mechanics and make sure that cratic-leaning Flint, with a the campaign finance law is

ready to be workable."
"I'd like to change the complexity of the campaign finance law," Parks said."It is very complicated. It's not being administered very well by our present secretary of state so that makes it more complicated."

#### Cut list access

In her acceptance speech at the Democratic State Conven tion, Parks said she wants to end the sale of "confidential lists to criminals." What criminals has the state sold lists to?

"Well, as a legislator," Parks said, "I get complaints that infor-mation has been given out by the Secretary of State's office. Consumers should be protected. Many times people harass you, and for fraudulent things. I call them criminals. I don't think anyone should have any information about you that's provided



Candice Miller o an agency such as the Secre-

tary of State.

Parks was asked about newspaper exposures, using state drunk driving records, of school bus drivers, airline pilots and a gubernatorial candidate. Should that be stopped?

Incumbent Republican Candice Miller favors moving toward mail voting, endorses fewer special elections and has reduced the number of Secretary of State branches from 181 to 178. Democratic challenger Mary Lou Parks says people like to go to polling places, that she wouldn't reduce the number of elections and favors more programs and services.

"I feel we have law enforcement ... they should do the things they should do," Parks replied. "The Secretary of State should not be allowing other people to get personal and private information."

Interviews with Miller and



Parks will be broadcast at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, on WXYZ-TV Ch. 7. Most quotes in this story came from the taping with additional information coming from off-camera inter-

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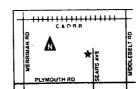
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## Talk it out

### Schools, township must establish trust

fficials from Clarkston Community Schools and Independence Township got into a heated debate last week over construction plans for the new elementary school on M-15.

We have several thoughts on why this occurred and what needs to be done to prevent:

First, we want to point out that neither the school board nor the township board was at fault. Each entity was doing its job: The school board was representing its constituents—the 7,000 some students it is entrusted with educating. The township board was representing its constituents — the residents living near where the new school will be built and the 28,000 or so others who will be sharing roads with the traffic the new school generates.

Everything was as it should be, the school board concerned with getting a school built by next September to ease overcrowding in the existing elementaries and the township board concerned with mitigating the impact of a large public building on surrounding neigh-

Both entities were following standard operating procedures. The school board was pushing to get the project rolling so that it can get done on time; the township board was pushing to have a commitment up front on details regarding landscaping, drainage, parking and driveway access, as it does from all develop-

The problems began when neither side understood what the other's expectations

That's because it's uncommon for Michigan school districts, and unprecedented for the

Clarkston school district, to go through a site plan review process by local governing officials when it constructs buildings. State law does not require school districts to do so.

But in the best interest of the community, Independence Township officials asked Clark ston school officials to share with them their construction plans for the new elementary, and school officials, to their credit, agreed to

the idea. The township board hopes to prevent some of the drainage and traffic problems that occurred with construction of the new high school. As township officials pointed out, they're the ones more likely to hear citizen

To prevent future flare-ups between school and township officials, the two entities need to communicate more effectively and more frequently. School Superintendent Al Roberts and township Supervisor Dale Stuart seem to have formed a good relationship. But that's not enough. School trustees and township trustees and/or planning commissioners also need to talk. This may mean fitting more meetings into an already tight schedule, but the time investment will pay off.

Also, the two sides need to trust each other. Both entities want to do what's right there's no reason why they wouldn't. When one side questions the other's honesty and integrity, the issue becomes emotional and effective communication is cut off.

Last but not least, both sides need to be open to compromise. That may be the only way to resolve some of the issues and get a school the community can be proud of built in time to meet students' needs.

### State must toughen truck-weight laws

the earth is flat ... cigarettes are good for you ... and big trucks don't wreck Michigan roads.

Few people believe any of those three tall tales. None makes sense. Your mother can tell you all three are wrong. Yet the trucking industry and some lawmakers insist the deplorable condition of Michigan roads isn't the fault of heavy trucks that are unique to Michigan.

Most states in the Union limit truck weights to 40 tons. Michigan and Louisiana allow 82ton monsters. One need only cross the border on I-75 and US-23 into Ohio, or on I-69 and I-94 into Indiana, to know that Michigan roads

are taking an unnecessary pounding.
The issue grose in mid-1994 when the Legislature, - after a decade of neglect under two governors — got around to raising fuel taxes. Lawmakers voted down an amendment to lower truck weight limits.

The issue resurfaced, along with some new data, in Lansing recently when two Macomb County senators introduced a bill to phase down truck weight limits over five years.

Democrats Art Miller and Ken DeBeaussaert say they have support from such Republicans as Transportation Committee Chairman Phil Hoffman, Bob Geake of Northville and David Jaye of Macomb County. Certainly they have the support of most

Michigan motorists. Certainly they have support from people familiar with the freeze-thaw cycles of southeastern Michigan winters. Our roads are sus-ceptible to potholes because of the erratic

weather. The 82-ton trucks make things worse. The trucking industry, along with lawmakers sensitive to its lobbyists, say it is exle weight, not gross weight, that counts. They say an 11-axle, 42-wheel cement hauler doesn't do any more damage than other vehicles.

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So they say

you big trucks cost the rest of us big money for big road repairs, consider the traffic crash evi-

Of the people killed in 1996 in two-vehicle crashes involving a passenger vehicle and a large truck, 98 percent were occupants of the passenger vehicles – so says the Insurance

Large trucks in 1995 accounted for 3 percent of registered vehicles, 7 percent of miles driven and 12 percent of all passenger vehicle occupant deaths - again from the Insurance

Evidence is mounting that senior citizens, some with slower reflexes, are particularly likely to get hurt in crashes with trucks.

Large trucks are especially dangerous in southeastern Michigan, where "tailgating" is a way of life. Loaded tractor-trailers take 20 to 40 percent farther than cars to stop. Unloaded rigs have a tendency to "jackknife." The fatality on the east side of I-94 a couple of weeks ago - the one where a trucker slammed into an ambulance - will become more common as

We encourage area lawmakers not to let the truckers blow smoke into their minds with their "axle weight" fables. The 82-ton trucks are more dangerous than other vehicles. Michigan can't afford more fuel taxes and more deaths because of its too lenient truckweight law.

But even if your own eyes don't convince

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our roads become more crowded.



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Would you be willing to pay for more police protection in Springfield Township?



This question was asked on Broadway Street in downtown Davisburg.



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real services Eric Withrow Springfield



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Nicole Barham Springfield Township



rarely, out in the country here, see officers passing by.

Tim Snell Township

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#### Seminar helps promote old-fashioned values

re you and your family ready for some good news, some positive role modeling and the return of personal integrity? Join others in the Clarkston community for a dose of good old-fashioned family values on Oct. 1 when Search Institute speaker Flora Sanchez arrives from Albuquerque, N. M., to speak at Springfield Plains Elementary School at the "What Kids Need to Succeed!" seminar:

Flora will share how a community can foster positive traits in its young people and reinforce the "resiliency" skills needed to grow up healthy, productive and competent in an often difficult and confusing world. Find out how you can play a meaningful role in the lives of young people who live in your house and even the ones who live across town.

Shared efforts by several community organizations to promote this interactive workshop and to provide childcare have begun to demonstrate the collaboration process possible within a community prevention coalition. Both youth and adults are encouraged to attend, as well as folks from our neighboring communities. Tickets are available at the door or by calling (248) 394-0252. Free admission for youth aged 18 and under; free childcare is available with pre-registration

**Clarkston Community Task Force for** Youth Clarkston

#### **Craft festival a success**

he Clarkston Community Historical Society would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 22nd annual Crafts and Cider Festival a success. The warm, sunny weather and the community involvement combined to create another wonderful weekend in Clarkston. Special thanks go to the following: those Historical Society members who generously volunteered their time; the other area charities and their volunteers who provided more food choices than ever this year; the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, which ran an outstanding parking shuttle service all weekend long; the boys of Scout Troop 199 out of St. Dan who collected returnable cans to recycle and who took care of the trash all weekend; and the members of the Clarkston High School National Honor Society who volunteered their time and did an outstanding job helping out.

Additional thanks go to the men of the city of Clarkston DPW, as well as to the city police officers, all of whom cheerfully helped to keep the weekend running smoothly. Also, congratulations to all of our fine artists, both local and from across the country, whose work everyone came to see and enjoy.

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The officers and board members of the Clarkston Community Historical Society hope the citizens of our area enjoyed the festival this year, and we look forward to using the money we raised to enrich our community by preserving our history for future generations.

Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president, **Clarkston Community Historical Society** Crafts and Cider Exhibitor Chairperson

#### Lawmakers should proceed with impeachment inquiry

he mere allegation that President Bill Clinton committed perjury, and/or obstructed justice (when properly supported), regardless of the subject matter, is sufficient to continue impeachment proceedings, and if proven, to impeach the president. Public censure is not sufficient, and falls short of Congress' constitutional duty.

This great country is not a democracy, or one of majority rule, but instead, ours is a government of laws, and to survive, the rule of law must reign supreme. Consider that after the Constitution was ratified one of the drafters, upon leaving the ceremony, was asked, "what kind of government have you given us?" To which he replied "a republic — if you can keep it."

These prophetic words are amazingly salient today, as the polls appear to demonstrate large public support for the president. But it now seems clear that President Clinton has broken the law, and what's more important, and even more incontrovertible, that he has breached the public trust, perhaps even his oath of office. For greater than six months he asked us to believe a lie. He continues to maintain at least a portion of this lie.

Any contrition on the president's part is as irrelevant as his popular support. The law is the law and for his crimes, and for his breach of duty, the Constitution demands that he be impeached. Doing so will be to preserve the Constitution President Clinton no longer has the authority to "preserve, protect or defend."

> Patrick T. Barone **Bloomfield Hills**

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- Philip Power

#### POINTS OF VIEW

## emocratic process works, even when unsettling

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No, it isn't always pleasant. In fa**c**t, the democratic process can often push us way out of our comfort zone

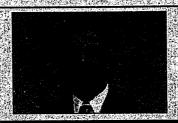
For most of us, being in the midst a conflict is unsettling, but the advantage of our system of government is that it allows all sides to air their differences. The present controversy in Washington, D.C., is a good example. It is very disturbing in many ways to Americans, regardless of ideo: logical stance or party affiliation. Most of us just wish the dissension was over. Nonetheless, our ability to debate issues and to openly disagree is the envy of citizens around the

At a recent meeting of the Independence Township Board, there was genuine disagreement over a request to extend water and sewer service to

the new elementary school site. This issue had the potential to be very divisive for those of us who call Clarkston home. Despite differences of opinion, a vote was taken and the school's request was granted. While the vote is evidence that democracy works, I find myself looking for better ways to address discord

The fact is, our elected officials, (school and township) work diligently to make decisions that are in the best interest of our entire community. Drawing lines in the sand certainly seems unnecessary in light of this. Nonetheless, the public hearing did cause me to stop and think — you can never communicate enough! From my perspective, I thought we had done quite a bit, but from the township board's vantage point, we fell short of the mark.

Our strategy was to address the



#### AL ROBERTS

concerns that were brought to our attention by directing our building team (architects and engineers) to modify the original plans. We wanted to comply, as much as possible, with the township standards. Once this task was completed, we had planned to bring the revisions to the township for review. Apparently, some on the township board expected their advisors to be involved at an earlier state Obviously, miscommunication can take place, even when you think you are on the same pagel

Now, pointing fingers at good people because they see things differently than you do isn't particularly productive, nor is it smart.

I want to go on record stating that the school board is committed to working in a cooperative manner with the township board. Our citizens must understand that projects of this size are likely to produce some areas of disagreement. But let's also be sure to recognize goodwill and positive

For example, by their vote, Dale Stuart and his municipal colleagues gave us a fighting chance to open a new school building in 1999.

Yes, the schools have the responsibility to build a safe and functional

**II** The bottom line for us in the school business is that children come first. The township board's vote is a strong indication that our municipal colleagues agree.

elementary school building and to build it on time and on budget. But we are ready, willing and able to meet applicable township standards, and we promise to do so.

The bottom line for us in the school business is that children come first. The township board's vote is a strong indication that our municipal colleagues agree.

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools: His hotline number is 623-5454.

#### xford, Clinton's true character was evident **Even** at U

Tis education forms the common

Just as the twig is bent, the tree's

hese famous lines from Alexander Pope have come with increasing frequency to my mind as the sorry unraveling of Bill Clinton's presidency; proceeds apace.

Character counts, And character shows up very early in a life, often in obscure ways that only become clear with the passage of events.

This is a story about Bill Clinton when he was a young Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. I happen to know something about this period in linton's life because I, too, was at Oxford, as a Marshall Scholar.

Although Clinton was at Oxford from 1968-1970 and I was there from 1962-1964, we both were members of University College, one of the smaller, nicer colleges at Oxford. Not much happens at a small Oxford college thout all members' knowing about

Now when you win a prestigious scholarship to study at Oxford University, you undertake a certain obligation to play the academic game : according to the rules. Unlike American universities, where hour exams lead to final exams in a semester-bysemester progression, at Oxford there

are no exams until the end of your course of study.

Then you take something called "Examination Schools," a two-week period of written examinations covering the entire syllabus you are studying, often followed by an oral examination based on your written answers.

Needless to say, this is a pretty terrifying experience, especially for the British, whose careers often are substantially determined by their results in "Schools." I've seen friends literally throwing up as they entered the examination hall. And I'm not ashamed to confess I was plenty nervous when undergoing the process.

Now many people know of Bill



#### PHILIP POWER

Clinton's assertion that he didn't inhale when asked if he smoked marijuana at Oxford. And some know that while at Oxford, Clinton threw himself passionately into the protest movement against the war in Viet-

But what few people know is that Bill Clinton never took his Examination Schools at Oxford. As a result. he never received an undergraduate degree from Oxford. The entry in Who's Who in America merely says, "postgrad, Oxford U, 1968-70."

I learned about this about the time

Clinton received an honorary degree from Oxford University in 1994.

Some of my friends from University College called to twit me about the. fact that Bill Clinton must be the only person who ever received an honorary degree from Oxford without first having earned an degree from undergraduate study there.

They also said that the reason Clinton gave for not taking his Examination Schools was that he had spent so much time and energy protesting against the Vietnam War that he simply wasn't prepared. He didn't want to go through the emotionally wrenching experience of taking all those examinations only to receive poor marks.

I was troubled when I first heard the story, but I didn't make a big deal of it. Obviously it meant more to somebody who has been through the whole searing experience of Oxford exams than to most folks.

But as time went on and the questions about President Clinton's character became more and more serious. I found myself coming back to the story again and again. Here is a guy who wins perhaps the most prestigious scholarship in the world, who goes off to Oxford to study for a degree, Instead, he gets diverted from his course of study by a sexy protest movement. And then, instead of taking his examinations the way the rules require, he simply passes and goes back to America, eventually to become president.

Character counts. Responsible character means being prepared to face the consequences of choices made, instead of evading them with one excuse or another.

Character does count. And character often shows up very early in life.

Phil Power is chairman of Home-Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com

## Clean water bond on agenda of annual conservancy meeting

he North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) will hold its annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Independence Township Hall Annex, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

In celebration of 26 years of service to the community, the meeting will feature an update on the work of the NOHLC, election of board members, a feature presentation, and a tour of a NOHLC-protected property. Light refreshments will be served.

The first 25 people at the annual meeting will receive a 4-year-old, 8- to 14-inch white pine

The update will include reports about two newly protected properties, one in Independence

Township and

one in Spring-

totaling more

field Township,

The feature presentation concerns the Michigan "Clean Water Initiative," the \$675 million bond issue that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot for voter approval.

than 120 acres, and a report about the progress being made toward hiring an executive director. Both of the new properties pro-

tect wildlife habitats.

Nominated for election at the meeting are John E. Dryer, Katherine M. Fries, Robert B. Inskeep, Douglas D. McInnis and J. James Reed for three-year terms as directors, and Gerald A. Fisher, Thomas W. Hall, II, Diana T. Hopper, Janette L. Martin and James R. Wenger as auditors.

The feature presentation concerns the Michigan "Clean Water Initiative," the \$675 million bond issue that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot for voter approval, Ann Conklin, director of Parks and Recreation for Independence Township, will make the presentation.

The plan's objectives are brownfield redevelopment and environmental cleanup; protect and enhance Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams; reclaim and revitalize local waterfronts; make critical state park improvements; enhance local

parks and recreational oppor-

tunities; pollution prevention; and protect public from lead hazards. Ample time will be provided for questions.

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Following the meeting will be a tour of the NOHLC Cedar Park No. 2 Conservation Easement, a 10.5-acre parcel located in Southeastern Independence Township which borders a tributary of the Clinton River that flows into Townsend Lake. This property is one of the two and represents a partnership with a private landowner for the preservation of natural features in the community.

With the addition of the two, newly acquired properties, the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy will be preserving 23 parcels in two townships totaling nearly 464 acres. The NOHLC will own eight properties and hold scenic/conservation easements on 15 others.

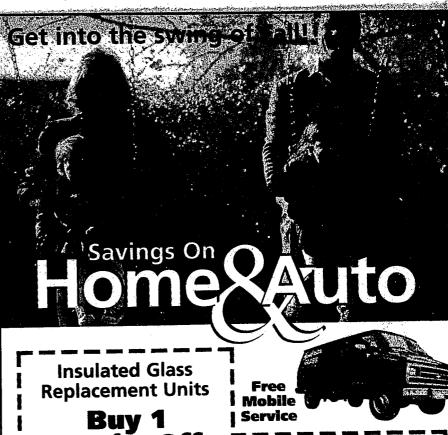
The NOHLC was incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy and is dedicated to the quality of wildlife habitat, preserving the character of the landscape, and protecting the natural resources of our community. The NOHLC preserves such properties as waterways, forests, natural areas and farmland. It protects various open spaces in the headwaters region of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy works with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers and planners in a continuing effort to preserve the best of today's natural environment so that future generations can enjoy a better tomorrow in our community.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It offers various types of memberships, such as \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a family and \$100 for a life membership.

Questions about the meeting or the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347. Telephone: (248) 625-

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## Lt. Gov. Binsfeld to host Oakland GOP luncheon

Binsfeld will be the featured speaker and honoree at the First Ladies Luncheon Monday Oct. 5, at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills. The event is sponsored by the Binsfeld is known as an advo-

be donated to the Child Abuse & Neglect Council of Oakland

A silent auction, featuring items — donated by famous peo-ple like Sen, Spencer Abraham,

list will continue to grow.

The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per

To RSVP, no later than Tues Gov. John Engler and actor aday, Sept. 29, contact the Oak Clint Eastwood — will be part of aland County Republican head

### U-P Michigan adds Southfield location

P) Michigan campus has added rently developing other sites in a new location at 24700 North- Auburn Hills, Brighton and 1978. estern Highway near Ten Mile Novi.

and Evergreen, Southfield.
The new addition will give the

The new site will allow U of P to add programs such as bachelors of science in marketing and

The new addition will give the campus graduated their first. October 1995, and now has more university 21 additional class. class ever, with 320 students than 2,500 students. receiving degrees in various ... Overall, the university has

University of Phoenix was project management and MBAs founded by Dr. John Sperling in based at 26999 Central Park in health care administration Phoenix, Arizona in 1976, as a boulevard in Southfield For and global management.

The campus will add 250 elor and masters degrees to 2438.

The Michigan campus of the In June 1998, the Michigan University of Phoenix opened in ,

business disciplines and nurs to more than 50,000 students

The University of Phoenix is based at 26999 Central Park Insurance Agents is pleased with the effect of laws that

vent into effect in March of 1996 – fewer-"frivolous" law-

Tort reform law praised

The law: 1) tightened the definition of "serious impairment,", 2), allowed: judges rather than juries to decide "serious impairment," and 3) prohibited uninsured motorists at fault from collecting non-

economic damages.
Statewide, auto negligence lawsuits dropped 64 percent, said Steve Yencich, spokesman for the insurance agents. The effect by county:

gence in state courts.

Clinton - from 72 in 1996 to 21 in 1997, a drop of 70 per-

■ Eaton - from 124 in 1996 to 45 in 1997, a drop of 64 per-

Livingston – from 233 in

for limiting frivolous suits

positive impact on businesses and consumers. Despite opposition from trial lawyers, this "Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntis a case where good public ington Woods, is sponsor of policy prevailed," Yencich said.

Acontrol auto insurance premiums charged by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Associa-

Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, has offered a bill to cap MCCA fee increases at \$10 per vehicle per year and to give the Legislature final

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62 percent.

