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sight of a camouflaged figure might be

surprising, but hunting is allowed in large areas of the two townships. Hunt-

ing is not permitted in nearby Water-

Townships cannot regulate hunting

on their own, said Lt. John Wynalda of

the law enforcement division of the

Michigan Department of Natural

Resources (DNR). What they can do is

request the state to investigate possi-

■ Hunting is permissible in most areas of Inde-pendence and Springfield townships. As deer

season approaches and small game seasons get

ford Township.

into full swing, officials say both hunters and

homeowners need to be courteous.

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Local hunters part of fall scene

October 24, 1999

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

On the fast track: Area Republicans are racing to donate - or, rather,donating to race./A5

All about kids: State lawmakers are being given information on children's issues./A8

#### SPORTS

By SALLY SLAUGHTER

STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Autumn brings falling leaves, falling

temperatures and in Independence and

Springfield townships, the pop, pop,

pop of shotguns. Hunters are heading out into the

rural and not-so-rural parts of the

townships. For newer residents the

Title time: The Clarkston Wolves and Lake Orion Dragons hooked up at Lake Orion for the Oakland Activities Association Division I title Friday night./C1

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#### We're on TV

Did you notice some familiar faces on Channel 62? Viewers of CBS's "This Morning," "David Letterman" and other shows may see an ad promoting the Clarkston area and the Nov. 4 Business and Community EXPO. This is the latest venture of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Bet the number of viewers watching Channel 62 from the Clarkston area is up dramatically!

#### No school, new school

Independence Elementary students will be in their new home by Monday, Nov. 8. But in order to make that move from the temporary site into the new building, its students will have only a half day of school Thursday, Nov. 4 and no school Friday, Nov. 5. Parents, please be aware these times off school are only for Independence Elementary School students.

#### Less waste collected

Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger reported participation in the Oct. 16 Household Hazardous Waste Collection was down from last

He said 184 cars went through and \$1,300 was collected. It was the second year the township sponsored the collection. It is a way for residents to dispose of old paint, oil, pesticides and other poisonous items that are not acceptable at regular landfills.





Demo: Independence Oaks naturalist Tim Nowicki shows students from St. Patrick's Elementary School in Walled Lake how the cider press works.



His turn: Kyle Szwed of St. Patrick's school in Union Lake, turns the mill.

# **Hard pressed**

### Students learn how to make cider

Apple cider is the nectar of autumn and a group of third-grade students from St. Patrick Elementary School in Walled Lake had a chance to make some for themselves.

On Thursday, naturalist Tim Nowicki took the elementary students thought the process and they were able to make their own apple cider. They crushed the apples by turning a

Cider pressing is one of the more popular fall activities at Indepenounty Park, naturalist Lynn Conover said. The park, located on Sashabaw Road north of I-75, offers hikes, nature lectures and even birthday parties for children.



Fruits of labor: Ryan Miceli has some fresh-pressed cider with his doughnut.

#### ble safety hazards. Public hearings are held and then restrictions may be put

"It happens quite frequently," Wynal-

And it changes over time as areas get more developed, he said.

In Independence Township, bow and firearm hunting is allowed in many areas. The only catch is hunters cannot shoot within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling. The 450-foot rule is a state law and applies statewide, Wynalda

Hunters or homeowners can view a map showing where hunting is allowed and where it is restricted at the Inde-

ning Office on the top floor of Town Hall. Hunting is not permitted or is restricted to smaller shotgun shells in most areas south of I-75 where the township is more populated, according to the map.

A thin band farther north in the central part of the township also does not allow hunting. Two isolated areas -Walters Lake and the area between Ellis Road and Reese Road between Twilight and almost to Rattalee Lake Road — also do not allow hunting. Those two areas petitioned for the no-

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# Schools get top finance: marks

By Susan B. Tauber Staff Writer

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Clarkston Community Schools received "the best opinion that can be given" in its annual financial audit from Plante and Moran, the district's

"Our management gave the district a clean opinion. That's the best report that can be issued," explained CPA Fred Hailer Jr., a partner at Plante and Moran in Troy at the school board's October meeting. "You (the dis-trict) provided a comprehensive annual

It was so comprehensive, in fact, that the firm expects the school district to achieve the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the report. This is a prestigious achievement that only 15 districts out of 550 will receive, according to Hailer. He complimented Al Roberts, superintendent; Craig Kahler, director of business services Evelyn Bihl, accountant, and the rest of the accounting staff for its thorough records and reports.

One reason the school district received such positive comments from the auditors is the figures in the gener-

During the 1998-99 school year, the district had total revenues of \$46,918,754. Budgeted revenues were \$46,887,007, a difference of \$31,747. Total expenditures for last school year were \$47,013,387, compared to budgeted expenditures of \$47,640,181, representing a savings of \$626,794 or 1.32

Balances in other funds for the June 30, 1999 year end were: Special Revenue Fund — \$461,150; Debt Service Fund — \$219,061 and Capital Projects Fund — \$44,765,019. Its general fund balance as of June 30, 1999, was \$7,123,024 as compared to the fund balance as of July 1, 1998, of \$7,217,657.