■ Oakland — from 3,703 in 'Michigan citizens to taxation 1996 to 1,404 in 1997, a drop 'without representation,' said of 62 percent.

■ Wayne — from 11,993 in' appoints the board which is 1996 to 4,415 in 1997, a drop' subject to neither the Open of 63 percent.

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Insurance bills

Two area Democrats have introduced legislative bills to control auto insurance premicontrol auto insurance bills

MCCA to observe the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts. The bills are strick in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Gubow and Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights: praised MCCA for not raising its rate this year, but Gubow noted, "No one from the general public was present at the meeting Sept.: 16 to observe how the MCCA board arrived at its decision not to raise rates."

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CAROLYN WALKER

#### Character lines chart moods of our lives

Boy George and Culture Club

seems interesting to me how faces change over time. How they reate lined maps on their own skin to show that smiles and scowls

semblanca of themselves, of their own youth, even as dearts break down and kidneys fail and lungs grow weak I can look into my mother's face these days and see her changing in silent präyer beside my toddler's bed. See her bent and scolding me with a finger bobbing before her nose. See her adjusting my wedding veil. See her wiping away the tears she

shed over her own mother. I see, as well, the grandmother I emember in my mother's eyes and high cheek bones and permed white hair. Too good to be true. Calling me

Please see WALKER. A14



Get your kicks: Jenni Walker, a student of Ed Gomez's selfdefense class, practices the kind of high kick that could potentially get her out of a problem situation.



Hands-on learning: Lauren Benner (left) and Nicole Villiere demonstrate how to escape a choke hold.

## Striking back

Women gain confidence through self-defense class

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola Staff Writer

Ed Gomez teaches the art of confi-

dence, karate style.

As a Sifu master instructor, Gomez heads a self-defense class for women at the Clarkston Christian Association. The class is free and the instructor's main objective is to instill a sense of confidence among his students, as well as teach them to defend themselves in any dangerous situation. To accomplish these objectives he uses karate and jujitsu techniques

The class consists mostly of young women in their late teens and early 20s. It began on July 2, and runs continuously on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Women are free to join at any time. Daniel Niewoit, director of the Clarkston Christian Association, said the class is just one example of how the center erves the community.

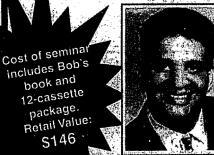
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### Self defense from page A18

We have a number of women who have been in battered relationships," said Gomez. "A few have been raped already

Some participants became familiar with the class after taking a kick boxing aerobics class with Gomez. He urged them to take those techniques a step further when he noticed that his students shared a common interest in self-defense.

"If you throw a kick, you're more likely to discourage an attacker," he said. "A man, an attacker, knows that if he can get them to a place where they're fatigued, they'll become more

To counteract that mentality Gomez heightens the workout just as the women begin to feel tired or worn out. He calls for another jab, another punch.

"Men, as a whole, would like to think that women have no strength when it comes to physical things," said Gomez. "You're tired now," he says to his class, "this is when you really have to

Jeanine Miller, a 25-year-old

I 'If you throw a kick, you're more likely to discourage an attacker. A man, an attacker, knows that if he can get them to a place where they're fatigued, they'll become more submissive.

Ed Gomez

of the class, said no experience is necessary to join the class.

"It improves your balance and coordination," she said. "I would recommend it for anybody."

Some of Gomez's students wonder why he has such a strong dedication to teaching selfdefense. He attributes it to a strong moral upbringing and lessons he learned from his

The society that I'm living in right now is a lot different," he said, comparing the present to past traditions and moral beliefs. "My mom always taught us to respect the home, the family there's a lack of that out there People become predators, preying on someone's weaknesses

Throughout his experience Clarkston resident and student with self-defense classes, Gomez

martial arts instructor has met women who have been raped. Of one particular instance he said "It really broke my heart. As a result, that just has a

heart. Ever since then I've been working in self-defense." Gomez said he considers it a responsibility to teach the skills he has mastered and help others. He's been refining those skills

way of working its way into your

for 27 years. That concern shines through to his students.

Jenni Walker, an 18-year-old Clarkston resident, said she feels that Gomez truly cares about his students and wants them to b to defend themselves.

Tye learned a lot of skills that: could get me out of a situation," said. said Walker. "I have more confidence in a situation. I'd like a lot

of women to come (to the class) because of the confidence (they will gain). There's no reason to be hesitant. There are newcomers every session."

Lauryn Ferro, 17, said she joined the class because she works alone at a real estate agency at night and feels the need to protect herself, Ferro, a Lake Orion resident, said the class has given her the ability to také somebody down."

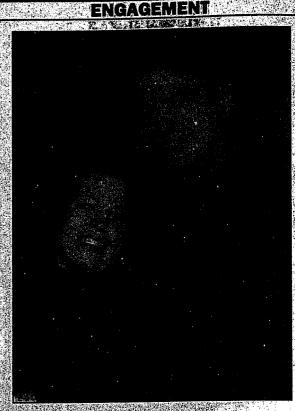
"You feel much better when you leave," she said.

For Meshelle Wiltgen, 25-yearold Clarkston resident, the class helped restore her confidence after an attack.

"I didn't think I could defend myself," she said.

Now there's no doubt in her mind that she can fight back. And Wiltgen said the class would be beneficial for all women. As a mother of three, she wants her children to be safe and to learn

"Everyone needs to have some way to defend themselves," she



#### Short/Lukens

Denise R. Brown of Oxford announces the engagement of her daughter, Kara Jenice Short, to Steven Charles Lukens, son of Judith A. Lukens of Clarkston and Charles L. Lukens of Rochester Hills. The prospective bride is a 1992 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University, She recently completed her certification for secondary teaching at Oakland University and will be teaching at Dakota High School in Macomb. The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School and is currently pursuing his master's of physical therapy at Oakland University. A December 1998 wedding is planned.

#### Walker from page A13

into her arms. Calling me to fol-

I am 11 years old and I feel cold and alone despite the enormous crowd that surrounds me. Clowns are prancing in a white ring that seems miles and miles away. A band plays somewhere off in the distance and its trumpet section is especially over-

powering. A man comes up the staired aisle toward me, his right arm aloft, his right hand cocked away from its wrist, balancing a large, flat object like a waiter balances

He lowers it before me and bows so that I can look clearly at what he holds—and make my choice: Individual boxes of chartreuse circus chameleons. squirming beneath cellophane windows, legs splayed, wanting a good home.

I have a good home, I think, and I buy one without consider ing what I will feed him when he gets hungry, or where he will sleep when he grows tired, or

who it is that will catch him when he escapes one day and neither my mother nor myself want to give chase and touch

My mother has a quirk. She has vacuumed the floors and shined the furniture, scoured out the sinks and prepared an ocean of hors d'oeuvres. The scents of her labors mingle in the air and travel from room to room in anticipation of her guests, yet to

The women of her bridge club are en route from all over Oakland County. And things must be perfect for them.

As an after thought and a

peculiar finishing touch to her efforts, my mother climbs the stairs to my bedroom, retrieves the chameleon — now splaying his legs in a clear fish bowl and carries him and his little glass house down to the living room. There she places him, ten-uously, on the arm of an old chair that has been reupholstered in shocking orange pseu-

do-leather. Then she steps back apprecia tively, curiously, and waits for her guests to arrive. And for the chameleon to change its colors and prove that it can blend in with that chair.

Sometimes I look into mirrors and see a lot of my mother's face

Sometimes I do not look into mirrors. Instead, I close my eyes and let my mind wander back

through time. Back to w mother was my idol. And my grandmother the heroine who

In my mind's eye, I see them, together in play. Together over cooking pots or flower beds. It seems odd to me that I cannot remember their faces the way they appeared to me in their youth. That my own memories are tainted by age.

If I am to remember them exactly, I must look at pho-tographs, still and unchanged as the chameleon that would not glow orange.

My mother has a quirk. She steps back appreciatively, curiously. And my grandmother calls me into her arms. She calls me to follow.

I come and go. I come and go. Carolyn Walker is a staff writ-

er for the Clarkston Eccentric. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

## Beaumont offers free depression screening

15 million Americans each year, yet less than half the people who have the illness get treatment

To build awareness and help identify cases of depression, William Beaumont Hospital is sponsoring a free "Depression Screening" session to be held Thursday, Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m., in Beaumont's Administration Building Auditorium, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road (just west of Woodward Ave.), in Royal Oak.

Screening is free, but you must make an appointment for your assessment in advance by calling Beaumont's Physician Referral and Information Service toll-free at 1-800-633-7377.

Common symptoms of depression include: feeling sad or empty most of the day (nearly every day); inability to enjoy activities: sleep disturbances. either too much or too little; significant change in appetite or weight loss or increase: fatigue or loss of energy; feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt; trouble concentrating and/or problems making decisions, or recurrent thoughts of

Children and teens with depression may be irritable, unable to make an expected weight gain and/ or may perform poorly in school.

Participants in Beaumont's free screening will receive more information about depression from guest speaker Neil Tolon, M.D., chief of Beaumont's Department of Psychiatry. Each participant will be asked to complete a written questionnaire, then discuss the questionnaire results privately with a mental health professional. Individual treatment referrals will be pro-

vided where appropriate. "Depression affects all types of people with different levels of severity," says Dr. Talon. "Fortunately, this is a treatable condition, and doctors can help patients achieve a better quality of life."

Beaumont's free depression screening is part of National Depression Screening Day sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association and a coalition of mental health organizations and institutions. Last year, more than 85,000 people attended screenings at 2,800 sites nation-

#### NOTABLES

Albert F. Welch of Clarkston recently returned from Indore. India, after volunteering for two months assisting in the design and development of a heavy duty truck. The truck will be the first truck developed wholly in India.

Welch is retired from General Motors Corp.

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Connie M. Delbello of Clarkston was among 10 Northern Michigan University alumni who received an Alumni Service Award during the recent Homecoming celebration at the Centennial Alumni Awards Dinner in Marquette.

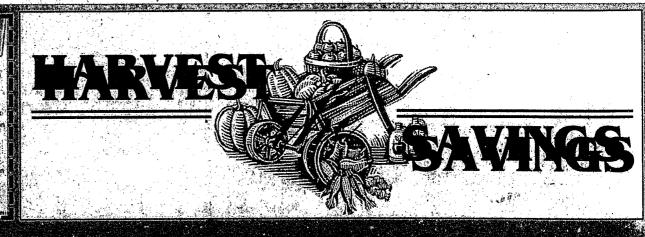
Delbello, who graduated in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in

physical education, is a counselor at Van Hoosen Middle School in Rochester Hills.

She just completed a six-year term on the alumni association board and is involved in alumni gatherings in the Detroit area. A reunion for those living in the northern Detroit area is Delbello's project during the NMU Centennial.

Her work with the NMU admissions office has allowed Delbello to represent her alma mater at more than 12 programs in two years. She has recruited students from her high school and has attended alumni gatherings around the state.







#### The Clarkston Eccentric publish es calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151: Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clark ston, MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. All phone numbers below have 248

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 **SWISS STEAK SUPPER**

area code unless otherwise noted.

4:30 - 7 p.m. Dinner includes swiss steak, mashed potatoes and garden vegetables. Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, crossroads of Sashabaw and Seymour Lake in Brandon Township. Carry-outs are available by calling 628-4763.

#### SEPT. 24-26 & OCT. 1-3 **CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS**

Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. The players present "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$9 Thursdays, \$10 Fridays and Sat-urday. For tickets call 625-8811 or 625-2511 (Tierra's), Some sexual overtones and strong lan-

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 OKTOBERFEST

Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen. All-out eating, drinking and footstomping event. Big Daddy Lackowski and the La Dee Daz return with their legendary Detroit polka. The beer tent and Munich grill opens at 11 a.m. Bratwurst, knockwurst, pork chops with a cherry ale sauce union potato pancakes and der frankfurters, pumpkin cheesecake, strudel and caramel apples and, of course, cider, sodas and Oktoberfest brews. Restaurant is at 54 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston.

#### **CORN HUSK CRAFTS-ADULT** MINI CLASS

2-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park Learn more about corn and make-and-take several corn husk crafts. Cost: \$10 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

**HAWK WATCHING** 1:30-3 p.m. Lewis E. Wint

Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Learn about magnificent hawks and the journey they make each year. Regis tration required. Call 625-6473.

#### CROP WALK/RUN

Registration 1:30 p.m. Walk/Run 2 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, Bluegrass Drive near M-15, Clarkston. Help stop hunger around the block and around the world. Eight churches in the community are sponsoring the 1998 Clarkston Community CROP Walk/Run. Twenty CROP Walk/Run events in Michigan are scheduled. For further details call Rev. Bonnie Lauderman, coordinator, at 625-

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#### to schedule an appointment, "PIONEER LIFE"

1-4 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. This is a walkthrough demonstration on pioneer artifacts, candle dipping, making "leather britches other aspects of settler life, which is a nice accompaniment to the Family Cider Making Day Free Registration required Call-625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 29**

Clarkston Community Band 7:30 - 9 p.m. Open rehearsal for interested new musicians. Openings available — woodwinds and percussion especially needed. All others including students also welcome. Experience is necessary. Bring your instrument. Sashabaw Middle School band room, 5565 Pine Knob, Clarkston. For additional information, call Jeanne Pierce at (248) 625-

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 1 WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 3 **WOMAN'S PREVENTION GROUP**

9-10:30 a.m. North Oakland Counseling Associates presents Strength in Numbers: A Woman's Prevention Group." Free 10-week session group will focus on issues such as building self-esteem, developing communication and conflict management skills, learning about alco hol and other drugs, and practical ways to develop a healthy, happy lifestyle. Must be Oakland County resident and meet low income guidelines. On-site child care will be provided free of charge. Program available by grant funding through the Oakland County Health Department. Located at 6401 Citation Drive, Clarkston. Act now to reserve a space. Call 620-1019.

#### **KID'S SCIENCE PROGRAM**

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#### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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#### HARVEST MOON HAYRIDE

7:30-9:30 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Enjoy a crackling campfire and a hayride under the light of the Harvest Moon. Cost \$2 per person, Regis tration required, Call 625-6473.

#### **MONDAYS, THROUGH**

OCT. 5 BABYTIME AT THE LIBRARY Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, New lapsit program designed for infants and tots. Twenty- to 30-minute session intended to unite first-time parents in the community and introduce wee ones to the library atmosphere and to encourage exploration of language. Stimulating songs, catchy rhymes and one-on-one interac tion with mom or dad. Limited to 10 children: no siblings allowed in activity room during babytime. Registration starts now You may register for only one of the two four-week sessions and for either the morning or evening program. 10 a.m.-Babies (newborn-8 months) 11 a.m. Tots (9 months-15 months). For more information, call 625-2212.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 10

"COUNTRY ROADS" ROAD RALLY 5 p.m. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks & Recreation. Event will take participants on a clue-solving mystery tour throughout beautiful and his toric Davisburg and Springfield Township. Dinner and door prizes included. Prizes of \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place will be awarded. Participation is limited so interested parties are encouraged to purchase tickets early. Proceeds benefit the department. Tickets available at Park & Recreation office, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. For more

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 11 **AUTUMN MAGIC**

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1-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Fun at this family festival includes hayrides, games, kids' crafts, refresh-



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#### WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY, OCT. 14-15 & 17

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO FALL 10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. 2:45 p.m. only on Saturday. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Ages. 3-6 and their parent, grandparent or adult friend are invited to explore the season's sights. sounds, scents and textures. Sto ries, songs, an outdoor hike, a simple craft and snack will all add up to fall fun. Cost \$3 per tot. Note: To ensure a positive and special time for your 3-6 year old, younger siblings are discouraged from attending Registration required. Call 625-

#### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY. OCT. 14-17

USED BOOK SALE

Independence Township Library. "Friends Only Preview" Wednesday-6-8 p.m., Thursday-10 a.m.p.m., Friday-10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-10 a.m.-2 p.m. You may join the Friends at the door for \$15. Saturday is \$2-a-bag day. Library is at 6495 Clark ston Road (west of M-15), Clarkston. Call 625-2212 for more information.

### THURSDAYS, OCT. 15,

BASEMENT REMODELING SEMINAR with Oakland Builders Institute. Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Road, Clarkston. Nine-hour seminar designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes.





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#### FRIDAY, OCT. 16

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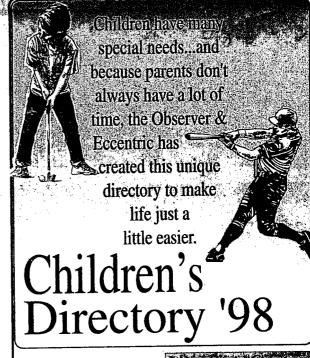
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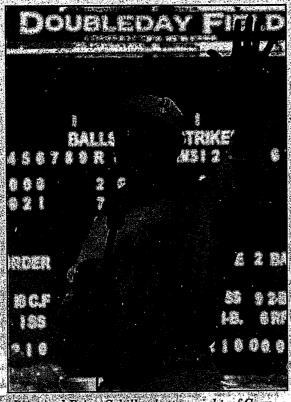
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History in the making: Principal Brian Schiller, bottom right, of Cranbrook Brookside School wears a Babe Ruth replica uniform during a program about baseball history last week at the outdoor Greek Theater at Cranbrook: David Martin, above, wearing an old-fashioned Detroit Tigers uniform, gives a baseball history talk to the kids.

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#### Baseball fan makes sure national pastime. doesn't become a thing of the past

Story by Larry Paladino Photos by Jerry Zolynsky

The Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run chase may American Girls Professional Baseball League, have stemmed a flagging interest in professional base had principal Brian Schiller, with an abundance of ball this year, but Birmingham's David Martin has come stomach padding, portrayed a right-handed version of up with a more lasting method to help revive the sport—Babe Ruth: He won the home run contest by hitting the teaching kids about the game and its history.

mer captain of the baseball team. "I want to give back to

the game a little bit."

So recently Martin established National Past-time; a baseball promotion and exhibit company, and seven weeks ago moved from Canton, buying a house and setting up an office in Birmingham. This spring he gave lec-tures on baseball history at The Community House in Birmingham and over the summer brought his program to 16 cities around the country. In Detroit he set up three exhibits at Tiger Stadium.

"I love the game very much and I wanted to get it out" to the kids," Martin said. "Kids have so many options today. It's fun to see kids playing catch again and getting excited over McGwire and Sosa.

Martin brought his interactive show including a traveling museum of baseball artifacts, to Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills last Friday for a performance before pupils of Brookside School, where Martin's sister Pam is a drama teacher.

David Martin transformed the outdoor Greek Theater near St. Dunstan's Playhouse into historic Doubleday Field, the quaint ballpark adjacent to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. On the stage he mounted a large, old-fashioned baseball scoreboard. The entranceway had a Doubleday Field sign and there

was traditional red, white and blue bunting draped around, like that seen at World Series and All-Star games.

Martin, wearing an old-fashioned Tigers uniform, tossed. major league-style baseball jer-seys out to children to wear during the program, which included a whiffle ball home run derby for teachers, a singing of the national anthem and a rousing chorus from everyone of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." There was even a seventh-inning stretch.

Brookside teachers not only served as "vendors," passing out ice cream and other goodies, but some were in costume.

Visual studies teacher Doug Cooper, who coordinated the event, wore a 1920s-style replica Chicago White Sox uniform. Spanish teacher Betsy Brown re a uniform from the old All-

"Isn't this great," remarked Elliott Trumbull, a longago Brookside pupil, who was among a handful of adults

ing prospects and asked them all to pretend they were throwing him a ball. With that hook he then began telling them about baseball's beginnings. A few minutes later he picked out some pupils to come down to the "field", and play catch. Then it was back to history, including the evolution of equipment — like the first

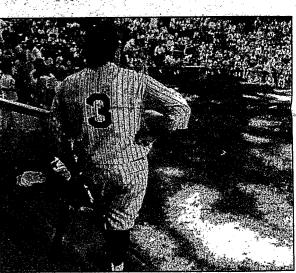
catcher's mask being a fencing mask.

Martin displayed a bat he owns that he said belonged to Ty/Cobb (and which had been stolen, but recovered by police just a day before the program). He said it has been valued at \$15,000.

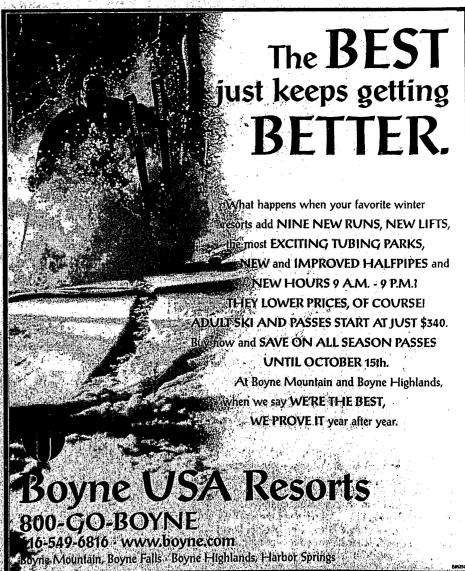
On the stage were a number of other artifacts and souvenirs that the children were able to examine at the end of the hour-long program.

Two pupils; a boy and girl, were pulled out of the stands to pretend they were announcers calling the sin-gle-season record-setting home run shots of McGwire and gie-season record-setting nome run snots of McGwire and Sosa. Then a special guest showed up, Tigers' mascot character "Paws," and it was time for the home run derby involving Schiller, fifth-grade teacher Angie Higgins, fourth-grade teacher Scott Hedges and computers teacher Shirley Nuss. When it was Hedges' turn the kids have an experience of the season of the s chanted, "Scott! Scott! Scott!"

They didn't chant "David! David! David!," but afterwards they surrounded Martin and asked him for his







## Oakland University honors professors for excellence

and Guohua (James) Pan-- with excellence awards at fall com-

mencement Sept. 13. ... Tracy, of Auburn Hills, associ-ate professor, School of Education and Human Services, is the corecipient of the 1998 Teaching Excellence Award. She says she often can't wait to get to class to share with her K-8 education students a new way to teach

`A good teacher, she says, loves her work and has fun helping others learn.

"Teaching Math-In her course, ematics in the Elementary School," Tracy uses engaging, colorful puzzles, blocks and animal shapes to teach teachers a process that works for K-8 students. Having kids play with a circle cut into pie pieces, for example, helps them understand

Teachers benefit from learning to use the hands on tools because instead of memorizing lessons, they understand the math concepts and look forward to helping children discover.

Tracy's students call her an exceptional teacher with contagious enthusiasm who brings out the best in everyone. She also just finished a three-year grant to institutionalize gender-fair teaching behaviors in the SEHS' Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership.
Cole, of Rochester Hills, is the

other winner of the 1998 Teaching Excellence Award. The associate professor, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), has been teaching Victorian literature at Oakland for a decade.

Cole is noted for her energy in the classroom and passion for

"I think my best teachers had a lot of energy in the classroom and they had a profound love of what they were teaching." Cole "I think they had an interest in their students beyond the

Cole maintains her enthusiasm by trying different ways of

"In the Victorian course, I try to teach them about the texture of Victorian life. That might mean bringing in tea and scones or ginger beer," she said.

When I was teaching the ethnic literature course, I asked the students to walk out into the woods, close their eyes and walk barefoot, then read the Louise Erdrich novel, Love Medicine, and think about how those characters are closer to nature than

The Charles Dickens novel, Hard Times, says delight is important. "That's my teaching philosophy," she says.

The University Teaching and Learning Committee selects the winners of the Teaching Excellence Award based on the candidates' classroom performance, innovative instructional practice, high educational standards and development of a productive or inspirational learning environment. Cole and Tracy each received \$1,500 awards.

Ronald Finucane, professor, Department of History, CAS. won the 1998 Oakland University Foundation Research Excellence Award for his meticulous scholarship and international reputation, says History chair Carl Osthaus. Finucane's work shows that studying medieval beliefs is important to understanding society today.

The professor used neglected medieval manuscripts to write his first book, Miracles and Pilrims: Popular Beliefs in Medieval England, published in The book draws on records of saints' lives to understand that culture, Finucane

says.
"People brought their illnesses

about 3,000 people to find out She gets to know students by where they came from, what asking them to write about their they were doing at a particular ethnicity in her Literature of Ethnic America course. when they were doing at a particular shrine and what allment they had. That's what was new about

The book is important today because it provides insight into why people still turn to faith healing, he says. Experts call the book a landmark study cited in virtually every work on the subject.

Reviewers also praised Finucane's next book, the 1982 Appearances of the Dead A Cultural History of Ghosts, as an enlightening tour through the spirit world from ancient Greece through 20th-Century Europe.

A specialist says Finucane's 1997 book, The Rescue of the Innocents: Endangered Children in Medieval Miracles, is likely to be as influential as his first book. In Endangered, he examines threats to medieval chil-

Guohua (James) Pan, Rochester Hills, won the New Investigator Research Excellence Award. Pan, assistant professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, CAS, devises statistical methods for engineers and medical researchers so they can identify optimal products such as prosthetic heart valves.

Pan's evaluators praised the quantity and quality of his work and the recognition it received: "He has an impressive body of 17 articles in press or about to appear," said Marc Lipman, chair, Mathematics and Statis-tics. "That is an extraordinary number of publications for a statistician who earned his Ph.D. only four years ago.

Pan said the key to winning the award is hard work: at least 12 hours a day and many weekends, but he enjoys it. He said he can't even take a vacation without doing statistics because he likes it so much. He says colleagues' encouragement and

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## Drug tests for welfare recipients survive vote

#### Drug tests stuck

House Republicans failed to dislodge Gov. John Engler's proposal for drug testing of welfare recipients from the House Committee on Human Services. The vote on Sept. 15 was 50-48 with 56 votes needed for passage.

The vote appeared to be along party lines - Republi-

cans for, Democrats against.
"Democrats are playing politics," said Rep. Michelle
McManus, R-Lake Leelenau, who asked for the vote Rep. Ed LaForge, D-Kalama-

zoo and chairman of the committee, said another bill would be reported out next week, leading Republican Jack Horton of Lowell to comment: "Finally, with a discharge motion, we get a promise of a hearing. That substitute does

Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said Democrats denied

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the discharge motion "for the same reason you didn't want us to discharge when you (Republicans) were in control."

#### **Work First grants**

Engler announced \$85 million in Work First grants to 25 agencies trying to move welfare recipients into jobs. Funding comes from the state and federal governments. Recipi-

- Lansing Tri-County, \$2.8 million
- Livingston County Job Training Services, \$112,000.

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#### Benefit trap shoot helps fish, wildlife

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Wingshooters can sharpen their skills and tune up for the upcoming pheasant and duck seasons by partici-pating in a benefit trap shoot Sunday at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club in Clarkston.

In the process, shooters will help support fish and wildlife across the state as money raised at this special event will benefit the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sunday, but pre-registration is encour-

Registration fee is \$25 and includes 50 clay targets at five different stations. Shooters can register as individuals or as teams of five.

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Many of the projects have taken place right here in southeastern Michigan. Some of the local projects the MWHF has contributed to include the bottom draw on Paint Creek at Lake Orion, the Backyard Wildlife

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## Wolves drop nail-biter to Hawks

■ The Clarkston Wolves came into the season getting most of the attention in the Oakland Activities Association On Thursday, Troy Athens stole a little more of that

attention with a 57-56 thriller.

anelle Olson had every reason to be nervous. After all, Olson and her Troy Athens teammates were clinging to a two point lead late in a game against Clarkston — a team known for

staging late comebacks during the past two years, But Olson calmly sank two free throws with 43.7 seconds left, and teammate Tania Moe followed suit with another bucket from the charity stripe 33 ticks later as the Red Hawks — ranked No.1 in Oakland County,—remained unbeaten by posting a thrilling 57-56 Oakland Activities Association Division I triumph over the Wolves.

"We were all really nervous in that last minute," admitted Olson. "But I think we all stepped it up in the final seconds and we were able to hold them off. We are ranked first in the county and we all want-

ed to prove that we deserve that (ranking)." The Red Hawks (7-0, 2-0) led 50-40 with 6:47 remaining in the game following a runner-in-thelane by Olson, but Clarkston answered with a 12-3 run, capped by a three-point play by senior point guard Deana Kanipe to pull within 54-52 with 49

"We had that big lead, we just couldn't put them away until the very end," said Athens coach Joe Clinton. "We missed eight free throws in the fourth quarter and, ironically, that's been our bread and

The loss was the second straight for Clarkston, where the Wolves put together a fourth quarter comeback only to fall in the end. Last Thursday, Clarkston lost 44-39 to Madison Heights Bishop Foley after trailing by 15 points after three quar-

"Composure. We just don't have any composure said Clarkston coach Ann Lowney. "We do the right things in practice, but in games we just fall apart. We get ourselves in these big holes and we have to dig ourselves out of it."

Athens scored the first six points of the game, but Clarkston (4-3, 0-1) closed the first quarter with an 11-2 run to pull ahead by three. The Wolves were able to build that lead up to 21-13 following a 3-pointer by freshman guard Kaye Christie with 4:06 left in the half, but the tides

quickly changed after that point.

The Red Hawks fought back late in the period to take a 28-26 lead at the break — and they never trailed again.

"We're not on the same page right now," said Lowney. "We had that lead in the second quarter and then we fell apart. We had a lot of turnovers and we let them back into the game.

"There is a lot of talent on this team, but every body is not on the same page as me. Once we all get on the same page, we'll be a good team. But the way we are playing right now, it could be a long

Athens, however, is off to another impressive start and Clinton is extremely pleased. "We have a lot of leaders on this team and some-

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Freshman frolle: Clarkston freshman Kaye Christie finds her way to the hoop blocked by Chizzy Nwanko (15) during the Red Hawks' one-point win over the Wolves Thursday.

## Kickers rally behind hat trick

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

nave routed Lapeer East Thursday

As it was, the Wolves came up with If time of possession was the deciding factor in prep soccer, Clarkston would three second-half goals, all by Mike Lenhardt, and dispatched the Eagles with relative ages, 5-3, in a popular relative ages, 5-4, in a popular relative three second-half goals, all by Mike 5-3 in a non-league

Lenhardt, the Wolves' senior forward. scored his first goal about a minute into the second half, then got the game-winner about eight minutes later ston overcame a 2-0 deficit to win for the third time this season

Clarkston controlled play most of the first half, spending much of the first 40 minutes in the Eagle end of the field.

But Lapeer East broke loose a couple

of imes and got quick goals to take the two-goal advantage with less than 23 minutes to play in the half.

At halftime, the Wolves talked about controlling the play more effectively, and it seemed to work.

"We were in their end, but we weren't really controlling it," said Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald. "We definitely needed to tighten up defensively.' Lenhardt, who has been hot of late,

got his third goal in the game's closing minutes.

But it didn't look like he'd get the chance in the early going. Despite Clarkston's dominance, the Eagles grabbed a 1-0 lead when Steve Wood fed Eric Ernst with a perfect lead pass that got Ernst behind the Clarkston defense and beat Wolves goalkeeper Jeremy

Four minutes later, Wood was at it again. Jayson Rickett took a free kick from midfield, and the ball bounced toward Fecteau. Fecteau tried to leap for the save, but Wood was there to tap it behind him.

Clarkston got the first goal back with 6:44 left in the first half. Lenhardt took a shot from point-blank range that Lapeer East goalkeeper Nick Godwin slapped away. But senior forward Eric Klemm was right there to bang the

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## 'Night and day' golfers face key part of slate in match against Lakers

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston golf coach Tim Kaul heads into today's match against West Bloomfield wondering which of

his teams will show up.
Will it be the Wolves who easily dispatched Rochester last week 150-169, getting four scores below 40? Or the team which blew up Thurs-

day against Bloomfield Hills Lahser and lost 159-167?

Obviously, after those two matches, Kaul hopes it's the former.

"Those two meets were like night and day," said Kaul. "We played our best meet of the year against Rochester. We couldn't have played

any better than we did." Ben Ness shot 36 to lead the way in that meet, as he has done most of the year.

Trae Moreen shot 37, Jeff Walters shot 38 and Derek Hool shot 39 to round out Clarkston's scoring.

Then the Wolves traveled to Katke Cousins, not Clarkston's favorite

course, and lost to the Knights. Ness' 38 was the only score the Wolves carded below 40 that day.

Walters shot 42, Hool shot 43 and

Joe Regiani finished at 44.
"We didn't play that bad, considering the course," Kaul said. "The margin of victory should have been

'We played our best meet of the year against Rochester. We couldn't have played any better than we did.

> Tim Kaul -Clarkston golf coach

"I was disappointed we had to count a 44, because we've been playing better than that. I knew it would

be tough to beat them."

Clarkston hopes to fare better against West Bloomfield.

The Wolves having encountered the Lakers a couple of times already, including in the Eccentric tourna-

"It's a big match for us," Kaul said. "If we play well, it's a match we can win."

The Wolves then get a break of sorts at the Hartland tournament Friday, where the players will be split up into two-man teams for a little best-ball match.

"That's a really fun tournament,"
Kaul said. "It's a totally different
format for the kids to play in. It's
one the kids look forward to."

The Wolves are also at the Oakland County meet Monday.

Wolf attack: Clarkston's Tom Licata moves to the ball in the first half of Clarkston's 5-3 win over Lapeer East Thursday night.

## Netters roll — again

Dragons are Wolves' latest victim

Harriers win in Chesaning

top 20.

in 17:32.

Fun Daze.

It looks like David Sage is finished at 83 points

The Wolves won for the

eighth time in 10 matches Tuesday, romping to a 7-1 win over Lake Orion that lifted the Wolves to 8-1-1 overall.

The Wolves dominated the Dragons, losing just one match and not losing any other sets while rolling to the easy win. Clarkston won three of the four singles matches, and swept the doubles con-

Courtney Schubring stopped Melissa McCrimmon 6-0: 6-0 at No. 1 singles, while Lauren Bogart beat Sarah Poisson 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2. No. 3 singles player Kim Lytle d Sarah Allan 6-0, 6-1 In doubles play, Kristin Atkinson and Alaina Dodds,

beginning to pick up the pace

The Clarkston junior finished

the fourth-annual Chesaning

Invitational cross country meet

in fine fashion, running it in

16:32 and finishing three sec-

onds ahead of Kevin Pline of St.

Louis to win the Division II race.

Sage led a parade of Clarkston

runners among the division's

elite as the Wolves won the team race, scoring 55 points to easily outdistance second-place

Flint Carman-Ainsworth, which

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The Clarkston Wolves con- beat Lemanie Rausch and tinue to roll through the prep. Jamie Englehart 6-2, 6-0. tannis session: Jenny Claus and Lauren Stout beat Anna Gonzales and Megan Lambie 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles, while Michelle Klotz and Allison Olinger teamed to beat Sarah Bauer and Crystal Shatz 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles

Christy Cumbo and Sarah Sweeney won at No. 4 dou-bles, beaeting Dianna Spizak and Jenna Davis 6-1, 6-2.

Lake Orion's only victory of the day came at No. 4 singles, where Susan St. Germain stopped-Clarkston's Kiley Banycky in straight sets, 6-2;

Clarkston played at Troy Athens Wednesday, but results weren't available at press time. The Wolves travel to West Bloomfield today the Wolves' top doubles team, (Thursday),

In addition to Sage, five other

Wolves' runners finished in the

Matt Haver finished seventh,

running the 5k course in 17:07. Kevin Breen was 14th in 17:25,

while Dan Burke finished 16th

Chris Weber and Brett Quantz

rounded out the Wolves' winning

performance. Weber was 18th in 17:34, and Quantz finished 19th

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## Equestrians qualify for state meet

Clarkston's equestrian team learned from history and avoid-ing repeating it and, as a result, the team is on its way to its first appearance in the state meet.

Clarkston won all three of its meeta this year, including Sun-fourth with 72 points day's final district at Springfield The reaction to to Oaks Activity Center, to advance appearance was typica to the state meet for the first

Clarkston finished Sunday's meet with 106 points, outdistancing second-place Oxford (92 points). Lapser West was third with 89, Rochester finished

The reaction to the state appearance was typically joyous.

"They're overwhelmed, and so am I," said fourth-year coach Cathy Grain, "The kids really had to work hard."

Clarkston was paced this year by Rachel Grain, who led the team in scoring with 88 points the season's three meets. Jennifer Taylor was second with 53 points and Jade Jackson

Last year, Clarkston lost to Lapeer West by six points on the season's last race. This season, except for a brief period, Clark-ston stayed shead of the pack all

The state meet is set for Oct. 16-18 at the Michigan State

## Dragons find chemistry in win over Falcons

After watching his team lose six of its first seven games of 1998, Lake Orion head soccer coach Paul Elder felt some line-

up changes had to be made. Those changes were made last ed with a Sept. 15 tie with Troy and a 2-1 victory at Rochester Friday. Lake Orion (2-6-1, 1-4-1 Oakland Activities Association Division I) jumped out to a 2-0 lead early in the second half and withstood a furious rally by the Falcons to hang on for the victo-

Senior Derek Elliott and sophomore Jon Cadwaller scored for the Dragons, who host -Ortonville-Brandon — rated fourth in the state in Division III—tonight at 7 p.m.

"I think the boys are finally starting to show the ability I knew all along they had," Elder said following Friday's win. "We were working (this week) on a different style and system and I think with the alignment we are using our guys seem to control the ball much better."

Lake Orion was in control of Friday's game from the opening kickoff as Rochester rarely threatened the Dragons' net. The one trait which had plagued Elder's squad all season, giving up too many breakaway opportunities on defense, was not apparent as the Falcons spent most of the first half defending

Elliot took a pass midway through the first half and beat the Falcons' goalie for a 1-0 lead at the midway point of the first half, and Cadwaller's goal came just over 10 minutes into the second half. It appeared as if Lake Orion would breeze to the victory until Paul Omekanda picked up a loose ball and placed it past a diving Justin Richman with about 15 minutes left in the game to cut the lead to one.

Richman made a couple of key saves in the closing minutes to preserve the win but there were a few anxious moments for the Dragons' defense as they tried to maintain their lead.

"It's almost as if we were surprised to be ahead late in the game," said Elder, who acknowledged his team still needs to learn how to win. "The boys got to thinking out there a little too much. We need to believe in ourselves as a team because we're a lot better than we have been playing this year.

Elder estimated that 90 percent of the goals the Dragons have given up this year have come from an opposition's break-away and said his squad has been doing a better job of limiting those chances in the past couple of games. He praised the



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Playing keepaway: Lake Orion's Jared Jeffers (left) tries to control the ball during the Dragons' 2-1 win over Rochester Friday night.

work of sweeper Paul King and fullbacks Nick Gonzalez and Kevin Magic with adjusting well to the new system.

In last week's two games, Lake Orion also controlled play on a

against

consistent basis for the **W** 'We do have some first time talented players and this year. we're a much better Elder felt team than our record his squad also should indicates. have won the game

Paul Elder -Lake Orion coach

"I thought it would take awhile to get things going after changing our alignment, but I realized we had a great chance to defeat (Troy) as well," he said. "The one thing I can say about our guys is that they've always worked hard, even when we were losing games

by some wide margins.
"Now we're going to have to

continue to prove these games weren't a fluke. We do have some talented players and we're a much better team than our record indicates. Perhaps the most notable rea-

son for the Dragons' struggles this year has been the influx of new players onto the varsity team and the Lake Orion program in general. Following the loss of

nine seniors to graduation, the Dragons returned only three starters from last year's team,

and also added three varsity players entering the Lake Orion program for the first time.

While it has taken awhile for some of this team chemistry to develop, the Dragons showed

flashes of what they are capable

of in Friday's win over

For long stretches of the game, Lake Orion displayed its best ball control of the season, working the ball around in the Rochester zone. The next step may be a greater commitment to

Rochester.

attacking the opponents' net. "There really aren't any weak teams on our schedule when you consider are playing Division I caliber teams nearly every game," Elder said. "This is a perfect time for us to be (improving) and we'll see how far we've come during the remainder of the sea-

Lake Orion played Birmingham Groves on the road last night before this evening's test against Brandon. These two games will go a long way toward determining exactly how much the Dragons have improved since the beginning of the year.

"The boys are trying to play their best game every day, which is encouraging," Elder said.

## HEARTLAND FOUNDATION

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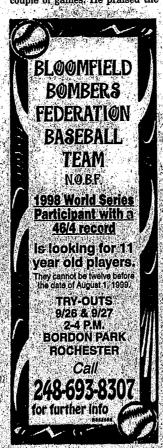
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## Springfield wins one, ties one

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occer game Tuesday night. The threesome was also record to 6-1.

Irish and Christie were joined instrumental in a 5-2 win over.