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# High schoolers speak out on school safety

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY

Though 97 percent said they feel safe" or "very safe" at school, Oakland County high school students are acutely aware that problems still exist that could ultimately threaten their well-

being. Athletes still get preferential treatment, students who look different are still made fun of and many students feel alienated, according to 200 students who attended a meeting Wednesday in Waterford called "Preventing School Violence: Student Forum." The meeting was called by Oakland Schools. Clarkston students attended.

In addition to the age-old problems their parents can probably relate to, today's students are grappling with some new problems as well. Guns, knives and even bomb threats are no longer uncommon in the wake of last spring's Columbine High School shooting. Racial, ethnic and gender conflicts

are on the rise as the county's population becomes more diverse. And there are still the ongoing problems of drugs

The students talked about all these things and more during a day of frank discussion. They ended by compiling a series of recommendations to send to school officials. A new Student Advisory Council on safety with representatives from each school district was also

Most of the county's school districts vere represented at the meeting. From Clarkston's Renaissance High School, supervisor Beth Ford accompanied three students: seniors Kelly Galbraith and Lisa Reed and junior Brian Brotemarkle.

Every student in the room was given a hand-held electronic device that allowed him or her to give an opinion on each of 50 questions. After each question, the group's collective responses were displayed on a screen so students knew instantly how their col-

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Speaking out: Clarkston's Renaissance High School students Brian Brotemarkle and Lisa Reed (left to right) join Renaissance Supervisor Beth Ford in representing Clarkston at the school safety forum.

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leagues felt on any given issue. In between questions, time was allotted to talk about the responses among themselves and in front of the entire gather-

ing.
And they had plenty to say, A Clawson student talked about how the introduction of 25 Albanian refugees into her high school a year and a half ago had been stressful. "There's been many fights," she said. "People feel so threatened by them."

Student after student, school after school, they talked about offenses that start out small and lead to bigger things, sometimes unintentionally. A common thème quickly emerged.

"It goes back to ignorance," said a Holly student. "If we could educate our students about different genders and races in our schools, it would be

"Don't be so closed-minded," offered a Madison High School student, "The key to fixing this would have to be communication acceptance between stu-

The students were fairly unanimous in their opposition to instituting stricter security arrangements. Only 12 percent said installing security cameras would be "very effective," only 8 percent felt that way about metal detectors. Sixty-two percarrivated random locker searchnot effective," 87 percent felt if way about eliminating kpacks in school. Photo ID ards were rated "not effective" iv 67 percent.

Several students had strong ofinions about increased securi-Sincluding Jason Poupard of

These are the installation of the police state in school," he "Instead of stopping vioence, this cracks down on more minor things people choose to do allowed.". Police officers "carry guns in schools. Personally I'm ifraid of that, I don't appreciate Not everyone agreed with

Holding workshops on such

■ "Don't be so closedminded. The key to fixing this would have to be communication . . . acceptance between students."

A Madison High School

things as anger management and understanding met with mixed reviews. Guy Blackburn, an Oakland Schools consultant who ran the meeting, said he didn't know if that was because students were against the workshop idea or just those particular topics. There are alternatives, he stressed.

Though the students gave their teachers fairly high marks,

there were some complaints about administrators. As with conflicts among students, they said it came down to a question of respect.

or respect.
"Students would feel in oppression," said a Royal Oak Dondero student. "It leads to students feeling they're not trusted by administrators and leads to more violent acts?

,The word "parents" was hardly ever mentioned during the meeting and adult opinions were not really on the agenda. But one Pontiac Northern student noted that when it comes to how you treat people, the lessons start at home.

"You can respect a person even if you don't agree with what they do," he said. "Our parents brought us up better than that Come on; you know that."

#### Conclusions

At the end of a day full of open, heartfelt discussion about a lot of sensitive issues, students representing Oakland County's high schools reached a consensus on the follow-

ing conclusions.

Schools should have peer mediation programs agree 90 %

disagree 10 % ■ Schools should offer workshops on major safe-ty and school environment issues for all stu-

agree 69 % disagree 81 %

Schools should provide one-to-one counseling for students. agree 92

disagree 9 % ■ Schools should have and enforce stricter policies for trouble-making

. agree 7.1 % disagree 9%

students.

Individual schools should have their own safety forums

agree 88% disagree 12 % Physical security

measures should be increased in the schools. agree 24 %

disagree 66 % ■ There should be increased opportunities for students to be involved with school

issues. agree 80 % disagree 20 %

This forum was useful for me and my school. agree 90 % disagree 10 %

The recommendations will be presented by a new Student Advisory Council to adult represen tatives of the county's school districts at a workshop later this month called "Supporting Safe and Effective Schools."

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# Park offers outdoor kids' birthday parties

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER

Parents and children who would rather celebrate birthdays in the fresh air instead of in a

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video arcade or pizza place have a new option in a familiar spot. Independence Oaks County Park, on Sashabaw Road north of I-75, has begun offering birth-

day party packages. At \$5 a child, except for the birthday child who gets to go free, the venture is pretty much a wash for the park. For parents, it's a steal.