Life Summit Monday. Irish, Vanaman and Christie all scored against Life Summit. Springfield Christian also got goals from Knoa Knapper and Trevor Cole as they raised their

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#### **Outdoors** from page B1

Demonstration Area at the Detroit Zoo, restoration of the Drayton Plains fish ponds, fish habitat improve-ments on the Rouge River in Southfield, turkey restoration in southeastern Michigan, and the Oakland County Nesting Meadows project.

Sunday's shoot is open to novice and expert shooters alike and one field will be reserved for

novice shooters only. Call (248) 682-0714 to pre-register and for more information.

#### **Boat Show reminder**

If you've contemplated purchasing a boat in recent months

rebound home and cut the deficit

Barely a minute later, it was

Clarkston's Dave Midkiff took

sideline, and the ball got batted around in a scrum in front of the

Klemm's turn to be in the right place at the right time.

**Soccer** from page B1

make a point to stop by Boat Show USA, which runs through Sunday at Metro Beach Metropark in Mount Clemens.

This huge show features over 1,000 boats ranging in size from rowboats and inflatables to 70foot yachts and sailboats.

Some of the bigger boats are docked right in the water on Lake St. Clair. Along with the large variety of boats the show also features 150

exhibitors with displays of sails, rigging, electronics, boating clothing, marine insurance. financial service and other related merchandise.

And it's all at one location so

As it bounced toward the mid-

dle of the field, Klemm blew

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you don't have to drive all over the countryside to compare prices and amenities.

The show runs noon-8 p.m. each day and admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. Metro Beach is located on Lake St. Clair at the end of Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road).

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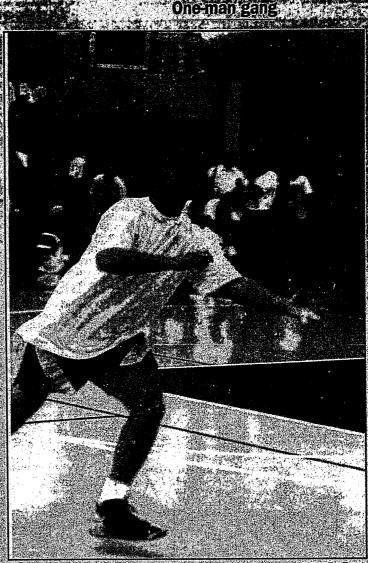
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Division I game tonight (Thurs-

a shot by Godwin to knot the day), then travels to Waterford Mott Monday. "We talked about controlling Game time both nights is 7 foot longer," Fitzgerald said. "We were trying to play with more



Field House, adding to than 11,000 victories he's put together since he started playing in 1986. Holmes has conducted more than 5,000 exhibitions around the country.

### Hoops from page B1

body is always stepping up," he praised. "Our non-league schedule this year is tougher than it has been in the past and I think that helped us tonight. This division is so tough that you need to

be prepared."
Olson, a senior guard, led the

Red Hawks with 20 points and assists and four boards for six steals. Senior forward Julia Athens. Kanipe registered a game-high Wartchow added 15 points and 12 rebounds, sophomore center Jessica Haney had four points,

21 points and nine rebounds to lead Clarkston, which also received 12 points and 12 rebounds from junior forward Jenny Winn.

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seven assists and two blocked

shots, and Moe, a junior guard,

contributed six points, nine



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You are limited to one question for each postcard; please do not send duplicates. We'll collect postcards throughout the entire football season.

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#### ARCHERY

BROADHEAD

Royal Oak Archers will hold a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday Sept. 27, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion: Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369 for more information

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Jimior Olympic-Archery Development Program begin-ning at 1 p.m. on Sundays, Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

weekly program for junior archer begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield, Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

#### BOAT SHOW

BOAT SHOW USA Boat Show USA, featuring over 1,100 new boats and 200 used boats as well as boating equipment and supplies will run through Sept. 27 at Metro Beach in Mount Clemens Show hours are noon-B.p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under: Call (313) 884-1776 for more information.

#### CLASSES/CLINICS

BACKPACKING GLACIER

REL staff member Dave Tate will give a slide presentation on his adventures this summer while backpacking Glader National Park in Montana during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at REI. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville (at Six Mile and Haggerty). The presentation includes trail sugges-The presentation includes trail sugges tions, photography tips and information on low impact backpacking.

FALL FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will hold a seminar on fall fishing techniques beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. The seminar will cover pier, surf and river fishing for salmon and steel-head. Call (248) 476-6268 or (248) 476-

5027 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call  $(248)\,650-0440$  for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming

**HUNTER EDUCATION** 

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubbouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Stu-dents must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

#### CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR); a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony. Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and nonboaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Water ford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School, Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information. FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Karl Schipper will be the speaker at the October 7th meeting and will discuss the use of the GPS and preparing boats and motors for winter storage. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim

Kudej at (734) 591-0843. FISHING BUDDYS

**Outdoor Calendar** Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

RASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a nontournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

#### FISHING : \* \* TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50 boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

#### SEASON/DATES

Bear runs through Oct. 26 in designated bear management units.

Archery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewide on Nov. 15. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14. by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE

The regular season is Sept. 19-Oct. 4 statewide with a daily bag limit of two. There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov.

14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula. RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide. SOUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1

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TROUT

Trout season ends Sept. 30 on designated trout streams and lakes.

The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 5-Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state by special permit only.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 2 statewide.

OUAIL

Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific open

#### SHOOTING SPORTS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club will host a benefit trap shoot on Sunday, Sept. 27 at its facilities in Clarkston. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. Pre-registration is wel-comed and same-day registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$25 and will give the participant a chance to shoot at 50 single targets at five different stations. Shooters can register as individuals or as teams of five. This shoot is open novice and expert shooters alike and one field will be reserved for novice shooters only. There will also be a pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. Call (248) 682-0714 to pre-register and for more information.

#### SHOOTING RANGES BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sport-ing clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shot are and a sundays and sundays. shotgun and archery shooting is available noon sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more informa-

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges, Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is

located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

#### STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughnature interpretive programs through-out the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all-state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional informa-tion on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-839D. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For pro-grams at Projid Lake and Highland call grams at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HAY RIDES : :::

Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September and Octo-

AUTUMN COLOR HIKE Enjoy the brilliant colors of fall during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Maybury.

FARM STORIES

Spooky stories will be featured in this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Maybury.

#### **METROPARKS**

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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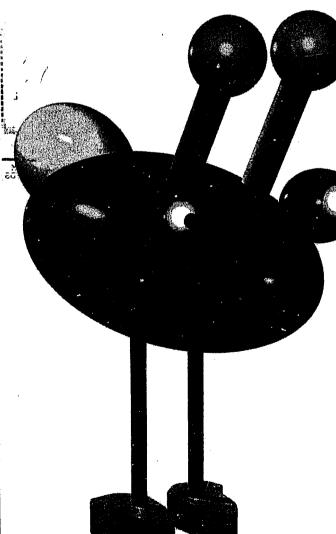
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## Montreal's casino hasn't affected its neighbors



area of Montreal. I'm wondering if you have any information on what effect their casino has had on the development of the downtown area in terms of retail and res-

Q: I understand that

they have built a casi-

no in the downtown

A: The construction of a

six-story development in Montreal was undertaken by the Provincial government on the old site of the French Pavilion from the 1967 Expo in Montreal.

It isn't in the core of downtown, but it does have a self-contained, five-star restaurant in it. The casino was extremely busy upon my visit to it. The casino is readily accessible by car, subway and bus.

It, however, doesn't appear to have any direct effect on the development of residential and indoor commercial activities in the downtown area since it's separated

Because of its location, the casino would appear to be relatively isolated in terms of providing ancillary business to the downtown area. This failure to provide more business to nearby businesses is a mistake the planners of the casinos in Detroit hope to avoid with the downtown Detroit casinos.

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## Service sells, Realtors reminded

By Doug Funke Staff Writer

Puttin' on the Ritz is much more than the physical trappings of luxury. It's a business philosophy. It's shared values among staff. It's always sincere attention, never patronizing, to cus-

That's the message presented by Steven Freund, general manager of the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn during a recent seminar at the luxury hotel for the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"As an organization thinks, so do its people act," Freund said. "Our product is not a beautiful building, fluffy towels, chandeliers, wake-up calls. We view them as props for what our product is.

"Our product is, essentially, service. That's what distinguishes us in the marketplace. We're a culture, an attitude, a way of being. Ritz-Carlton is about care principles and values versus rules, regulations, standards and procedures," Freund said.

The principles are the same, he suggested, whether they apply to the hospitality, building or real estate indus-

Ritz-Carlton cultivates service, Freund said, by hiring the right people, training them to a level of expectation, then letting them do their jobs and make decisions as the need arises.

Here are some highlights of his pre-

■ "Benefits plus ultimate benefits divided by cost plus-inconvenience deter-mines loyalty. What are the costs, hassles, inconvenience of doing business with

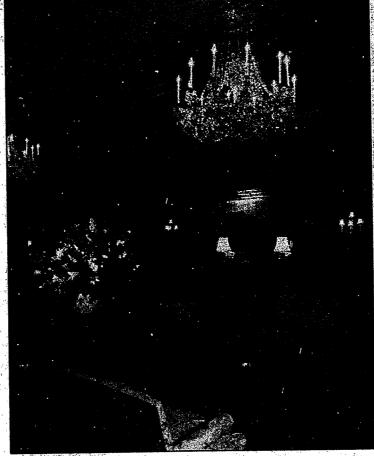
To you compete on price alone or do you compete on value? People are willing to pay more for something experiential. I hope you don't want to become a commodity business.

■ "All organizations are perfectly aligned to get the results they get.

"Our selection (hiring) process is in harmony with our value system. I don't get my people to smile. We hire people who smile.

"We want our people to be gracious and smiling. We want you to be who you are, but tempered with levels of refinement. We teach our people that elegance without warmth is arrogance.

Once we select them ... we need to help them understand what our values are. We have 16 hours of orientation. We have certification at 30, 60 and 90



Quality trappings: While the Ritz-Carlton exudes luxury, service is the ultimate product, a top manager there says.

"You can't be fast if you're bureaucratic. You can't be friendly if you're worried about covering your rear end. You can't be flexible if you're bureau-

"Organizations take on the personalities of leaders. They will do what you do more than what you say.

"The first thing I'm mandated to do is inspire a shared vision, create own-ership. Good leaders are mandated to challenge the process. Good leaders encourage the hearts of people, encourage them to take risks.

"Good leaders enable others to act. Empowerment without knowledge is

Michael Montpetit, a Realtor for nine years, is currently affiliated with Century 21 Associates in Novi. He got Freund's message loud and clear.

"People can get information anywhere. Service sets you apart from everyone else," Montpetit said. "I definitely feel people want to be pampered. Real estate, at times, can be stressful. Our jobs are to keep them calm, feel important and guide them through the

Wende Boerema, partner with oerema, Chaben & Co. in Farmington Hills, specializes in sales and advertising consulting to builders

She related a story about how she was personally affected by poor service as a consumer.

"It was just a little thing," Boerema said. "I called for service on my cell phone. She said, 'Here's a 1-800 number you can call.' I felt she should have called for me and called me back."

Boerema also took to heart what she heard about niche marketing.

We're marketing experts, advertising experts," Boerema said. "We tell builders, Let us do that. That's what we do best. You do the building.'

"It's always nice to learn new things. But a lot of times, you reinvent the wheel, waste time. It's far less expensive to hire someone for what they do best rather than try to be a jack of all

trades," Boerema said. Amos Knoll is owner of Coast to Coast Development in Bloomfield Hills.

"If you give people service, respect, what they want, you automatically get business," he said. "Better builders give customers choices and spend more time with them. Give people what they're paying for; give their money's worth.

It doesn't always go without not say ing, Knoll added.

"If you have quality, explain it to them. People will walk out satisfied," he said.

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## can you afford?



It's the first question every prospective home buyer wants answered. How big a mortgage can I afford? How much can I qualify for? What's the ceiling price of houses I should be looking at?

This article presents some answers to these basic questions.

Unfortunately, the answers aren't cut and dried. There are simply too many variables – too many dif-

ferent factors that can influence the outcome. But you can get a rough idea.

For example, most lenders agree that you can afford a home that's between two and two-and-a-half times your gross annual salary. So if your annual ousehold income is \$50,000 (for example), you should probably be looking at nomes between \$100,000 and \$125,000. But that's a very rough idea. For a somewhat more detailed estimate of how much you can qualify for, the best place to start is where your lender will: with your monthly household finances.

#### Income and expenses

Lenders look at your income in several different ways - starting with the total amount. All the income you receive every month, before you've paid any expenses, is called your gross monthly income.

For a lender, though, all income isn't created equal: How you earn it is also important. For example, income from bonuses, commissions and overtime can vary significantly from year to year, your lender may want to know how regularly you receive them.

Gross monthly income isn't all concerned about the relationship between your income and your expenses. An income of \$20,000 a month sounds impressive - until you also learn that this A+ consumer has monthly expenses of \$19,500!

That's why lenders also include longterm debt in their considerations. Under the guidelines issued for most mortgages, long-term debt is defined as a monthly expense that extends more than 10 months into the future - such as a car payment or a student loan.

For mortgages from the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), debt is defined as long-term when it extends just six months into the future. For VA loans, lenders also consider "residual income," or monthly income minus all expenses, based on geographical factors and family size.

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The information was provided by Able Mortgage Group. Their telephone number is (800) 610-4041.

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## **Partners**

## Harley Ellington, Ford & Earl cooperate

Theirs is the ultimate marriage by

Harley Ellington Design and Ford & Earl Associates, among metro Detroit's largest, oldest and most prestigious design firms, formed a partnership to create a comprehensive facilities planning, design and construction option for

The combination brings together a staff of 230 strategic planners, architects, engineers, construction specialists, interior designers, marketing communication experts and graphics and exhibit designers.

Both firms will maintain their existing offices: Harley Ellington Design in Southfield and Ford & Earl Associates

This partnership arrangement isn't a merger, a spokeswoman explained. The firms will offer their services together or separately.

Partnership terms include each firm acquiring a minority financial interest in the other. Projected combined revenue for the two is more than \$30 mil-

The partnership comes at a time when more client companies and organizations seek ways to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness in the workplace, as well as stand out from their competition.

As partners, the firms will focus on Harley J. Earl, an automotive design ways to maximize facility performance and enhance market presence

The combination will enable clients to access services ranging from strategic facilities planning and design, to building construction, interior design, graphic design and marketing communications.

"More of our clients are viewing facilities development as a strategic business decision," said Harley Ellington Design CEO Denies King.

"They are looking for new ways to maximize the performance of their property assets, whether they are corporate offices, medical labs, research centers or industrial facilities. This partnership enables us to provide even greater strength and continuity among disciplines to achieve these strategic goals."

Harley Ellington Design, founded in 1908, is one of the Midwest's premier architecture, engineering and planning firms. It's known for its design of sophisticated, high-visibility projects ranging from landmark corporate headquarters, to state-of-the-art health care, research, education and automotive facilities.

Ford & Earl Associates was founded in 1964 by Walter B. Ford II, who created the interiors of many major corporate headquarters in Detroit, and

pioneer.

The firm has won numerous accolades and awards for its functional office and facility interiors, graphic design and marketing communications.

"Interior, graphic and other visual design elements are being recognized by more companies and organizations valuable tools in attracting and retaining customers and employees," said Ford & Earl Associates CEO Tom

"Today, building marketplace presence requires a comprehensive approach to creating memorable and meaningful impressions with the ulti-mate goal of building client competitive advantage," Ernst said.

According to Rae Dumke, executive director of the American Institute of Architects - Michigan, "This partnership is part of a nationwide trend in design sector that is just beginning in Michigan.

"New technologies, the public's grow ing concern about building safety and efficiency, and the volume of construction in the metro area are driving the search for better ways to provide good design," Dumke said. "A partnership between these high profile firms will benefit each of them as well as the clients they serve."

#### HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Because of the low interest rates that led to very heavy recent home sales and refinancings in Oakland County, the information from the County Clerk's office is a little behind. The home sales that normally would have been published this week will appear in next week's Thursday Real Estate section.

#### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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RENEW LICENSE CLASS Schoolcraft College of

Livonia presents real estate continuing education classes required to meet state licensing requirements 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 28 and 30, and Oct. 6, 8, 12, 23, 27 and 31. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

#### FALL REMODEL SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its sixth annual fall remodeling show

Real estate briefs features - Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 24-

More than 200 exhibitors will showcase products and services including kitchens, baths, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, decoraaccessories, heating and cooling, appliances and arts

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10

a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying kids are available for \$9 at Farmer Jack supermarkets.

On-site parking is addi-

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class on how to build your own house 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 28 through Oct. 21, at Riley Middle School in Livo-

Cost is \$205, plus \$25 for two textbooks. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

#### SELL HOME CLASS

Doug Woodward presents a five-hour class on the process of selling a house 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, through Farmington community education or Tuesdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, through Waterford community education

Cost is \$39, \$49 for cou-

Call Woodward at (248) 391-2033 for registration information.

#### ARCHILECTURE

Lawrence Technological University in Southfield

hosts designer Gisue Hariri 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, for a free lecture, "Seven Houses," at the college of architecture and design on campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

For information, contact Gretchen Maricak at (248) 204-2878.

#### PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association presents a seminar on how to buy property using rent options 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package may contact Wayde Koehler at (313) 277-

#### **BUILDERS LICENSE**

Builder's Training Services offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's license examination 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 6-15, at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on the north side of Big Beaver near Rochester Road.

Cost, which includes training manual, construction guide, textbook and self-testing materials, is \$225. A home study course is available for \$185. To register, call (248) 909-

#### TRADE SHOW

The Apartment Association of Michigan and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michi gan sponsor their seventh annual trade show 3-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

There is no charge, but tickets are required. For reservations, call (248)

Several seminars at a cost ranging from \$10-\$50 will be held throughout the day - fair housing, 1-3 p.m.; clients from hell, 2-4 p.m.; sell like the pros. 4:30-6:30 p.m.; and resident

relations for maintenance staff, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call (248) 737-4477 to reserve a place.

#### PROPERTY INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts Knight of the Round Tables 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road. Participants will move from topic to topic and vendor to vendor to gather information on a variety of topics.

Cost, which includes hors d'oeues, is \$14. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

#### BUILDING CLASSES

Home Building Workshops of Livonia presents several free introductory seminars on its paid-class offerings this fall, which start Saturday, Oct. 17.

The lineup for the free seminars: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, and Thursday, Oct. 1, Westin Southfield-Detroit, 1500 Town Center, Southfield; 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Best Western, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Marriott Hotel, 1296 Opdyke, Auburn Hills.

For reservations or information, call (800) 462-0899.

#### TREE, BULB SALE

The Wayne County Soil Conservation District is accepting orders for its annual planting sale until Oct. 5.

Order forms containing information on stock available, site preferences, uses and prices can be obtained by contacting the conservation district at (734) 326-7787

Available plantings include Norway spruce, Austrian pine, white pine, white cedar, Douglas fir, narcissus, tulips, crocus and scillia.

Trees and bulbs will be distribut ed Oct. 16.

CONDO SEMINAR

The United Condominium Owners of Michigan presents its 24th annual seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Michigan State University Management Education Cen-

ter in Troy. Sixteen sessions will be offered by experts in a variety of subjects to expand knowledge and improve the decision-making process of condominium association leadership.

Cost is \$95 for UCOM members, \$55 for each additional attendee from the same organization; \$125 and \$75, respectively, for non-members. To register, call (248) 352-8490.

#### JOINT PLAN CONFERENCE

The Michigan Society of Planning Officials and the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association host their annual joint conference Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 14-17, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac

Theme: "Planning Michigan ... No Community is an Island." More than education programs 30 roundtable discussions will be pro-

For registration information, call the Michigan Society of Planning Officials at (248) 651-3339.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Community Associations Institute hosts its 45th national conference Oct. 29-31 in Arlington, Va.

Top issues include reinventing community association governance to promote community spirit and forge connections to the outside community; amending standardized, outdated documents to meet new challenges; and analyzing the economic and political policy impact of aging in America.

To register, call (703) 548-8600, or visit the CAI Web site at http://www.

## Mortgage rate near 30-year low

BY DAVE SKIDMORE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mortgage rates fell to a five-year low this week, nearing a level not seen since the late 1960s.

The average interest rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 6.7.7 percent from 6.82 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said.

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percent in late October 1993 and nearly half a percentage point lower than the high for the year, 7.22 percent, reached in late

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If the average falls below 6.74 percent next week, it will reach a 30-year low. Economist Robert Van Order of Freddie Mac said there's a good chance that will

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fallen to historical lows, they have remained at such levels for a record-breaking 13 weeks," Van Order said. "The real news, however, is that they may very well average out even lower next

Economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associated said 30-year mortgage rates could soon be down to around 6.5 percent.

The drop in mortgage rates is a byproduct of international financial turmoil. Because of the relative strength of the U.S. economy, foreigners have been snapping up dollardenominated assets, particularly government-guaranteed U.S. Treasury securities. And mortgage rates tend to move up and down with Treasury rates.

The drop has benefited home buyers, who have driven sales of both new and used homes to records highs this summer, and the many home owners who are refinancing their mortgages to get lower payments

Reducing the rate on a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage by a half percentage point would save the borrower nearly \$400 a year.

"We're on the verge of another unprecedented surge in refinancing," Zandi said. That will go a long way to reducing household debt burdens and putting more cash into household pocketbooks."

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, mortgage loan applications last week were up 162 percent from the same time a year earlier. Refinancings represented 52 percent of last week's total.

Meanwhile, Freddie Mac said 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.43 percent, a decrease from 6.51 the previous week and also the lowest since October 1993.

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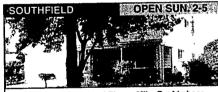


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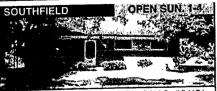
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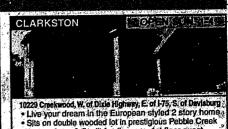


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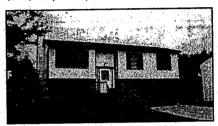
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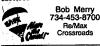
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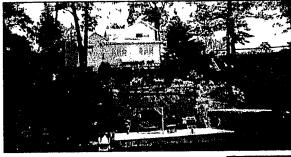
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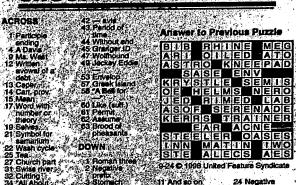
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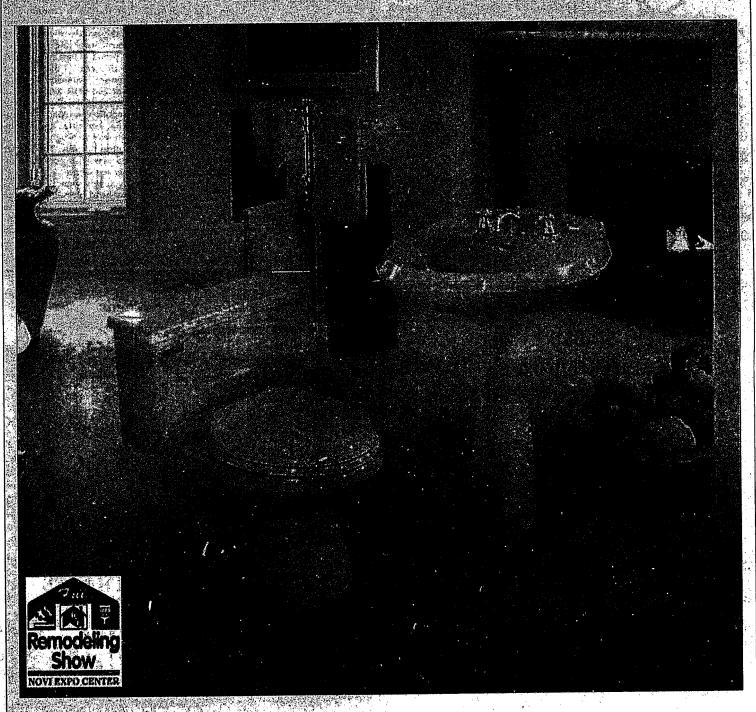
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## appliance doctor

# Doctor gears up for shows

By Joe GAGNON Special Writer

Today is the beginning of what I call the busy season for the Appliance Doctor and from now until next spring I will be moving fast. The home show expo's are standing up again and throw in a few auto and boat shows and a few others to be announced and now you can understand what I'm talking about. I would like to tell you how this all got started some 10 years ago.

There is this man named Glenn who started in radio a year or so before I did, who currently holds the title of America's Master Handyman. You can hear him on the weekends all across America doing his show on home improvements. Years ago this man took me under his wing and did many interviews with me on the subject of appliances. He would ask me to join him when he did personal appearances until one day I was standing in front of thousands at Cobo Hall. Throughout the years I have studied this man and always been a good friend, and after he threw me out of the nest, I went out on my own.

Today, with the measured amount of

host, I will always feel that this guy named Glenn played a major role in my life. That's the way it all began years

Now picture yourself in my shoes: Try to get, some feeling from what I'm writing as to how you would react it you were sitting in my chair. Let's just say that tomorrow you had to appear in front of thousands and answer questions about your work and personal life, autograph glossy pictures of yourself, shake hands and kiss women on the cheek. You can't say one word out of line, you can't filrt and certainly will not use any profanity. You have the TV camera on you and people stand there to watch you and stare. After going through this for many three and four day weekends, how would you feel?

Would you walk around with your nose in the air, would you think you're prettier than you really are, would you become egotistical with your personali-

Here's my advice to anyone who just used their imagination. Remember where you came from and that most people in front of you are better people

ble for where you are and without them you are the average person you really

This weekend and others to follow you will see the Appliance Doctor on location and please walk up and say hello. If you have a question, I will be at the Novi Expo Center beginning today, Sept. 24, for the Sixth Annual Fall Remodeling Show. This yearly event helps many thousands of consumers make decisions concerning home projects and I'm proud to be a part of it. A new feature this year is the "Ugliest Bathroom Contest," sponsored by the good folks at 760 WJR, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Building Industry Association and Mathison Supply of Livonia. The rules are simple. Bring in a picture of your ugly bathroom and hand it in to this guy. The winner will receive a new whirlpool bathtub, sink, and other accessories.

I will see you very soon, I'm sure. As you shake my hand please don't try to break it; as you kiss my cheek please keep the lipstick off the collar. Remember I love every one of you very much. Thanks for being so good to me.

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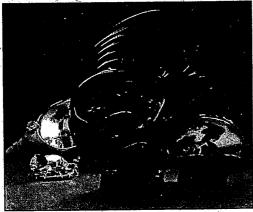
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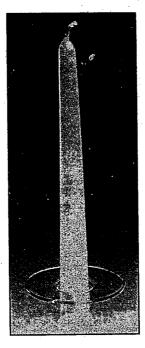
## marketplace

## By the sea

For a-fish-ionados: First 1/2, 43 N. Saginaw in Pontiac, announces its first major exhibit since its recent opening. "Sea for Yourself," a show and sale of more than 60 1950s ceramic lamps from Vallauris, France,



opens 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 29. These fun lamps incorporate sea motifs such as starfish, shells and lighthouses. Each brightly colored, handcrafted lamp is one of a kind. The quirky fish lamps were commonly used on top of TV sets to provide indirect lighting much in the same way the classic ceramic panther lamps were displayed in homes across North America. The town of Vallauris has enjoyed a long tradition of ceramics and art and was the home of Picasso for a period during the 1950s. First 1/2 is owned by French transplant Jacques-Pierre Caussin and specializes in decorative arts and industrial design from the first half of this century. A large selection of furniture, glass, lighting and pottery is available. Call (248) 334-9660.



## Wax guard

Practical accessory: A bobeché is a small, spherical piece of glass that, when encircling the bottom of a candlestick, keeps candle wax from dripping on your table's surface. Bobechés are available for \$1.97 at Wells Freight & Cargo in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-4642.

## So reclined Get the massage:

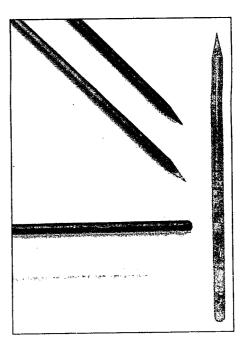
Berkline offers a German engineered massage recliner, available in black leather for \$2,499 at Art Van Furniture in



Westland and other communities. An eight-roller shiatsu massage unit loosens, stretches, taps or kneads you into complete relaxation while you are in the chair. With remote control in hand, you may choose one of nine preprogrammed, 20-minute options to best suit your relaxation needs. The recliner features a multi-position headrest and two adjustable back cushions for three massage levels.

# Swizzle with sizzle

Stick with it: From Gorgeous Designs, these contemporary swizzle sticks take the most sophisticated libations back to basics. Shaped like sharpened colored pencils, these drink stirrers are offered in a variety of colors and sell for \$1.97 each at Wells Freight & Cargo in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-4642.



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# Celebrate with sweet potato pies



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Traditional Southern sweet potato pies have made their way to universal family tables, picnics, church bazaars, school functions, and elegant dining tables adorned for special guests.

The pies are perfect for a sweet

ending to a delicious lunch or dinner, or just when having friends in for dessert. Serve with an unflavored coffee or tea you don't want to add any extra flavors that will take away from your special dessert.

The following recipes are my own inventions.

#### SWEET POTATO ROASTED PINE **NUT TART**

This sumptuous tart fits nicely into a 12-inch porcelain tart dish. Make sure whatever dish you use can accommodate all of the ingredients.

Yield: 1 (12-inch) tart.

Tart dough:

6 ounces softened cream cheese or Neufchâtel

1 cup softened sweet butter or mar-

2 cups sifted flour

Pie filling:

3-4 medium size sweet potatoes to equal 2 cooked cups of pulp

1/2 cup light-brown sugar, firmly packed

1 1/2 tablespoons sugar

Crystallized ginger minced to paste, to equal 2 tablespoons

2 eggs

2 tablespoons whipping cream

2 tablespoons softened sweet butter or margarine

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

2 teaspoons orange blossom water (found in Ethnic Markets)

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Tart topping:

6 tablespoons sugar

pinch salt

1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

6 tablespoons dark corn syrup or golden syrup (treacle) . .

1 extra-large egg

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon orange blossom water

3/4 tablespoon sweet butter or margarine, melted

1/2 cup dry roasted pine nuts (or desired amount)

Directions:

Bake the sweet potatoes in a 400 degree F. oven for 1 hour or until potatoes are very soft. Peel them when cool enough to handle comfortably.

In a large mixer bowl, combine all tart dough ingredients, and mix well. Put in plastic wrap and chill for 45 minutes.

Remove the dough from the refrigerator, and place into a tart dish. Using hands, push dough to fit in tart dish evenly. If the dough seems too soft, return the dough to

In a food processor or mixer, combine all tart filling ingredients and beat until

Reduce oven heat to 325 degrees F.

In a dry skillet over medium heat, roast pine nuts until golden brown. Stir frequently to keep from overcooking (don't burn). Set aside to cool.

In a mixer, combine all tart topping ingredients, except for pine nuts. Beat until the topping mixture is smooth and opaque.

Place the tart filling in the unbaked crust. Top with opaque topping.

Bake the filled tart (325 degrees F.) for 1 1/2 hours or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Ten to 15 minutes before completion, sprinkle on the pine nuts.

#### **DEEP FRIED SWEET POTATO**

A great use for leftover egg roll wrappers, or worth buying some to try this recipe. Keep in mind this has a lot of filling per piece. You could cut down the amount of filling, or use won ton wrappers and make little bundles.

Yield: 6 individual pies (or more if wrapper size is changed)

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#### **Johnston** from page D4

Ingredients:

3-4 medium size sweet potatoes to equal 2 cooked cups of pulp

Vegetable oil for deep frying

1 egg yolk

1/4 cup Cane Syrup/Golden Syrup (treacle)\*

1 tablespoon bourbon

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

6 prepared egg roll wrappers

Sifted powdered sugar

Directions:

Bake the sweet potatoes at 400 degrees F. for I hour or until potatoes are very soft. Peel them when cool enough to handle com-

Heat the vegetable oil in a wok or deep

In a large bowl, mix together sweet potatoes, egg yolk, cane syrup, bourbon, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix well.

Place 1/3 cup (or less) of filling in the center of each egg roll wrapper. Carefully wet all four dough edges. Bring one corner of the wrapper to the other, forming a trian-

Fold over point and with a small amount of water, seal. Fold over the sides (it will look like an envelope), make sure there is a small amount of water to completely seal

Place completed triangles on paper towels to absorb any accumulation of water. You don't want the wrappers to get soggy!

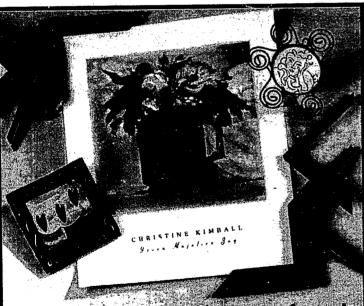
Fry each of the (6) sweet potato pies (or more if you've changed the size of filling or the size of the wrapper) in hot oil; add one or two at a time to the wok, to fry evenly. When golden brown, drain on paper towels. (This process is just like frying won tons and egg rolls). When completed, but not totally cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

## House tour scheduled Sunday

The Old West Side Association of Ann Arbor will host its 25th annual OWS Homes Tour noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Call (313) 930-6932.

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# Take the plunge: Beautify

You spend a lot of time in your bathroom, and there are both practical and personal reasons for making the

"There's no reason it can't be joyful," said Frank Mathison, vice president of Mathison Supply of

Livonia. "Put a whiripool in it."

Considering the return on investment, the bathroom is "one of the highest rated rooms of the home," Mathison said. "The kitchen and the bathroom bring the most for resale value.

Many options are available to update or improve the bathroom, attractive features as well as improved working designs.

Faucets for bathtubs can make the water trickle in a wide stream like a little fountain. Toilet seats may be self-closing. Sink fixtures resemble small sculptures, and come in a wide variety of materials - including brass, chrome, nickel, gold, copper, powder coated and combinations, as well as many different porcelain col-

Mathison's customers have many reasons for renovating their bathrooms.

'It could be older tile from whenever, ugly tubs, weird colors, something that's falling apart.

If you think your bathroom is ugly, but you're still

hesitating about remodeling it, here's something that may encourage vou to take the plunge.

**Entries** are sought for the Ugliest-Bathroom Contest, 1 sponsored by Mathison Supply. To enter, submit a photo of our unattractive restroom, and include vour

number.

You can bring the photo to the Mathison Supply exhibit at the Fall Remodeling Show, taking place Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 24-27, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road, or mail it to any of the Mathison Supply stores. The contest runs through mid-spring.

The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new Jason whirlpool bathtub, sink, Gerber toilet, 30-inch Bertch vanity, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed by Complete Home Installation. These features will be displayed at the show. The retail value is \$10,000.

ly, the Jason whirlpool tub features seven jets and a back lumbar massage system. It is made of acrylic and cleans easily with non-abrasive cleanser.

The Gerber 1.6-gallon ultra-flush toilet received the highest rating by Consumers Report, Mathison said.

The Harden fixtures that will be installed are made out of solid brass - a matching towel rack will also be placed - and feature a quarter-turn ceramic disk valve that pulverizes any rust or dirt particles. The shower has a 360-degree turn temperature control, and features that prevent scalding and allow you to turn off the water for a short time while you lather and instantreturn it to the previous setting.

"You can really control your temperature," The oak cabinetry by Bertch includes dovetailed

For contest information, call Mathison Supply in Livonia at (734) 522-5633, in Canton at (734) 455-9440, or in Garden City at (734) 422-3888.

#### At the show

The Fall Remodeling Show, in its sixth year, features more than 200 exhibitors with ideas for every room in the house.

Style on tap: Bathroom fixtures come in a range of styles, as shown by these Harden pleces, Bathtub faucets, such as the one at right, can make the water flow in a wide tream like a fountain.



Made by the Jacuzzi fami- To the wall; Michael Collihole, a home improvement expert and master artisan, will demonstrate celling and wall textur ing and faux finishing at the Fall Remodeling Show.

> "Our show offers convenient one-stop shopping f all your home needs," said Mark Guidobono, presid of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. The non-profit BIA the sponsor of the event.

The National Kitchen and Bath Association will have a sale at the show to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Proceeds will be used to bui a home in Roseville.

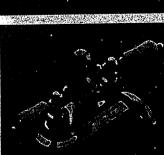
'We will be selling cabinets, counters and various discontinued items at the show," said Kyle Kirshma NKBA committee co-chairman and kitchen designer for Kirshman & Associates in Kalamazoo. "There w be some tremendous deals to find at this sale."

Michael Collihole, a British home improvement expert and master artisan, will demonstrate ceiling wall texturing and faux finishing, and give repair ar product tips. He has developed more than 50 textur designs and often creates new patterns to match the decor or motif of a residence or building, as seen on

CNBC, Lifetime and HGTV

Other features at the eve include appearances by Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor; a pictorial display the Showcase of Distinctive Homes sponsored by BIA, Standard Federal Bank and the Detroit News and Free Press Classified Marketpla demonstrations by Detroit Edison safety experts on el trical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines; and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.





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bathtub and Bertch cabinetry shown here, along with Gerber fixtures seen on the cover, give an attractive look to your bathroom. Such elegant elements will be awarded to the winner of the Ugliest Bathroom Contest, sponsored by Mathison Supply. Visit the Fall Remodeling Show in Novi this weekend for more information.

# Get with program for better gardens

The last Thursday of the month is traditionally devoted to book reviews. This week I'll share computer programs for the gardener.

A most exciting CD-ROM is now available. It is Volume I of the Distinguished Authors Series by PlantAmerica (\$149.95, distributed by Timber Press, (800) 327-5680). Michael Diri's "Photo Library of Woody Landscape Plants on CD-ROM.

It consists of four CDs, with 7,600 of Dirr's slides, and comprises "the most complete digital library of woody land-scape plants available," said Richard Webel, PlantAmerica LLC president.



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... Garden and retail centers can customize signage to include pertinent information ... Landscape architects and designers will be better able to present their plans and plant materials to clients Gardeners who love woody plants ...

will find this a wonderful resource."

The sourcebook gives detailed instructions in the user's guide, and features nomenclature and classification of plants, as well as a plant list. A binder to hold copies of photographs printed from the screen is included.

Expert Software has published several titles, "Vegetable Gardening," "Flower Gardening," "Complete Home Gar-dener" and "Landscape Design 3D" (each \$24.95).

The layout of the first three is similar and provides scads of information. Common names and botanical names of plants are used, and all the pertinent information about the plants is given, i.e. type, color, size, soil pH required and propagation methods. You will learn how to identify pests and control them, be able to chart the growing season in your own back yard and learn about garden tools and so much more.

The landscape design CD takes a bit of getting used to and patience is needed. Of course, I'm not an accomplished user of these products, but those of you with experience will be able to step right in to these programs. They are sophisticated yet easy to use. All are Microsoft Windows compatible.

Call (305) 567-9990 for a store near you, or visit the Web site http://www. expertsoftware.com

To find updated gardening information on the Internet, call Garden Escape at www.garden.com

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#### **Figley**

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The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association also has updated information at www.landscape.org

#### Here and there

The fourth annual Holland Bulb Festival at Brickscape Gardens in Northville is this weekend, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27.

The Tulip Time Dancers of Holland, Mich., will perform noon and 3 p.m. Saturday. It's quite a treat to see the colorful costumes, hear the music and watch the dancers twirl around in their wooden

Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Holland bulb expert Joe Vandervlugt of Stuifbergen Bulb Co. and I will be on hand to answer your bulb questions. Attendees will receive my "Forcing Bulbs" sheet.

Among the activities for the children will be planting a bulb to take home. A contest to guess the number of bulbs in a glass bowl will take place, and the popular daffodil bulbs "Bag o'Bulbs" sale will be repeated.

Brickscape Gardens is on Brickscape Drive, north off Eight Mile, just east of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 348-2500.

Are you hesitant about starting to compost? There is an opportunity for residents to learn about composting,

#### ■ Marty Figley will be at the Holland Bulb Festival at Brickscape Gardens noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

current legislation and local ordinances, compost systems and equipment, compost chemistry, application to soils, uses of finished compost and reducing yard waste prior to composting.

A six-week "Master Composter Course" is offered by Oakland County Michigan State University Extension. Classes will take place 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 4, at the Oakland County MSU office's instructional room in the North Office Building, 26 East, 1200 Telegraph. The tuition cost of \$35 includes a resource notebook.