"I'm doing this every year," said Mary Stolnicki of Clark-

She held her 5-year-old daugh-ter Alison's party at the park in July, She said the park staff was wonderful and the kids had a great time. The best part was she didn't have to get her home ready and make a whole meal

for a hoard of hungry kids.

"I liked it because you didn't have to bring food in. You just brought the cake," Stelnicki

Naturalist Kathleen Dougherty said the parties last for 90 minutes and can accommodate up to 18 children. Separate programs are used for preschool-through age 6 and 7- to 12-yearolds. Each party gets an ageappropriate talk on one of four nature topics.

"We provide program strucure and party bags," Dougherty

The staff also leads the kids in a game. In addition, parents can choose ahead of time whether they want the group to go on a hike or do a craft at the nature center. Time also is allotted for cake and opening gifts.

Dougherty said 25 parties have either already taken place or are booked through the end of the year. Depending on the time of year of the party, people

attending also might have to pay

the park entrance fee.
"They're an educational alter-

native for parents," Dougherty said, "They're really neat for kids who like nature.

Stolnicki said her husband Michael as well as Alison and her brother and sister enjoy going to the park. They found out about the program from fliers posted there. She said other moms thought the idea was a little goofy at first, but reviews have been good. She said she went to a party there hosted by another mom and it was fun and different from her daughter's celebration.

The lecture was informational and interesting enough to hold the children's interest, she said. The adults even learned some thing. Stolnicki choose a craft and the children made sun catchers to bring home

. For more information about parties at the nature center, call 625-6473.

#### **POLICE NEWS**

Following are some of the inci-dents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield town-

Independence Township

Assault and Battery
On Oct. 19, police responded to
a call at Oak Vista and Summerhill. A 14-year-old Brandon Township teenager told police he had a prearranged meeting with another teen to talk about a girl both boys were dating. The com-plainant went there with his brother and a friend. When they walked up to the meeting place. about 18 youths came out from hiding and assaulted them, the boys told police. They reported two had crowbars. One boy was hit with a tire iron and received a cut above his right eye. The friend received a bloody nose and bumps on the back of his head and neck from being kicked while lying on the ground, according to police.

On Oct. 19, someone removed Police are investigating.

a 35-millimeter camera with a 50-millimeter lens worth \$800 from a house in the 8400 block of Thunder Boulevard. There were no signs of forced entry.

Home invasion

On Oct. 19, someone entered a home through an open patio door in the 5800 block of Garwood Court and removed a Cannon camera worth \$423.87.

Assault and battery

On Oct. 19, police responded to call from the 8400 block of Allen Road about an altercation involving an 18-year-old Clarkston female and three females from Waterford, ages 18, 17 and 15. No charges were

On Oct. 18, a male and a female suspect removed two hopping carts with 25-30 cases of beer worth \$16 each past the points of purchase from the Farmer Jack Supermarket at 7121 Dixie Highway. A sales

Springfield Township

Larceny from an automobile On Oct. 21, someone smashed out the driver door window of a 1991 Lumen parked overnight at the park-and-ride lot on Dixie Highway at 1-75. The person smashed the dashboard and forcibly dismounted the car stereo worth \$375 and archery equipment in a hard case worth

On Oct. 20, someone reported a chain saw missing from a garage on Davisburg Road. The incident happened on Oct. 13. The person didn't report it immediately to see if the saw would be returned.

#### Independence Township Fire Department

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 16 calls from Oct. 18-20. These included 11 medical calls, two carbon monoxide investigations, and one each for an investigation, a fuel spill and a natural

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cent of its general fund revenue from state and federal aid, 11

percent from local revenues and 3 percent from other sources. These figures show the district is

heavily dependent on state funding, according to Plante and



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The visual presentation to the school board also showed that the school district's student pop

ulation has increased from 5,813 in 1993 to 6,977 in 1999. Its total per-pupil operating expenditures for 1997-98, the latest figures available, showed the district was the third lowest in the amount of per-pupil operating expenditures in the county. It spent \$5,778 per pupil. The county average is \$7,393. Lam-

phere school district spent the most per pupil — \$8,100 and Brandon the least with \$5,607. However, according to the report, the Clarkston Community Schools' percentage of instructional costs out of its total operating expenditures for K-12 edu-cation is the second highest in the county, second only to Troy. Clarkston schools spent 79 per-cent of its total operating expenditures on instruction costs. The county average is about 76.3 per-

"That shows the Clarkston school district is operating more efficiently and effectively," said Dan Gerard of Plante and Moran.

"The bottom line is that Clarkston schools may be locked in the bottom three in pupil money year after year, but it's providing a quality education," added school board vice president Sheila Hughes.

Plante and Moran made some recommendations in its opinion letter to the school district. It advised it keep at least 15 per-cent of its fund balance aside for emergencies, especially since the district depends so much on state funding.

It also said the district will have to include in its June 30. 1999, financial statements a summary of its progress towards achieving year 2000 compliance.



Getting ready: Kristen Cable and Natale Sisk (above) prepare to paint background scenery for Clarkston High School's "You Can't Take It With You." (Below) These Clarkston High students are practicing their parts day in and out to get ready for opening night Nov. 18. ત્યું કરતા કેર્મિક કે કોર્માક્ષ્ક કેલ્પ પાસ્તુક કે જેન્દ્ર પરસ્તા હતી છે. એક એક કર્મ કેર્માક કેર્માક હતા. જે પોલાક ક

# **In style**

# Grant gives drama club classy set

By Susan B. Tauber Staff Writer stauber@oe.homecom

he title to the musical, "Anything Goes," has spe-cial meaning to Jeff Tice and his Drama Club students at Clarkston High School. With his second-hour Theater

Arts class seated in the auditorium, Tice was presented Thursday with a check of \$3,265 from the Clarkston Foundation for the Drama Club's spring musical production of "Anything Goes." Tice didn't know about the grant money until the official presen-

The presentation showed Tice and his students that, like the name of the musical, anything can go if one reaches out for it.

Tice applied for the grant last school year, hoping for financial help to do the spring musical in

The check to the Drama Club represents the first grant from the foundation's new Theater Seat Sponsorship Program and also the largest amount of money the Clarkston Foundation has given to one recipient.
"This gift is larger than what

we usually give," said Clarkston Foundation Treasurer and President-Elect Todd Moss. "But the purpose of our foundation is to enhance the arts and sciences available to all children in the K-12 curriculum, whether that's at the public or private schools." The money is earmarked to pay the royalties for "Anything

The whole Drama Club is walking on air," Tice said later that afternoon. "This check makes about 200 students feel that the community believes. what they do is really special; that the community thinks enough of them to help push our club to the next level.

#### Large arts center

Tice explained what he meant. Productions in the 1-year-old 1,059-seat auditorium eat up a lot more money than when the Drama Club did presentations at the old high school.

"Where we only needed one back drop on stage that cost \$150 at the old theater, last year we needed 12-15 back drops at the new one," he said. "A bigger stage means bigger sets, more lights, more everything. That all adds up to more money.

"Having the foundation underwrite our spring musical is just a wonderful thing to happen," he

"We're proud to help you and the students," foundation member Jim Evans told Tice at the presentation. Also there were one of the foundation's founders, Bob Olsen, president Sherry Regiani, school district Superintendent Al Roberts, school board president Karen Foyteck and

other administrators.
"That's so cool," said CHS junior Kristin Fonseca after the presentation.

"I'm so excited that now we have the money to do 'Anything Goes," added senior Pam Ogle.

"We (Drama Club) work so hard on our plays; this is really great," added sophomore Ian Edwards. "We're always trying to raise money, too, and this sure

Right now the students are preparing to present the comedy, "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. Show dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 20, in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Performers include Pamela Ogle, Sarah Weilant, Dana Currie, Don Parker, Jason Groniud, Andrew Szykula, Chris Schneider, Kevin Kosbab, Truly Render and Brian Witkowski.

Other actors are John Fitzgerald, Annie Whittington, Andrew Wheeler, Jessica Holman, Beth Reatherford, Matt Davenport, Jason Roby and Dave Hudson.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. They go on sale Nov. 1 and can be reserved by calling the box office at (248) 623-4024. More information is available on CHS performing www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/chs/per formingarts.

Community support

"We want to fill the house for these kids," Tice said. "They work so hard on their produc-tions. They are so dedicated and so good. We hope to get the sup-port from the whole community, not just from parents and rela-

tives, at all our presentations."

The Drama Club has quite a ear planned. In addition to the fall play and spring musical, it will take its Children's Theater and MIME Troupe tours to other schools in December, then do its continuous, multi-hour variety show, Theater-A-Thon with "G"rated skits and musical numbers on Dec. 10 and the MIME performance on May 23,

Tice knows first-hand how important theater can be to students, whether they pursue it as a career or work on or off stage just for fun. After graduating from Central Michigan University in theater, he worked for four years as a professional actor.

"But I became disheartened with the life style. I was lonely. There wasn't any way to make

lasting relationships," he said.

So it was back to school for a teaching certificate. He answered an ad in his college alma mater's publication for a theater teacher at Clarkston High School.

He's been teaching there for,

seven years now.
"I love it, too," he said. "The best thing about this job is the students and the parents. I feel ery fortunate to work here."

The parents and community have rallied in another way to show how important they think the Drama Club is. Bev Territo. came up with the idea of Stage Support, a list of volunteers who will help with productions on an as-needed basis. If anyone want to help in costumes, scenery and sets, tickets, refreshments, fundraising, clerical and other tasks, leave word with Tice at the high school by calling 623-3600.

Anyone wanting to donate to the Clarkston Foundation can contact the organization at (248) 625-7500.



Just acting: Clarkston High School students Truly Render and Chris Allen rehearse for their upcoming production, "You Can't Take It With You.".



#### Foundation grants

The Clarkston Foundation awarded \$8,390 for 14 programs in arts and sciences in the Clarkston Community Schools District. The grants and programs are:

■ \$700 to Clarkston Academically Talented Program for Looking at Art through New Eyes ■ \$100 to Andersonville Elementary for Character Counts Vaudeville and \$495 for "Rattle!