For more information or to register, call the Extension office at (248) 858-0887. Registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 28.

Marty Figley is an ad "ced master gardener based in "mingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

#### at home calendar

■ Outstanding works of Tiffany art glass will be exhibited for the first time when "Tiffany: Essence of Light, The Meadow Brook Hall Collection" runs Sept. 26 through Nov. 15 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Gallery, adjacent to the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at OU, off Adams in Rochester. The display is free. The opening preview will take place Friday, Sept. 25; reservations are \$100 per person and include a reception in the exhibition gallery followed by dinner at Meadow

Brook Hall (dress is business attire). Call (248) 370-3140 for dinner reservations, group tour appointments or more information.

A free home composting workshop will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, presented by Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority master composters. To register, call SOCRRA weekdays at (248) 288-

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# Parents: It's back-to-school time

By LISA LUCKOW-HEALY Special Writer

When you left school, you may have speculated you were done for good. No more teachers or professors to contend with and no more textbooks to study. What you preferred to ignore at the time was what continuing education would

further your career - or your child's future.

One of the most important aspects of your child's upbringing is your family's involvement in her education. It's no secret that parent involvement is an essential ingredient to your child's success.

Ask yourself how involved you are in your child's education at the present. If the extent of your commitment consists of signing permission slips or speaking to a teacher about behavioral problems, it's time you adjusted your schedule.

Think about the many possibilities there are to help encourage your child's learning potential. Helping out with homework is the most obvious solution. No matter how crazy your family's daily schedule is, you should include time for homework as part of your daily routine.

By watching, observing and helping your child solve problems, you can offer continuous encouragement and praise for your child's efforts. In doing so, your child will reap the rewards that come with her achievements, including confidence and self-respect.

Show your child how much you care by getting involved in her school activities. If your child is in grade school, volunteer as a room mother. If you are a working parent, does your profession lend itself to a school committee? As an accountant, your talents would be put to good use as the parent-teacher organiza-

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tion treasurer. Do you like to organize special events? Volunteer to chair the school carnival. If you are interested in becoming a role model, you may be well suited to lead a group of Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

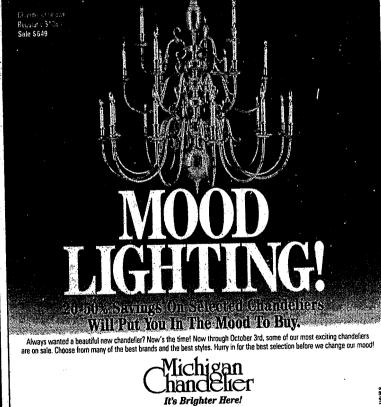
Become your teenager's biggest bleacher fan at her after-school sporting events. Keep up with individual and team performance so your family can share in the glory and the defeat. Your encouragement will help your child learn from her mistakes or build upon

Keep the lines of communication open by talking about school. When your child knows she can openly talk to you about school on a regular basis, she is more apt to share other school information with you such as what events are coming up, what problems are circulating around school, or what academic and extracurricular goals she is striving for during the semester.

By participating in your child's education, you are more in touch with your child's goals and achievements. Remember, your praise will help inspire your child to follow her dreams.







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■ The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-27, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile, featuring antiques dealers from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts. Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 pim Stinday Admission is \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, \$6 regular, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show.

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Avenue in Pontiac. Jim Slezinski, senior landscaping designer and horticulturist and Goldner Walsh, will speak on "Winterizing Your Garden in the Autumn." Nonmember donation \$3.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Birmingham Congregational Church, Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tim Travis, owner of Goldner Walsh Nursery, will present "Spring Bulbs in the Hosta Garden," showing how to bring color and interest to the shade garden by using various types of spring bulbs. Guest fee \$3.

English Gardens conducts free weekly seminars in September and October at its four locations. The next topic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, is "Attracting Birds and Other Wildlife to Your Yard." Call (248)

■ District 1 of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, which includes Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties, will have its fall meeting 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Laurel Manor, on Schoolcraft west of I-275 in Livonia. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch and two programs. Make checks payable to Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., District 1, and mail to Candy Rosowski, 27297 Syke Dr. W., Farmington Hills, MI 48334-5342; they must be received by Friday, Oct. 2. At the event, after a short business meeting, Southeastern Bromeliad Society president Penrith Goff will present "Bromeliads, the Spectacular Member of the Pineapple Family." Master flower show judge Betty McKinney, the national calendar chairman and a member of five garden clubs, will present a floral design program after lunch. Coffee and tea will be served 9 a.m.

■ The fourth annual Holland Bulb Festival will take place Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Brickscape Gardens in Northville. The Tulip Time Dancers of Holland, Mich., will perform noon and 3

p.m. Saturday. Holland bulb expert Joe Vandervlugt of the Stuifbergen Bulb Co. and Marty Figley, Observer & Eccentric garden columnist, will give advice noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Children will be able to plant their own bulb and take it home. A contest to guess the number of bulbs in a glass bowl, and "Bag o'Bulbs," in which customers fill a special bag with as many selected yellow daffodils as it will hold for \$6.99, will also be featured. Prickscape Gardens is on Brickscape Drive, running north off Eight Mile, just east of Novi Road. Call

Brickscape Gardens at (248) 348-2500.

■ The Clawson Ladybug Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will have its annual Fall Fest 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Clawson Historical Museum, 41 Fisher Ct. Call (248) 435-0642 or (248) 435-5488

■ Carol Czechowski of Herb Wreath will present a class, "Herbal Teas for Gift Giving," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Avenue in Pontiac. Call (810) 332-6430 for information.





#### WHAT'S COOKING IN KITCHENS?

If there was any lingering doubt that the kitchen has become the hub of the modern home, a recent has become the hub of the modern of kitchen appliances should go a long way in dispelling it. According to the survey, people are as likely to congregate and converse in their kitchens as they According to the survey, people are as inserved congregate and converse in their kitchens as they are to cook in them. When homeowners were asked where their family conversations take place, in which room they spend the most time, and in which room they most tend to gather, the kitchen placed first among those with large kitchens. And, regardless of kitchen size, only living rooms ranked ahead of kitchens when it came to finding the best place for essential family happenings and entertaining.

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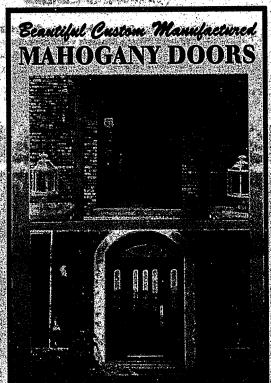
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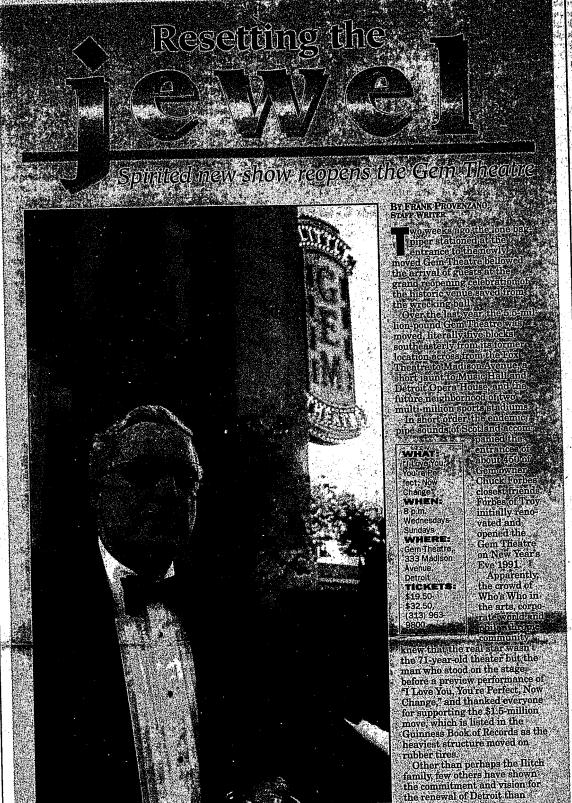
Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$22.50-\$39.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-



The Renaissance Festival ends today with the third annual Tournament of Temptations, and other "Sweet Endings," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The festival is located off I-75 on Dixie Highway (between Pontiac and Flint). Call (800) 601-4848 for information.



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Preservationist: Gem Theatre owner Chuck Forbes of Troy outside the newly moved theater on Madison Avenue in downtown

. If his decision in the early 1980s to buy, refurbish and rent

# Michael Tilson Thomas Music director, San Francisco

## Gershwin's birthday tour comes to town

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Strike up the band! 'Swonderful, 'smarvelous, 'sGeorge Gershwin's 100th birthday Saturday and the band is coming to Ann Arbor.

On Sunday, the San Francisco Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas, will bring a touring celebration of the composer to the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

Born Jacob Gershovitz on Sept. 26, 1898, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Gershwin created music that has become a part of the American fabric. His songs, often with brilliant and witty lyrics by his older brother, Ira; his larger, jazzinspired orchestral works; and the folk opera "Porgy and Bess" have been accorded the highest stature, with many hailing Gershwin as the quintessential American composer.

For Michael Tilson Thomas, it's personal.

"His family knew the Gershwins in New York," said John Engelkes, bass trombonist with the symphony. "Michael's dad knew him very well and he talks about that at rehearsals. He mentions how his grandfather knew the Gershwins, and he passes that on.'

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Tilson Thomas' grandparents, Boris and Bessie Thomashefsky, were founders of the Yiddish Theater America and knew Gershwin's parents, who were Russian emigres. George Gershwin gave Tilson Thomas' father his first piano

lesson But Gershwin belongs to everyone and the San Francisco Symphony is part of national celebration of the great composer and his music. Hill auditorium is the last stop in a series of Symphony events that began in San Francisco Sept.

by Internet http://www.u ms.org 23 and includes stops at New York's Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center for the Perform-ing Arts in Washington, D.C., on

the birth date. The celebration also includes the release Sept. 15 of a superb 2-CD album on BMG Classics and a television broadcast of the Carnegie Gala on PBS at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Why all the fuss? I guess as a player I've always liked Gershwin's music a lot," said Engelkes, reached at his home in San Francisco. "It's something that represents a crossover of jazz, popular and classical music. It's fun to play and part of our culture. It has a sound to it... And we're opening the Carnegie Hall season with Gershwin's cen-

Please see TOUR, E2

## POPULAR MUSIC

# Label head sees Kid Rock as a 'major star'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Kid Rock is sitting in the Industry nightclub's Saroki Room looking through the pouring rain coming down on the "Warped Tour" concert across the street.

The long-haired braided rapper is preparing to debut songs off his upcoming album Devil Without a Cause' (Lava/Atlantic), but the rain posed a threat to his perfor-

Just as Kid Rock takes the stage, the sun appears and thousands of baggy pantswearing skaters and midriffbaring teen girls begin jump-ing in the flooded Pontiac parking lot.

His amalgamation of rap and rock goes over well with the soaking wet crowd but unfortunately it blends in with other acts doing the same sort of music.

But long before the Deftones, Rage Against the Machine, and the "Judgment Nicht" cours lead to the lead t

Night" soundtrack which paired up the likes of Cypress Hill and Pearl Jam, Biohazard and Onyx, and Helmet and House of Pain, Kid Rock was messing

"I took it to rock radio, and they said there was too much rap in it," Kid Rock said about his previous albums. "Now

WHO: Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, with special guests Buddha Fulla Rymez and WHEN:

day, Sept. 25 WHERE: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. **HOW:** How:
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Rock's website is
http://www.ki to fuse it and it opened the market." The first single, "I Am the Bullgod," is proving that point. It's gotten across-the-board play on each end of the dial from CIMX-FM (88.7) to WXDG-FM (105.1).

people are getting it. I think

they saw everybody starting

"Kid Rock is going to be a major star," said Jason Flom, president of Lava Records. "I love Kid Rock. I love his

music. I love him personally. I love everything about him. The band is tight, and to me his record is going to be an extremely important rock record. I consider it a hard rock record even though he raps on it."
"It's important in that, in

terms of a one to 10, I give it a 10. I don't think there's that many records that come out you can listen to start to finish and every song blows you away. I think he's fused rap and rock in a way that only he can.'

Kid Rock, a Royal Oak resident, began his career as a high school student DJing parties in Mount Clemens. In 1988 his demo tapes earned him a spot opening for Boogie Down Produc-

Please see KID ROCK, E2



Coming home: Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, plays the State Theatre Friday, Sept. 25, in support of his latest album, "Devil Without a Cause" (Lava/Atlantic).

# Kid Rock from page E1

debut album "Grit Sandwiches for Breakfast" (Jive), he toured the United States with Ice Cube and Too.Short. From there he, Witho jumped to the all-fated Continue... right." um label ("The Polyfuze Method") before releasing 1996's "Early Mornin' Stoned Pimp" on

his own label. Top Dog London.

His independent releases sold "That was an experience. We more than 12,000 copies, piquing were doing it first class. It was more than 12,000 copies, piquing

the State Theatre and there was
1,500 kids hopping up and down
at the show. The show is truly
like a great rock show in the tradimension to his music — coun dition of Kiss meets the Beastle Boys It blew me away It's total entertainment," Flom explained. "Devil Without a Cause" was recorded at the White Room and

Temple of the Dog studios in Detroit. A number of Detroiters aided in the process including Big Block's Kenny Tudrick, Chris Peters of Getaway Cruiser, and Robert Bradley, and Andrew and



Mike Nehra, all of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise. "This is one of the betters ones," Kid Rock said of "Devil-Without a Cause," "We did it:

"To mix the song "Badwidaba;" Kid Rock headed overseas to the famous Abbey Road Studios in 🐇 London.

more than 12,000 copies, piquing the interest of Andy Karp, an cool because there was all these artist and reperfore representative for Lava Records. After hearing "The Polyfuze Method," was written on the walls," said he and Flom traveled to Detroit to see Kid Rock perform. "We flew out to see a show at the State Theatre and there was 1,500 kids hopping in and down. Kid Rock, and his band Twisted.

fry. Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, and Flom said that his inspiration comes from the variety of music Kid Rock listened to growing up in Macomb County.

"He was raised on music as diverse as everything from Hank Williams to Lynyrd Skynyrd to Ice Cube to Guns 'N Roses or whatever. Kid Rock is a force of

Although Kid Rock has been doing the rap/rock thing for years, he wanted to make this a top-notch effort. There was one factor that proved a little troublesome for Kid Rock, however. Perfecting his vocals.

The rock thing took a little work. I had to learn how to sing, he explained with a laugh. When asked how he practiced, he added, "Like everybody else driving in the car."

Gem from page E1

more than 40 properties in the

been like losing a front tooth; said: Forbes in his typically understated manner; "The true test is whether, we'd do it all over again," said Forbes, with an ear-to-ear grin, "The

with his characteristic Scots-like charm and gregariousness, Forbes christened the new address for the Gem by introduc-ing a spirited rendition of the Scottish traditional spleas This Scottish traditional, "Bless This

At the completion of the song, Forbes gave a thumbs up to the performer, then stepped from the stage and onto the cabaret-style floor seating. Moments later, the curtain rose.

It was a perfect moment of propriety, accomplishment and modsty. Perhaps it wasn't a coincidence that it had the indelible sound of Scottish bagpipes. After two weeks of warm ups,

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" opens the Gem Theatre's new season.

Like past popular productions at the Gem, "I Love You, You're Perfect" aims straight for an irresistible hook and tap-along melody. It's the type of musical theater filled with jazzy songs, biting lyrics and rapid pace that appeals to mainstream audi-

If "All Night Strut" and "Forever Plaid" had audiences lined up

at the Gem; then "I Love You, You're Perfect" surely won't dis-

Theatre is arguably one of the irrational impulses of menymost gutsy preservation moves women relationships, the bouncin Detroits history "Losing the Gem would have been like Josing a front tooth!" at the inherent—negative said Forbes in the control of the inherent—negative said Forbes in the control of the inherent—negative said Forbes in the control of the inherent.

the inherent — perhaps unbridge able — differences of those look-ing for the ideal relationship Catchy and delightfully ditzy. T Love You, You're Perfect' is, in some ways, an updated account-ed of Sondheim's award-winning

"Company." Cleverly, the show — which has been running for two years in New York – combines the irre-sistible elements of cute and tidy lyrics with the realizations that relationships are blissfully painful.

For the most part, "I Love, You're Perfect" doesn't probe beyond superficial appearances. Nor does it intend to Several of the skits could have found a place on the former TV show, "Men Behaving Badly." Especial ly, "Single Man Drought," "A Stud and a Babe" and "Wedding

Meanwhile, the more biting songs seem to toss crumbs of truth about gender differences; and the proverbial anxiety about the "c-word" – commitment.

The two-acts of musical skits will surely appeal to younger audiences wondering if there's anything relevant in today's theater. Ah, love, misunderstanding and what one will do in the name of pride.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" combines expectations about love with the need for security.

TOUT from page E1

tennial, and when you hear Gershwin, you think New York Engelkes crossed over himself He was first attracted to the trombone by a jazz performer when he was growing up in a small town in Jowa

"We had Tommy Dorsey records that my dad listened to a lot: I was also wearing braces at the time and might have taken up the frumpet otherwise: But I now know I made the right deci-sion," Engelkes said.

A performance by the New York Philharmonic in Ames, Iowa, switched the brass player to classical music, though he enjoys doing "pops" programs when a Tony Bennett or Mei Torme come to sing with the Symphony.

"It's fun when we get to do it and with Gershwin we get to do a little of that," Engelkes said.

Tilson Thomas, who became music director of the San Francisco Symphony is 1995, has continued to program a lot of music by Gershwin and other American

composers. 65 For instance, he's an expert on Charles Ives. We do the main pieces, but he pulls out pieces we've never heard, like "The Steeples to Mountains" piece, said Engelkes. He also speaks to the audience about the pieces. He will often talk about them for the first time and even symphony members will learn some-

On Sunday afternoon, the Symphony will perform Gersh-win's "American in Paris" and his Second Rhapsody for Orchestra

and Piano with Tilson Thomas doing double duty as conductor doing double duty as committee and planist, as he does on the new CD. To balance the Gersh-win, the Symphony will offer Mahler's First Symphony in D.

Major ("Titan"). "Mahler's First Symphony, we were talking in rehearsal that he must have been in his late 20s, there is thematic material from his Songs of the Wayfarer. These are truly beautiful tunes, emotional pieces. We're marveling at heavendarful a niece it was and how wonderful a piece it was and we know what was to come," Engelkes said.

The "beautiful tunes" and songlike qualities are often regarded as Gershwin's greatest strengths as a classical composer as well and Engelkes said the similarities as well as the differ-ences in the composers went into

the programming decision.

"I think Ann Arbor is getting

Think Ann Argor is getting the best program, the best of both," Engelkes said. Gershwin never lived to fulfill his promise as a classical com-poser. He died in 1937 at only 39. But he left behind a rich legacy of hundreds of songs considered the cream of American standards and orchestral music that is widely loved and influential in the use of modern rhythms.

The UMS continues its celebration of Gershwin with the program "Gershwin: Sung and Unsung" Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 9-10, featuring soprano Dana Hanchard and tenor Ted Keegan performing songs from "Porgy and Bess" and "Lady Be Good" and rare, unpublished songs from the Library of Congress.





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SPECIAL WRITER

Once upon a time - 1959, actually - some wicked Broadway types took a perfectly fine fairy tale – "The Princess and the Pea" and made a musical out of it. And for that, they were banished from the Great White Way forev-

Created specially for the widemouthed and loose-limbed antics of Carol Burnett, "Once Upon a Mattress" was a hip, adult treat-ment of the children's story. Hip,

at least, for the Eisenhower era.

Time has not been kind to Once Upon a Mattress." Today, it is silly and comball in a way that does not engender nostalgic warmth in grownups like, say, The Three Stooges do. The demographics served best by the show - young children – are not the group's regulars. Stagecrafters might therefore have been wiser to relegate it to a youth theatre production, or to take an excerpt to malls and schools.

This is not to say stay away. As

its season opener, we can recommend "Mattress" with a rating of PGC-12: For parents and grandparents accompanied by children under 12. Buy some extra tickets for the kids, folks; you'll enjoy it better together.

You already know the story: Princess Winnifred ("call me Fred") comes to the kingdom to hopefully win the hand of Prince Dauntless the Drab. To do that, she must pass a test administered by his domineering, motormouth mother. Because, as we're told by the strolling minstrel, "A princess is a delicate thing," a bed of 20 mattresses is prepared for her, with a pea placed at the bottom. If she feels the pea, then a true princess she must be.