■ \$115 to Clarkston Elementary for Bat Conservation ■ \$550 to Independence Elementary for Festi-

val Day \$700 to North Sashabaw Elementary for Brainstormers and \$200 for Catch the Wave

## \$700 to Pine Knob Elementary for Mini-Society and \$160 for Detroit Symphony Orchestra 3 \$600 to Clarkston Middle School for the

Vocal Arts Academy Exchange ■ \$500 to Clarkston Middle and Sashabaw Middle West schools for the Arianna String Quartet Residency

\$250 to Clarkston High School for the Language Arts 9 Poetry Contest Publication; up to \$600 for Learning About Basic Science for Elementary Students and \$3265 for the spring musical, "Anything Goes."

Anyone interested in learning more about the

Clarkston Foundation can call the organization at (248) 625-7500.

#### ON THE AGENDA

City of The Village of Clarkston City Council Meeting 375 Depot Road 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25

Agenda Minutes of Last Meeting Approval of Agenda Committee Reports/Council Comments Mayor's Comments

Police Chief Report D.P.W. Supervisor City Manager Report

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Funds-Year 2000

**Public Comments:** Old Business:

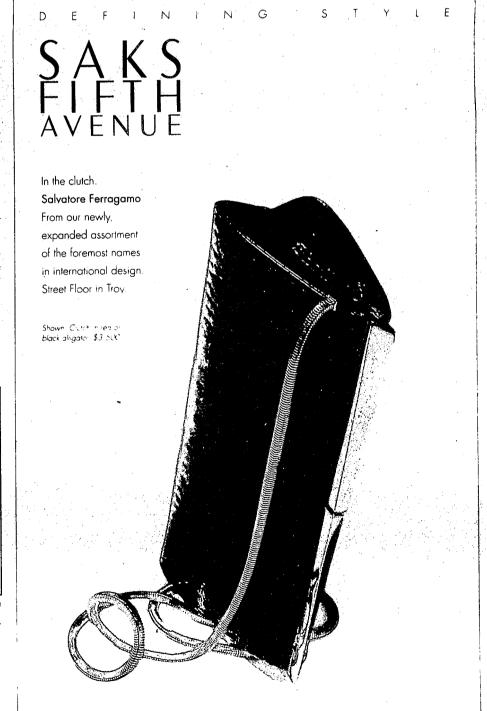
1. Sewer Rates (see letter) 2. McKenna Associates/Walter Kalina-Billing/Phase II TEA

3. Wilson & Associates Proposal

**New Business** 

1. Fisher Optics Contract/Century Tel Michigan

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# Parks speaker to visit Independence Library

Friends of Independence Library are welcoming Jim DuFresne as the Nov. 16

He is an award-winning writer of more than a dozen guidebooks. In 1982, Mr. DuFresne's first guidebook, Tramping in New Zealand was released and followed a year later by his second, Alas-ka, A Travel Survival Kit. He has written books on Isle Royale National Park, Glacier Bay National Park, Voyageur National Park and Ohio State Parks. His books on Michigan include Michigan, Off the Beaten Path, Michigan State Parks, Michigan's Best Out-door Adventures for Children, 50 Hikes in Lower Michigan,

Wild Michigan, Lower Michigan's Best 75 Campgrounds, and Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Mr. DuFresne resides in Clarkston and is the outdoor travel writer for Booth Publication in which he covers outdoor recreational activities ranging from backpacking, kayaking and camping to ski-ing and dog sledding. His presentation is a mix of slides and music, programmed on a dissolve unit with his live narration. Mark your calendar and come to the Youth Room at the Library on Nov. 16. The Friends' Meeting is from 7-7:30 p.m. and the speaker will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with questions at the end.





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# Youth honored for biking safely

Connor Corbin, 5, of Clarkston won a mountain bike after he was "caught" wearing a helmet on the bike trail at Indian

Springs Metropark.
Corbin received the bike as part of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks "Wear The Gear" program. Wear The Gear is an incentive for people to wear proper safety equipment while biking and inline skating.

throughout the Metroparks were put in a drawing for seven bikes, a pair of inline skates, a helmet and a package of safety equip-

Also given away were 12 annual Metropark vehicle entry permits. Everyone received a coupon for a free entry into the park or a free food item.

## Clarkston man among county parks fishing contest winners

After a summer of great fishing, winners were announced in the annual Oakland County

Parks fishing contest. Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks County Park was one of the sites for the Memorial Day-Labor Day contest.

Winners at Independence Oaks were: Fred Munger of

Clarkston, large mouth bass (19-3/4-inches, 52 ounces); Ralph Cormier of Eastpointe, perch (ll-3/4-inches, 8 ounces) and Connie Aten of Bloomfield, bluegill (9-1/4-inches, 8 ounces). They received \$50 gift certificates.

The biggest "catches" were determined by multiplying the length of the fish by its weight.

## Hunting from page AI

Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole said there is no ban on hunting in the township. Only the 450-foot rule applies She added that hunters should have written permission from landowners before going out.

Strole said there has to be an understanding on the part of hunters and homeowners, who may not know the laws. "When they see a hunter walk-

ing down the road, it concerns them," Strole said. "They need to understand that it is an allowable activity. Just because they hear a gun shot doesn't mean there's something going on that shouldn't be."

On the other hand, "hunters need to respect property rights, she said. Ownership might change between hunting seasons so hunters should check. They can call the township to find out who owns a particular parcel, she said.

Strole said while the township has its fair share of hunters, she hasn't noticed a "huge invasion."

Several seasons are in full swing right now, according to the DNR website. Cottontail rabbit season runs through March 31. Pheasant season began Oct.

:10 and goes until Nov. 14, while ruffed grouse may be hunted through Noy. 14. Anyone who wants to shoot their own Thanksgiving dinner will have to clear space in the freezer.

Wild turkey season ends Nov. 9. Deer hunters have several opportunities to bag a buck or doe. Bow écason is Oct. 1-Nov. 14. Regular firearm season is Nov. 15-30 and late firearm sea-

son is Dec. 18-Jan. 2. Opossum, porcupine, skunk, woodchuck, red squirrel and ground squirrel may be taken ear-round,

Lt. Wynalda said residents should not be alarmed by hunt-ing close to their homes. "Hunting in Michigan is a safe

activity," he said.
The state gets a mixture of complaints statewide from both

homeowners and hunters.
"We get a fair number of trespass complaints statewide," he

He said it takes some getting used to for people who lived in an urban area and move to a more rural suburb.

"Sometimes with those people, knowing there is a firearm within a half-mile makes them uneasy.'

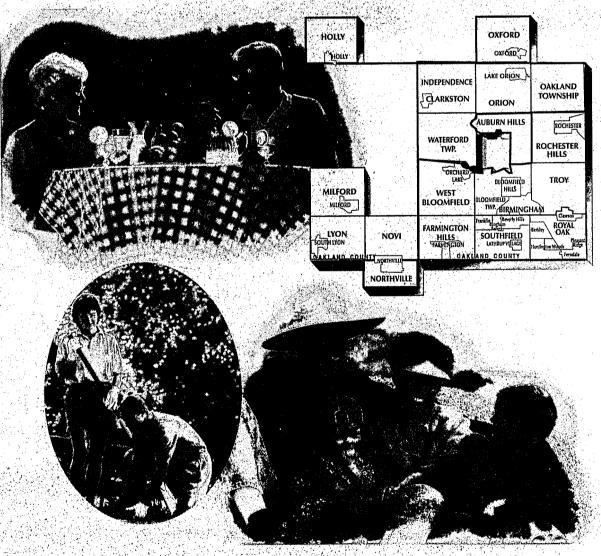
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# Oakland GOP revs up effort to raise funds

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER pmurphy@oe.homeco

awn Mullins strapped on her helmet and squeezed through the window into the driver's seat. A few adjustments, and she was ready to go.

This was the moment for which Mullins had been waiting, and the adrenaline was rushing. As the crew started pushing the racecar,

Mullins let up on the clutch. And she was off

Ready to roll: Rochelle Heyniger points out the area of the race track where North OaklandRepublican Club members, including herself, will drive at speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour. With her is Mario Facione, club treasurer and a racing

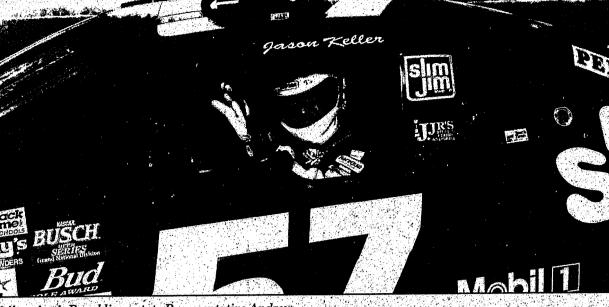
fan.

"That was really fun," Mullins said about 10 minutes later, after zipping around the Michigan Speedway track at speeds in excess of 140 miles per hour. She was one of 24 drivers who experienced the thrill of racecar driving at a fund raiser last Saturday sponsored by

the North Oakland Republican Club. "This (the fund raiser) was a test," said club President Russell A Schulte. "We wanted to see if we could make a fund raiser fun and profitable. I'd say it was a success.

"We had a lot of fun, and we raise about \$8,000," said the Clark-ston businessman. "And we'll know what to do next time."

For \$550 each, the wannabees race car drivers learned the basics - thanks to Track Time Driving School - and suited up



At the wheel: Republican state Representative Andrew Raczkowski of Farmington Hills waves hello to onlookers at the Michigan Speedway.

in the fire proof driving suit. They drove a few laps around a track considered one of the best Winston Cup facilities in North America. "Drivers could go as fast as he or she felt comfortable," said Mario Facione, club treasurer and an avid racing fan. "I'm sure most of the drivers hit top speed — 150 miles per hour."



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CITY OF WIXOM Linda Kirby, City Clerk

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# Mals & Mainstreets

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# Shoppers, and not just sales clerks, ought to be friendly



tomer service is constantly under surveillance by shop-pers and the media, but who monitors and scrutinizes shoppers' behavior?