Winnifred has many qualities, but delicate doesn't seem to be one of them. She can't enter a castle through the front door like everyone else; she's gotta swim the moat and climb the wall ... and belt out her opening number, "I'm Shy." Right, like a Scud

As Fred, Anne Conlon is a king's ransom of fun. She mugs and pratfalls and is understandably irresistible. And she can sing, too. Her bluesy "Happily Ever After" recalls songstresses of nightclub days of yore like Nancy Wilson and Peggy Lee. Her moments off the stage are moments she's missed.

Karl Miller is a drab Dauntless, indeed, and very much a mommy's boy, which is inconvenient when mommy's more than just queen of the house. His overthe-top expressions, however, span the spectrum from bewildered to confused, and wear thin quickly. Maureen Cook's Endoralike Queen Aggravain can spit out more words in one breath than humanly possible. This makes up for her husband, kindly king Sextimus the Silent (Fred Shulak), who's been struck mute by an evil spell. That doesn't stop him from scampering after the ladies of the court, how-

ever, prompting the queen to ask, "What's the point of being a ruler if one doesn't behave the way a ruler should?" The line prompted a broad chuckle from the audience, considering its appropriateness today.

Kelly Janney and Vincent DeRita provide the sub-plot as star-crossed lovers. They make a lovely pair, but does each song have to end the same way? And while we're picking, do the 20 chorus members have to be blocked in either a v-shape or a semi-circle? And does John Montgomery Miller have to use a Nazi accent for his Wizard? It's especially uncomfortable with a line like "Her papers seem to be in order."

Again, "Once Upon A Mattress" seems a questionable choice for the main stage, but a house filled with less cynical and more forgiving youngsters might make it all end happily ever

# Ridgedale makes Gershwin sing

Ridgedale Players celebrates Kidgedate Players celebrates the 100th birthday of George Gershwin with an evening of song and dance - "Fascinatin' Gershwin," 8 p.m. Friday-Satur-day, Sept. 25-26, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Livernois and Crooks Road) in Troy. Tickets are \$20, \$17 for season ticket holders, call (248) 988-7049. Doors open an hour before curtain time. By HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players celebration of George Gershwin's 100th birthday is a reminder of how much splendid music George and his brother Ira produced during America's great Jazz Age. Gershwin died at age 39, in 1937, but the enormous legacy of tunes he left will be playing well into the 21st century, and beyond.

Directed by Barbara Anne Gowans, 17 cast members sing and dance their way through 38 songs. The spirited troupe throws their all into each song.

The second half of the show is stronger than the first, but a rough chronology helps show how Gershwin developed from the teenager who wrote "Swanee" to the man who turned out "I've Got A Crush on You," well sung by Diane Dillard.

Selma Cohen does a splendid

job as the Narrator who lets us know that Gershwin was the roller-skating champ of his block, and other fascinating information about Gershwin's family and

The orchestra is crucial to this performance. Fortunately, Barbara Anne Gowans plays mean piano; she also does a lovely solo on "The Man I Love." Eleanor Struble on bass and Carl Stewart on percussion are in Gowan's

I missed "An American in Paris," but I got to hear "Rhap-sody in Blue," danced by Cheryl Adams after an opening recording of comments by the always clever Oscar Levant. Holly Hellsten, who has great verve, does a good job on "Love Is Here to Stay," and a funny rendition of "Lorelei."

Roger Nowland, filling in for John Forlini, as well as doing his own numbers, is a nimble fellow; Dianne Nowland is a nimble lady, and the two do a sweet job on "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

It's worth the price of admission to hear Mary Jo Wilson's extraordinary voice. Wilson's rendition of "Summertime" and 'My Man's Gone Now," are what music is meant to be.

The best segment of the evening is the "Porgy & Bess" medley with Nowland and the

In Association With

cast doing "It Ain't Necessarily So," and Krickett Heuser winding up with a fulsome "Summer-

Produced by Dave Scott and Lisa Nowak, the show offers a well-rounded evening. The minimal set by Stan Iobst and crew is effective. Cast members Ed Berger, Martine Boni, Susan Borin, Tony Castellani, Jules DeWard, Shirley Fager, lively Genie Garner, and Ed Goebel, raise their voices high and make us remember Ella Fitzgerald singing "A Foggy Day," and why Gershwin wrote "Of Thee I Sing."

This performance, a pre-season fund-raiser, features birthday cake during intermission, and lots of hot hors d'oeuvres before

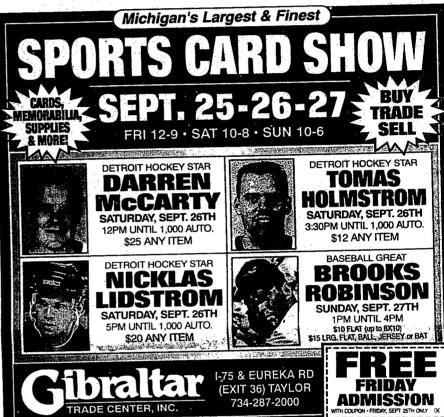
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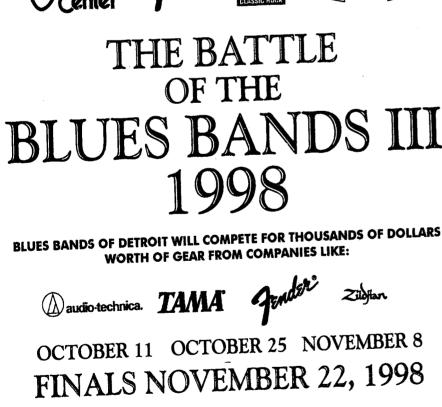
There was an error in the Sept. 17 review of Avon Players' production of "Oliver!"

Kelli Dumouchelle played Bet on opening night and will continue to do so for the rest of the pro-

Nancy, played by Kristy North-cote, was Bill Sykes love interest, not Fagin's, as reported in the

"Oliver!" through Oct. 3. For more information, call (248) 608-





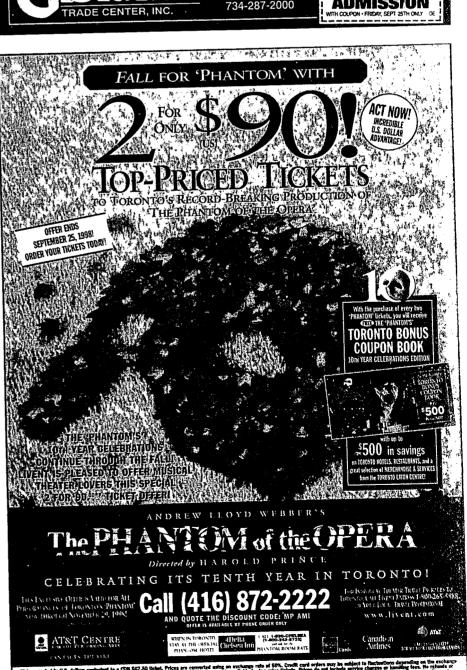


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'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the the ater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800 MACOMB CENTER FOR THE **PERFORMING ARTS** 

"West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 seniors and students. (810) 286-2222

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," through Sunday, Sept. 27, at the theater, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$24.50, \$29.50, \$39.50), 8 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday (\$22.50, \$27.50, \$37.50). (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

The Merry Wives of Windsor, Shakespeare's comic romp set in Elizabethan England moves to Windsor, N.M., in 1899, through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

## COMMUNITY

**ALTERNATING CURRENTS THEATRE** 

"Office Politics," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Trumbull Theatre, 4210 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 in advance at A Woman's Prerogative in Ferndale, Chosen Books in Royal Oak, Common Language in Ann Arbor and Just 4 Us in Ferndale (248) 541-8316/(810) 308-5777

**AVON PLAYERS** "Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS Broadway Barned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20 proceeds to benefit the building

fund. (248) 553-2955 HARTLAND PLAYERS

'The Fantasticks," one of the longest running Broadway musicals of all time, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays Oct. 2-3, 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATER GUILD

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor," at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford, Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 27. Call

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN "The Dining Room," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; and 2:30

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the play-house, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Fascinatin" Gershwin," features music from shows such as "Porgy and Bess" and "Girl Crazy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, to raise funds for the Players, at the theater 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$20. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Once Upon A Mattress," through Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, with an additional show 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

#### DINNER THEATER

DAVE AND BUSTER'S

"An Act of Murder," a mystery din-ner theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Dave and Buster's, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32,95 per person plus tax and gra-tuity, includes dinner of Caesar



All Aboard: Learn what life was like working and traveling on the railroad during Railroad Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26:27, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Visitors will see train demonstrations and vintage steam, diesel and electric trains in action. Learn about railroad safety through Conrail's "Operation Lifesaver." This video and motion simulator put the viewer in the driver's seat from the engineer's point of view. Kids can make their own conductor's hat, and color pictures of trains found in the village. Admission, \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors 62 and over, \$7.50 ages 5-12, call (313) 271-1620.

salad, choice of lemon-herb chicken with tarragon-lemon cream sauce or prime rib. Not recommended for children ages 18 and younger. (810) 930-1515

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**GENITTI'S** 

"Pasta to Paczkis," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes sevencourse Italian dinner, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

#### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUIS THEATRE** 

"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27; at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and

rates.
PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performaces at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and perfor mances at 2 p.m., at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. \$7.50, \$6,50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

"FESTA DEL VINO"

Wine tasting and traditional family style dinner presented by Italian American Club Cultural Committee, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, between Haggerty and Newburgh, Livonia, \$25 members, \$30 non-members, \$10-\$12.50 ages 10-15. (734) 420-3168 GREEKTOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL Streets performers, artists and live entertainment, includes a "Stomping of the Grapes" charity fund raiser for Ginopolis Karmanos Pediatric Cancer Research Endowment at Children's Hospital, and "International Tasting" featuring wines from around the world and food samplings from Greektown's restaurants (tasting passes \$25 advance, \$30 day of event), 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, on Monroe Street in Detroit's Greektown, Call-toll free (877) 473-3586 INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER

#### MUSIC CONFERENCE

Featuring concerts, research paper presentations and "many of the world's vanguard electronic multimedia installations," Thursday-Tuesday, Oct. 1-6, at Rackham Auditorium and the Power Center at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-4276

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

"Motown Revue," a live stage pro-duction of the Motown era featuring the sounds of The Temptations, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, and a tribute to Sam Cooke, directed by WJLB's Dwayne (In the Mix) Bradley, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the theater, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (810) 913-1921

"MARLBORO COUNTRY NIGHTS

DANCE SHOWDOWN" Club Championships featuring David (azmirowski of Detroit and Julianna Dudek of Livonia, John and Deb Koshkovich of Milford, and Tim Johnson and Becky Larson of Troy, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Diamonds and Spurs, 25 S. Saginaw. Pontiac. Winners advance to the Regional Championships Oct. 23 in Fort Mitchell, Ky. (248) 334-4409

FALL REMODELING SHOW Featuring products and services for the interior and exterior of the home and garden, presented by the nonprofit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. \$6, \$4 seniors, \$3 children ages 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children at Farmer Jack, \$9. (248)

http://www.builders.org

737-4478 or

"OKTOBERFEST" Featuring German beer, food and entertainment, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and noon Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, St. Mary's Preparatory School, 3535 Indian Trail; Orchard Lake, (248) 683-0530 SPIRITED VICTORY INTERFAITH

CONVOCATION. Sponsored by Sisters Collaborative and the Circle of Advisors of Women in Ministry and Spirituality, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept./26, at the Michigan inn, Southfield, \$55, \$30 (uncheon only: (318) 345-5288/(248) 443-1936

### BENEFITS

STEWART FRANCKE LEUKEMIA

Fundraising concert featuring unplugged sets by Mitch Ryder, Jill Jack and Francke, who was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in June and will have a stem cell transplant in October, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the lobby of the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75. (248) 828-2865

"JAZZ FOR LITERACY" CONCERT Marcus Belgrave, Teddy Harris, Jr., Shahida Nurullah, Straight Ahead, The Motif, Beyond Blue, Bob St. Thomas with So Much Fun, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. \$25. Meet the artists at a gala reception 4-5 p.m. (\$100). (313) 872-7720 "RIVERBOAT ARK"

The Ark in Ann Arbor's second annual fall fundraising event featuring James Dapogny's Chicagoans and Saturday, Oct 10. at the club. 316 S. Main St .. Ann Arbor. Vintage riverboat attire encouraged. \$100 (\$75 tax deductible); \$200 (\$165 tax deductible) for Riverboat Captain tickets, includes table seating, cocktail reception and valet parking. (734) 761-1800

SUNDAY, SONGS AND SYMPHONY"

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's nnual benefit featuring a program of light and popular music by the orchestra, a taste of 25 area restaurants, bakeries and food establishments, a silent auction, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Livonia Mall. Seven Mile and Middlebelt, \$30, \$25 in advance. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

#### FAMILY

HONEY AND APPLES FESTIVAL Assist in extracting honey, bring your own apples and use an old-fashioned apple press to make cider, 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3200 MAYBURY STATE PARK Horsedrawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE

525-1447

Runs weekends through September, at the grounds, one mile north of Mount Holly on Dixle Highway in Holly, \$13.95, \$5.95 children ages 5.12, free for children ages 4 and younger, (248), 634-5552 or http://www.members.aol.com/Renf PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

Saturday, Sept. 26, at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Free, state motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187. SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL Sheep shearing, spinning, working border collies, fiber workshops, visiting flocks of alpacas, llamas, angora rabbits, and angora goats, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Sept. 26-27, at Mount Bruce Station, 6440 Bordman Road, six miles north of Romeo on Van Dyke (M-53). \$5, children under age 5 free. (810) 798-2568/(810) 798-2660

"Fall Color Hike," 1:30 p.m.

WWF "RAW IS WAR"

7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$13-\$30. (248) 645-6666

#### HALLOWEEN

HAUNTED THEATRE

Runs Friday, Oct. 2 through Oct. 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, in the Historic Wayne Theatre, 35164 W. Michigan Ave., east of I-275, west of Wayne Road, Wayne. \$5, \$2.50 children under age 12, proceeds go toward the restoration of the theater originally built in 1927 and for the opening of a performing arts center for Western Wayne County. (734) 728-SHOW SILO X

Opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and runs Thursdays-Sundays through Oct. 31, C.J. Barrymore's on M-59 (Hall Road), Clinton Township. New this year is 50 foot sound vault, famous crashed helicopter, green fog, and 1,200 foot maze that twists and turns through a missite base of alien atrocities \$12. (248) 647-1926

#### CLASSICAL

DEARING CONCERT DUO

Classical flute and guitar duo per form the music of Spain, Italy, France, and the Americas, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$10. \$8 seniors/students. (734) 416-2780/(734) 254-0681

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Featuring planist Emanuel Ax, program includes Strauss's "Burleske for Piano and Orchestra," Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 9" and Hindesmith, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17 to \$48. \$55 to \$63 box seats. (313) 576-5111 ARTHUR GREENE

The University of Michigan School of Music faculty member performs in recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@lc.net

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

With conductor and piano Michael Tilson Thomas, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$50. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA** 

Featuring the music of Beethoven and Shostakovich, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 764-8350

#### POPS/SWING

STEVE LAWRENCE AND EYDIE GORME 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26,

and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$36, \$32 students and seniors, \$45 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

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Instrumental works of French composers performed by planists William Doppman and Michele Cooker, saxophonist Donald Sinta. accordinnist Peter Soave and a group of U-M students from the studio of Donald Sinta, cabaret sipw featuring singers Julia Broxholm and Deanna Reivea, Porter, Kern, Sondheim, Brel, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

RED GARTER BAND 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$10, (248)

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DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Auditions for apprentice dancers with modern dance and ballet expe rience, dancers will train with the company, understudy roles and be involved with production, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, near Grand Circus Park, Detroit, (313) 965-3544 LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, rehearsals for "Forever Christmas" concert begin in October, Livonia Mail meeting room next to the security office down the mall from the pet store, lot G in the parking lot at the back of the mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. (734)

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season, auditions consist of an individual meeting with David Wagner, chorale director. The chorale rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the chorale but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The choral consists of students and community members. (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Open auditions for new members, especially tenors, basses and baritones, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080; The group is also looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel

6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170 RENAISSANCE CHORUS The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and

Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-

Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America holds open auditions 7:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Wayne Road. (313) 438-2364

JAZZ

**DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO** 

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 trumpet/piano/bass) MOSE ALLISON

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (248)

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SANDRA BOMAR TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Edison's, 22 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass) RAMONA COLLINS 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-

8310 **EXPLOSION CEREBRAL** 

9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, as part of Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310

BILL HEID TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

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8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale.

\$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novl. (248) 305-7333 KIMMIE HORNE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26. D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 852-0550

JAZZHEAD 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal

Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

PHIL KAPUT

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 26, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All

ages. (248) 546-1400 KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday. Sept. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

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With trumpet player John Trudell and alto sax player Larry Nozero. 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800 MINGUS BIG BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 open the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Ameritech Jazz Series, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$46, \$60 box seats. (313) 576-5111 GARY SCHUNK TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums)

MEM SHANNON 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues) **CHUCK SHERMETARO TRIO** 

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, as part of the New Music Society Concerts, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages. (248) 399-3946 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

KEN VANDERMARK FIVE

BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 ROBERT WALKER'S 20TH

CONGRESS With Psy-Funk, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-

3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (acid

DAVID S. WARE QUARTET 8:30-10p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Henry Ford Community College, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, Evergreen and Ford Roads Dearborn, \$15, (313) 845 9676/(248) 548-9888

## WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (313) 965-9500

JIMMY CLIFF 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae) BELA FLECK, EDGAR MEYER AND

MIKE MARSHALL 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org GREAT BIG SEA 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

IMMIGRANT SUNS With Spy Radio, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://ww

(Eastern European/rock)
IMMUNITY 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1,

older. (810) 360-7450; 9:30 p.m. to Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Spectadium, 2511 N. Livernois Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (248) 362-4030 (reggae) PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Benedetto's, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010. (Italian and Spanish)

#### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CHARLIE MOSBROOK 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

**DAVID ROTH** 

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, The Ark; 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org **CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET** 

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

### POETRY/SPOKEN

**POETRY IN MOTION** Featuring poet Ann Holdreith, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington, Free (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Detroit Story League's annual event featuring Donald Davis, Elizabeth Ellis and Anne Shimolima, workshops, and family performances, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Henry Ford Community College's MacKenzie Fine Arts Building and Adray Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$5-\$30. (734) 761-5118/(313) 525-1521

#### DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of 1-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863 CONTRA DANCING

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 with Becky Hill and Perfect Match, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-2093

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE City Arts Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, at Wayne State University in the Maggie Allessee Studio Theater. Old Main Building, corner of Cass and Warrren, third floor. \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544 EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE Joins with Demetrius Klein Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Oakland University, Varner Recital Hall, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 Oakland University students. (248) 370-3013

KANKOURAN WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY Performances and beginning and

master classes, Oct. 1-4 in conjuction with Wayne State University Dance Department. (313) 794-9400/(313) 873-3889/(313) 577-4273

OAKLAND COUNTY CONTRA DANCING 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 with

Becky Hill and Perfect Match, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248)

#### COMEDY

546-5037/(248) 547-9823

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Kipp Addotta and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26 (\$14); Chas Elstner Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3 (\$12). at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S Steve Bills, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 (\$8, \$20.95 din ner show package); Sean Morey, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3 (\$10, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313)

584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept 24 (\$7), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 (\$10); Mike Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Oct. 2-3 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

(734) 996-9080 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Second City Touring Company return to the campus bringing its unique version of improvisational comedy, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in Varner Recital Hall, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$5 Oakland University stu-

dents. (248) 370-3013 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Jenny McNulty and Paul Frisbee, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SOUPY SALES With Johnny Ginger and Marv Welch, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$25. (248) 473-

STOGIES & STANDUP Genitti's, 108 E. Main St., Northville, presents "Stogles & Standup," Thursday, Oct. 1. Buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., three comedians perform 8 p.m. Cost \$40 per person includes dinner, 3 premium cigars, single malt Scotch and rum tasting. and show. Call (248) 349-0522 for SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

#### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK

Guided garden tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24 (\$6, \$5 seniors/students), (248) 645-3147; outdoor sculpture tour noon Saturdays through October (\$7, \$5 students/seniors includes Art Museum admission), (248) 645-3323, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** "Four Women of Egypt," film documentary, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," through Oct. 4; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses, through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

"SUNDAY STROLLS" Featuring Creekside Community on the east side of Detroit, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. \$15 Detroit Historical Society members, \$18 non-members: Featuring Historic Indian Village, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. \$15 Detroit Historical Society members, \$18 non-members. Meeting place will be on ticket. (313) 833-1405 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Exhibits include "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past" through Sunday, Oct. 25, and "Juke Joint" through Sunday, Oct. 18, at the museum, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit, Museum admission, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

# POPULAR MUSIC

BERNARD ALLISON

9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, \$5. 21 and older. (248) 542-3923 (blues)

AMERICAN MARS 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (pop)

THE ARTIST With Chaka Khan and Larry Graham, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr.,

Detroit. \$19.99, \$50 and \$85. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (R&B/pop) **BUGS BEDDOW BAND** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct.

2-3, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 BENNY AND THE JETS 9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays through October, New Crow's Nest, 6166 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Free.

21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or http://members.tripod.com/BennyJ BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S, First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues RORY BLOCK

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues) BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Vimmer's, 1711 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 299-3663 (blues) **BLUE SUIT** 

Featuring Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Fox and Hounds 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE** 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

With Solid Frog and Gods Made Love, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

BUSTER BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400

THE CHURCH 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$17 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (ethereal pop)

DADA With The Murmurs, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com

With Ape 7, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

or http://www.lilis21.com (prog GLEN EDDIE 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800 (blues) **EKOOSTIK HOOKAH** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

"FAMILY VALUES" TOUR With Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube Limp Bizkit and Orgy, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$29.50 reserved and general admission floor. (248) 377-0100 http://www.palacenet.com; Aftershow party with Orgy, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at

Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 334-1999 or http://www.961melt.com GETAWAY CRUISER With Slum Village and Flashpap'r,

9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (pop) ROBERT GORDON

With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 24 Karat Club. 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland, Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rockabilly/R&B) THE GRUESOMES

With Soot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053

JULIANA HATFIELD With Hayden, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct 1. 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

AL HILL 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B) KID ROCK

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rap/roci P.W. LONG WITH REELFOOT 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-

MASCHINA With Boogle Shoes, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 **MODERN VAGRANTS** 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Lill's, 2930

Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) THE MOEN-AWESOME BAND 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday. Sept. 25, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 852-6433; 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26, as part of "September Fest" on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. (248) 627-4640

(acoustic rock) With Pernice Brothers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (pop)

MUDPUPPY 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Kari's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road. Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734)

455-8450 (blues) MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM **MCCARTY** 

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030; 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues) ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

THE PROMISE RING 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com

SNOWPONY

6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MFIT or http://www.961melt.com STEVE SOMERS BAND

Featuring Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

SOULFLY With Snot, Dee Snider, Day in the Life and (hed) pe, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, State Theatre 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance, \$19 week of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

ANGELA STREHLI BAND 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale Postponed until later this fall. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themag-

SUNNY DAY REAL ESTATE Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alterna-

LIL BRIAN TERRY AND THE ZYDECO TRAVELERS 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues) TINY TOWN

Featuring former members of the Subdudes, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave.. Detroit \$10 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-POOL or http://www.99music.com

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450 (rockabilly) RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC

BLUES 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave.,

Birmingham, Free, 21 and older (248) 642-9400; 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues) WORKHORSE With 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Cross

Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

#### CLUB NIGHTS

BLIND PIG

"Swing-a billy" night with dance from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 before 9 p.m., \$3 afterward; "Solar" night with Mixmaster Morris, Amon Tobin, and Jonah, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the club. \$10, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older, (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

THE GROOVE ROOM Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road). Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegroove-

room.com Flectronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older: "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or http://www.961melt.com

MOTOR LOUNGE "World Wednesdays" featuring DJs Urban Kris and Culture spin world music, 9 p.m. Wednesdays; at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ONE X

"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Alternative Life" withy progressive and deep house with DJs Cecil Gibbs and St. Andy, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Tea Dance," with high energy and top 40 dance on the outside patio with DJ Cecil Gibbs, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-

ST. ANDREW'S / THE SHELTER

"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, afternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after ward. 18 and older; "Evolution" with Family Funktion in the Shelter, live broadcast from The Edge 105.1 in St. Andrew's, and "Go Sound!" with live bands in the Burns Room, 10 n.m. Saturdays: "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older, St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress. Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE

"Club X," with 89X CIMX, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-

24 KARAT CLUB

"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebell Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

**VELVET LOUNGE** 

Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. \$3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$3, 21 and older: "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, \$5, 21 and older; Intermediate and advance swing dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays, Free, 18 and older: Beginner swing dance lessons 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older: "Ready Steady Go," Brit pop music night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays (\$3), at the club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontlac. (248) 334-7411

# Atmospheric 'Ronin' is good looking, uninvolving

BY HUGH GALLAGHER TAFF WRITER

In a smokey, late night Paris street a man walks cautiously down ancient stairs watching other men gather at a hole-inthe-wall wine bar. He hides a gun in a crevice of the old stone street and walks into the bar where everyone eyes him suspi-ciously. He asks for a drink,

This is the richly atmospheric opening to John Franken-heimer's "Ronin," a thriller that unpeels layer upon layer of mystery and never becomes fully clear until the last ironic

Frankenheimer mastered the political-espionage thriller

decades ago when he made "The Manchurian Candidate." 'Ronin" is similar to that film in its basically bitter view of political moves and in its slowly unwind-ing revelations. But. "Ronin," from a script and story by J.D. Zeik (with David Mamet), is a considerably cooler movie with-out an emotional center for an audience to care about.

The man who walks into the bar is Sam, played by Robert DeNiro. He's a world-weary, highly competent, no-nonsense mercenary. The others in the bar are also mercenaries from several countries, strangers to each other and brought together to do a "job" for a client whose identity is also a mystery to them.

The job is to steal a metal brief case. The brief case is a classic Hitchcock Maguffin, the object of pursuit that really isn't that

important Frankenheimer handles action sequences with a refined precision that has become something of a trademark in films like "The Train" and "Grand Prix," but here things are allowed to go over the top a few too many times. As two competing forces, rogue IRA and rogue Russians, compete for the box, there are countless shootouts and chases, including one "French Connectype chase through narrow Nice streets

What are we to make of all

The world is still a dangerous place despite the end of the cold war. No one can be trusted. Innocent people die in the middle of these coldly calculated encounters, in this case by the score.

But everything is so emotionless. DeNiro gives his usually well-modulated performance, suggesting both the competence and the exhaustion of his character. He is also consistent, which is what makes the ending work But we never learn a lot about Sam, except briefly in a scene where the title is explained and Sam seems to suggest that he doesn't fit the definition. The "Ronin" were masterless Samurai who fought to avenge the murder of their master by another master.

Stellan Skarsgard, a very busy actor lately, is a former KGB agent and the group's technical expert with a volatile personali-

Natascha McElhone is the rogue IRA operative who directs the mercenaries and provides a brief hint of October-May romance with DeNiro that never develops.

Jean Reno, Jonathan Pryce

PATRICK CAMBOULIVE

Thriller: Robert DeNiro stars as Sam, an American who joins a team hired to recover a mysterious briefcase.

and, in a cameo, Katharina Witt play key roles.

"Ronin" is a stunning travelogue of France. From Paris in the north to Nice, Cannes and Arles in the south, the settings are beautiful. Robert Fraisse's photography with its muted tones and active movement perfectly captures the feel of the

story. The action sequences are expertly handled if overdone and the story's slow unraveling is intriguing. But without characters to involve our interest, 'Ronin" ends up being unsatisfying as well as disquieting for such a great director-actor com-



Drama: Kris Kristofferson (Bill) and Barbara Hershey (Marcella) in a scene from "A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries."

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Exclusively at the DIA, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-27. This classic 1958 film by Orson Wells, restored according to Wells newly discovered notes, tells of a corrupt cop who runs up against a Mexican official investigating drug trafficking. Stars Orson Wells, Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh.

Exclusively at the Main Art Theater. A John Water's "rags to riches" comedy about a young man whose idiosyncratic photograph of working-class life takes the art world by storm. Stars Edward Furlong, Christina Ricci.

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Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 2 "THE IMPOSTORS"

Comedy about two down-on-their-luck actors who stow away on a cruise ship only to find themselves fleeling the frying pan to enter the fire. Stars Stanley

Tucci who also wrote and directs.

"CLAY PIGEONS"

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Comedy about the Saturday Night Live Butabi brothers, whose one goal in life is to become movers and shakers in L.A.'s ultra-trendy night club scene. Stars Chris Kattan, Will Ferrell, Richard Grieco, and Dan Hedaya.

"WHAT DREAMS MAY COME"

Romantic fantasy about two true soul mates who search for one another in the afterlife, Stars Robin Williams, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Annabella Sciorra, Sydow.

"DEE SNIDER'S STRANGELAND" Film about a homicide detective and his partner as they pursue a psychopath who tortures the people he kidnaps by "modifying" their bodies. Stars Dee Snider, Kevin Gage, Brett Harrelson, Elizabeth Pena.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 9 "PRACTICAL MAGIC"

Based on the best-selling novel by Alice Hoffman, a dark and comic fable about two sisters who struggle to use their hereditary gift for guiding fate through practical magic to overcome the obstacles in discovering true love. Stars Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Stockard Channing.

"WITHOUT LIMITS"

The story of Steve Prefontaine, a charismatic runner who revolutionized his sport in the 1970s with his competitive ferocity and ability to ignite the crowd. Stars Billy Crudup, Donald Sutherland.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 16

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Sharon Stone, Gena Rowlands. "PRACTICAL MAGIC"

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"APT PUPIL"

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# Film festival to honor Elmore Leonard

Plans for the inaugural Detroit & Windsor International Festival of Film were announced recently.

The festival is an expanded

successor to the Metropolitan Film Festival, held in Detroit for the past six years. There is a wealth of talented filmmakers in the world today, and our purpose is to showcase the best of their work for Detroit

and Windsor audiences," said Tom McPhee, the festival's cochairman. The festival will run Nov. 5-8, opening with a tribute to Bloomfield writer Elmore ("Dutch") Leonard at the Detroit Opera House. It will feature an American Film Institute-style retrospective chronicling films adapted from Leonard's novels.

Leonard also will be presented with the first Spirit of Detroit Lifetime Achievement Award that night.

The majority of movies shown during the festival will be "inde-pendent" films, the work of emerging directors. The films will be screened at the four theaters at the Renaissance Center on Nov. 6, 7 and 8.In addition, plans are being completed for a closing-night film screening. in Windsor, in cooperation with Windsor Film Theatre and ArtCite Windsor.

process. Stars Kurt Russell.

Plans for the new film festival were announced at a news conference at the Westin Hotel by Mr. McPhee, who heads Michigan-based First Light Contempo rary Releasing, an alternative film distribution company, and the festival's, co-chairman, Wayne Indyk.

Mr. Indyk, an officer of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition, estimates that some 60 films will be shown. Half will be entered in the competitive phase of the fes-

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# Lisa Hunter ready to work her charms at Borders

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part of her Borders Blitz."

"I'm going to be exhausted by Sunday," she said giggling, "It's going to be a lot of work."

The "Borders Blitz" is in sup-port of her new album "Flying," her sophomore independent release. "Flying" takes the best of Hunter's abilities and encapsu-lates them in a tight 12-song package. The song "Paralyze," for example, shows her knack for writing vivid lyrics.

"This kind of connection is more than a fair weather fling/like I've known you forever, you're part of the song that I sing/but then the danger of losing myself and drowning in it/I'm afraid I'll be unable to spell out my boundaries and limits/just wanna lose this disguise, but I paralyze," she sings.

Recorded at Big Sky Recording in Ann Arbor and Studio A in Dearborn, she called upon a handful of Detroit musicians to help her out. Drummer Danny Cox, Hammond organ player Tim Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, guitarist Michael King, and keyboardist Luis Resto lent their support.

Her previous album, "Solid Ground," was more acoustic in nature.

"There's more electric guitar on this album. It's a little more rocky. At the same time, there's still songs with just my guitar and my voice," she explained.

'I also brought in keyboards and more percussion. It just felt right for the songs. I came up

Ann Arbor singer/songwriter Lisa Hunter will be promoting her new album,: Flying, at all eight metro Detroit Borders Books stores Sept; 24-27. For more information, call the respective stores or e-mail: Swingsistersound records at swingsissind@aol.com or visit

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Lisa Hunter also performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, as part of the new "Acoustic Brew" series at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. For ticket information, call (248) 335-8100.

with a vision of what I felt was right. Songs are like little kids. You have to try to figure them out and how to dress them."

Recording, she explained, stirs

variety of emotions in her. "It's this horrible mix of excitement and fear and stress yet you get to just be creative. That's what it's all about - creating this

Hunter has been involved in the arts since long before she was a student at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills, from which she graduated in 1988. At the school, she studied

weaving and vocal music and gathered a sense for her creativity, she explained.

"The creativity was appreciated and honored there. I came away from that feeling special," said Hunter who studied engi-

neering at the University of Michigan.

Hunter, who grew up in Ferndale and Auburn Hills, comes from a long line of musicians. Her sister teaches music and plays the flute. One nephew studies at Interlochen while another plays the drums. Her brother is a jazz musician who plays in blues bands. Four of her male cousins play music.

Hitting the stage for the first time, she said, was nerve-wrack-

"It was scary at first. I was worried I was going to fall flat on my face," she said with a laugh. But I felt more comfortable on the stage than other places in my life.'

Many of those stages were outside of Michigan.

I found myself on these little stages in places I had never been to, like Flagstaff (Ariz.) or Seat-

She briefly lived in Colorado which spawned the song "This Road," off her, debut "Solid

"I had to drive this mountain road that was really scary. It was a 45-minute drive but I had to do it every day. It started feeling like a metaphor for my life. I was shifting gears and going around curves and sometimes going the wrong way," she said. "I had this little tune in my

head and the lyrics just came. I was thinking a whole lot about what I was writing. It was a hard time and a cathartic time. There were a lot of lessons

Sometimes the songs come as quickly as that one.

"Those are the neat songs. They're little gifts. Other songs are a little more epic, This Road' wasn't hard. It evolved over

Hunter admitted that other times the songs are hard to

"I'm the kind of songwriter that is brutally honest with myself. If it's not right I can't sit with it. I generally learn a lot along the way. That's what's really taught me a lot."

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150, or cfuoco@ oe.



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# Meadow Brook reaches for the mythic in Shakespeare's comedy

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"The Merry Wives of Windsor," comedy written by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Wednesday Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, through Oct. 11 at Meadow Brook Theatre, located inside Wilson Hall on the cam-pus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35; (248) 377-3300 or group sales (248) 370-3316. By Frank Provenzano Staff Writer

In pushing to make Shakespeare immediately accessible to attention-deficit audiences, Meadow Brook Theatre takes liberties with one of the playwright's most playfully slapstick works, "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

The play opens Meadow Brook's 1998-99 seven-play sea-

Shakespeare's rapid-fire comedy written about a scheming seducer, John Falstaff, and the two women who eventually reveal his deceit, is a tale of greed and jealousy, human foibles which Shakespeare deflates with a wicked wit and

For the sake of novelty, the Meadow Brook production has been transported from Elizabethan England of the late 16th century to the desolate, late 19th-century western frontier of Windsor, New Mexico.

While the artistic decision to demonstrate the universal appli-

cability of Shakespeare's genius is admirable, the production doesn't go far enough in reconjuring the western conceit.

Quite often, the formal Eliza-bethan syntax is at odds with the informal open-plains lifestyle of cowboys and rustlers. At times, the juxtaposition of the tight-laced language customs of 16th-century England and the lawless 19th-century American frontier is downright jarring.

But when director Geoffrey Sherman pushes "The Merry Wives of Windsor" to a mythic level, the production appears reinvigorated and magical. And, should it be dared to say, the type of late 20th production that the thespian and playwright from Stratford might find intriguing.

Particularly, the interludes of guitar and song (performed by Robert Grossman), and the dance of the fairies late in the second act raises the production from an unusual homage to the Shakespearean tradition into an engaging interpretation.

Of course, any play that pairs David Regal (Falstaff) and Robin Chadwick (Frank Ford) offers opportunity to marvel at the finest acting in the region.

Regal and Chadwick demonstrate that the key to playing Shakespeare lies in following the direction of the words, and understanding the inherent irony of the dialogue. Maintain-

ing the illusion of Shakespearean theater requires creating characters who sustain the notion that nothing appears as it

is. (Is life any different?) Again and again, both Regal and Chadwick make subtle choices that reveal the humanity of their characters. At times, just following along as Regal recites Shakespeare's lines is like being chauffeured into the realm of lit-

erary genius. The problem, however, is that

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Meadow Brook's production promises to be more than a traditional recitation of Shakespeare.

From the choice of a setting, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" aspires to be something entirely contemporary. But it's not just about transporting Shakespeare to another century where the power and universality of his work can be experienced. Rather, it's knowing that Shakespeare's genius goes beyond both time

suited to the mythic realm,
While Meadow Brook's production never quite transcends the stage, there are enough special moments when the energy level,

interpretation and the words of Shakespeare breathe new life into the latest incarnation of The Merry Wives of Windsor.

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and Swiss cheese, grilled onions, and "special sauce," or the 'Streamliner" (Vegetarian burg-

If you're not in the mood for a burger, choose from BLT, Chili Dog, Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich, Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Grilled Breast of Chicken, Club Sandwich, or just plain Grilled Cheese. You can get American Fries, Onion Rings, Chili Rings and a bowl of chili

Johnny Rockets offers a variety of soft drinks, and fountain specialties such as made to order malts, shakes, and floats. When was the last time you had a cherry, chocolate, vanilla or lemon

At your service: Server Nikki Lewis and general manager Kim Facione with two of Johnny Rockets finest menu items, cheeseburgers.

flavored Coke? You can get one at Johnny Rockets. For dessert, choose from hot fudge sundae, or apple pie.

Johnny Rockets isn't just for the movie going crowd, the restaurant is hoping to build a lunch business too with people Southfield Theatre.

More restaurants are on the "We've signed an agreement with Ark Restaurants," said Krys Bylund, vice president of advertising and promotions for the Grand Rapids-based Star The-atres. "It's a New York-based company. They have a lot of upscale, theme restaurants

throughout the country. We know we want a microbrewery, an Italian restaurant and a Spanish style restaurant that serves tapas. They're developing, and designing these restaurants, and we're anticipating to start construction on the first restaurant by the end of the year."

Although not an Ark Restaurant, Bylund said Johnny Rockets fits the description Star Theatre was looking for in a restaurant. "They're fun," said Bylund. The waiters and waitresses will break into song and dance every now and then. It's goes with the movie palace destination theme."

# Special events offer lots of laughs

Known as the "Fabio Man of Comedy" Kirk Noland will pre-sent "Stogies & Standup" Thursday, Oct. 1 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main St., in downtown Northville with local comedians Norm Stulz and J.R. Remick.

The evening begins with a buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., followed by the three comedians on stage at 8 p.m. Three premium cigars, Single Malt Scotch and Caribbean Rum Tasting, are also included with the \$40 per person ticket price. Call (248) 349-0522 for reservations.

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■ The comedy team of D.C. Malone and Hampton Nootcheez will perform in a cabaret atmosphere at Schoolcraft College 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 in the Waterman Campus Center on Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Road) in Livonia, for the 13th Annual Comedy Night.

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Touted as the masters of verbal choreography, Malone and Nootcheez offer a rapid-fire comedy act alternating straightman/

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oe.homecomm.net Relish Grill - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Great French Estates wine dinner with Peter Weygandt of Wey-

gandt-Metzler Imports. Hors

d'oeuvres, four courses and six

wines at \$65 per person plus tax

and gratuity. For reservations, call (248) 357-0400.

■ Zoup! - a new restaurant featuring a food concept parodied in the now-famous Seinfeld Soup" episode, opens Monday, Sept. 28. The restaurant located at 29177 Northwestern Highway at 12 Mile Road in the Franklin Plaza Shopping Center, will be open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily, call (248) 799-2800 for information

Eric spokesman said Zoup! is in direct response to what "people told us again and again - really good soup is hard to find." Zoup!'s creators spent more than a year developing its 200 recipes. Zoup offers a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere. "A 16 ounce bowl of our soup - along with a hunk of one of our fresh-baked breads - is more filling and nutritious than most sandwiches," said Ersher. Look for story

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