The state of cus-

A couple years ago, I doubt anyone would have thought to ask such a ques-

Generally speaking, shoppers were well-behaved and sales clerks were

eager - and had ample time - to pro vide quality customer service. Mutual respect was in play.

Today's retail landscape, however, is quite different; store staffs are smaller and less knowledgeable; the pool of local independent retailers has diminished significantly; and keen competition, plus the sheer number of retail venues out there, means consumers shop more than a just handful of favorite stores.

It doesn't take a genius to realize the relationship between shoppers and sales clerks is less personal and more strained today than in the past. But which came first? Poor cus-

tomer service or poor customer behav-True, most shoppers are perfectly

reasonable. But, customers can be inappropriate and downright obnoxious.

Don't believe me? Read on.

It's a common shopping circumstance. I was waiting at a store counter to return merchandise while the clerk rang up a sale. Another shopper approached the counter carrying a pair of shoes. Upon complet-ing her sale, the clerk looked up and said, "Can I help who's next?"

I raised my eyebrows and made eye contact with the clerk, but said nothing. I usually wait for the other customer to indicate I'm next in line. Hey, it's a fact, an obvious truth.

"I don't think I'm next, but I'm going to go next," the other customer suddenly proclaimed, stepping in front of me

Like an idiot, I said nothing. It must have been the shock. I just couldn't conceive of someone brazenly taking cuts," in an upscale women's clothing boutique.

While shoppers probably don't take cuts on a regular basis, they do frequently abuse merchandise return policies, according to many store owners and retailers.

Some return clothing after wearing it. Others bring back merchandise after it's rolled around in the trunk of a car for three months. Many shoppers also return items well past the season, forcing stores to slash the price tag and take a loss.

Another customer behavior that particularly bothers me is customer entitlement, when shoppers act as if they own the store - and everything and everybody in it - because they spend or have spent or indicate they might spend a few bucks.

Just last week, I observed this behavior at a store event where the clothing was being informally mod-

Rather than simply admiring the good looks of the show's male model. one of the store's female customers sauntered into the young man's per-sonal space and ogled him like he was goods-for-sale.

Admittedly, I found the play of events amusing — the customer was old enough to be the model's mother— but I also found it disturbing. Having and spending money isn't a license to act like a spoiled monarch ravaging the kingdom.

Sales clerks, store managers, mod-els and others who work in the retail community are human beings, too.

The lesson is behave. If not for yourself, then for the sake of our reputation as shoppers and consumers.

Hey, maybe we'll get better service out of the deal.

And, if my examples aren't compelling enough to motivate a little friendliness towards retailers, rewind to holiday shopping 1998 when a metropolitan Detroit woman physically assaulted a Hudson's sales clerk at the peak of the season for good will towards all.

**Getting and giving** 



Shop 'til you drop: Susie Pappas of Bloomfield Hills, at right, buys a designer suit with her Lovelight Foundation Power Card at Saks Fifth Avenue.



For a good cause: Dr. Eudoro Coello, at left, enjoys a martini and tries on a suit for his wife, Clarice, at Saks' CATCH benefit on Thursday.

**Shopped until they** dropped, for a cause

It's not often you can shop in the name of a good cause, but shoppers at Saks Fifth Avenue and other Somerset Collection stores have been feeling good about dropping a few bucks of late.

The Troy mall teamed up with the Lovelight Foundation to offer shoppers a 20 percent discount on mer-chandise at nearly 70 stores with purchase of either a Power Card, at \$50, or SFA Patron Power Card, at \$100. The program runs through Sunday (except at Saks), and cards can be purchased at the mall's concierge desks. All proceeds from card sales benefit the Lovelight

Saks, along with Esquire magazine, also sponsored a men's shopping event and party to benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford hospitals, last week.

# Parties, trickor-treating and other spooky events set for kids

Halloween is happening, and local malls and shopping districts know it.

If you've yet to find an activity that suits you or your children, here are a few being sponsored by the retail community:

■ Intelligent light display of traditional Halloween forms, like ghosts and pumpkins, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m., Oct. 25-31 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

■ Annual Halloween parade and Pumpkin Patch event, including face-painting, a petting zoo, pumpkin decoration and mask-making, 1-4:30 p.m. (parade starts at 4:15/p.m.) on Oct. 24 in downtown Birmingham's. Shain Park.

■ Warm and safe trick-or-treating in the mall, 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Halloween party and trick-ortreating with face-painting, maskmaking, a pumpkin-pie-eating contest and costume parade, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Halloween costume contest and parade for children ages 4-11, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 30 at Fairlane Town Center in **Dearborn**, Fountain Court Stage. Trophies will be awarded to the best food-related costumes in honor of the opening of the mall's new food court.

■ Trick-or-treating and show at Lake side Mall in Sterling Heights, 2 p.m., free magic show, 3-5 p.m., costumed trick-or-treating for children.

Other events are planned at The Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy, the Livonia Mall in Livonia, MeadowBrook Village in Rochester Hills and Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. For additional information, call your local mall.

Retail rap is an update on the people, happenings and talk in the retail scene. You can send Retail Rap items to us: by mail, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009, fax, (248) 644-1314 or e-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net

retail people

OPERA IS A LABOR of love for Laura Weber-Spagnuolo, owner of downtown Birmingham's Figaro beauty salon. Literally. The opera lover not only named her salon after the "The Barber of Seville's," main character, but went into labor during the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Madame Butterfly" last season.

More recently, she decided to offer up the services of her salon to the lead singers in MOT's production of "The Barber of Seville." The group was treat ed to manicures, hair conditioning therapy and scalp treatments. One singer indulged in her first set of hair highlights, while one of the male singers braved his first manicure. To the delight of Weber-Spagnuolo, Figaro's clients and passers by, the singers then belted out a few tunes.

STYLE, SOME PEOPLE have it. some people don't. The woman behind all those fabulous fashion shows at Saks Fifth Avenue, Cheryl Hall Lindsay, a former model herself, well,

she's got it. As if fashion watchers in met-ropolitan Detroit ere uncertain, the Detroit chapter of Fashion International made it official. The organization dubbed Lindsay, who serves as Saks' local fashion and public relations director, as well as

Lindsay Troy store vice president and general manager Kim Nye,

Cheryl Hall

as the area's Stylemakers of the Year.

GLAMOUR APPEAL is the emphasis at Young Jones, a new, locallyowned women's clothing and accessory store at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. Young Jones, located in the former Winkleman's and then Crowley's space, has been described as a virtual showcase of all that women's fashion has to offer. Best off all, VIP charge accounts give customers 15 percent off purchases everyday! Located by Center Court near the mall's food court.

CULTIVATING NATURAL BEAUTY takes precedence over abiding silly beauty trends at Virtuoso, the newest addition in the salon category in beauty-conscience Birmingham. Trends address boredom, not real beauty, says Virtuoso owner Barsoum, who began styling hair at age 12 in his native country of Lebanon. Virtuoso boasts spacious but private styling areas, a restful room for reception and lots of

light from three sky lights.

Located at 1050 South Old Woodward on the northwest corner of Lincoln Road near Gail's Office Supply

RECREATING LATE-NIGHT lounge ambiance is Michigan's first **Limbo** Lounge, a trendy clothing boutique aimed at male and female shoppers age 16-25. Owned by ContempoCasual, the store has set up shop in Dearborn's Fairlane Town Center. Limbo Lounge's motto is to sell not only highenergy, "swinging" fashion but the "swinging lifestyle" through clothing, accessories and decor accents. Located on the mall's upper level near Sears.

A SOLD-OUT CROWD of 5,000 peo-

ple partook Fash Bash 1999, an annual fashion, food and entertainment extravaganza held in August at the Fox and State theatres in downtown Detroit. Hudson's and the Founders Junior Council for the Detroit Institute for the Arts sponsor the event. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the event raised nearly \$400,000 to benefit the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

- Special editor Nicole Stafford



and talk Fash Bash 1999 runway show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

SWEATER TRUNK SHOW

Fibres, 270 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham, holds a sweater trunk show featuring Ani Barrie, Amano, Autumn Cashmere and FAL with discounts on select sweater groups, noon-5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 723-2880. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

WOMEN'S FERRAGAMO SHOW

View shoe maker Salvatore Ferragamo's fall special order collection for women at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon, first floor. To make an appointment, call (248) 614-3350. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

DANA BUCHMAN VISITS

Meet clothing designer Dana Buchman and view her current collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somers Collection in Troy, 2-4 p.m., Sport Shop, second floor.

# ADDED ATTRACTIONS

LAFAYETTE 148 SHOW

Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, hosts a trunk show of season-to-season clothing by Lafayette 148 through Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (248) 855-8877.

FUR RÉMODELING CLINIC

Restore and update furs at a Birger Christensen fur remodeling clinic at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Fur Salon, second floor. Please call (248) 614-3346 to schedule an appointment.

ANTIQUE SHOW

MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills holds an antique show and sale through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more details, call (248) 375-9451.

ST. JOHN SHOW & BREAKFAST

Jacobson's, Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills, hosts an informal showing of St. John clothing and accessories with breakfast and assistance from a St. John representative, 9 a.m., St. John Boutique.

Please call to reserve a spot, (248) 651-6000. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

SHOW OF MEN'S SHOES

View Ecco's stock and special order collection of men's shoes at Jacobsons, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 4-8 p.m., Men's Shoes.

TRUNK SHOW

Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, presents Kathryn Dianos' evening and special occasion dresses, including selections from the designer's resort and spring collections through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. 8 p.m. on Friday (appearance by Dianos, 1-6 p.m.), 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call (248) 203-9050.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW

Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a holiday fashion show for men and women with looks by Dana Buchman, Ellen Tracy, Michael Kors and other top designers, 2 p.m., Oval Room, second

CHINESE ART FORM DEMONSTRATION

FIGI Graphics artist Zhang Baolu visits Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, to demonstrate a Chinese glass-painting art form; noon-5 p.m..

## STUFF

Vertical black: Tahari's slightly Aline, anklelength black skirt, \$238, creates a strong verti-cal. Shown with Tahari cropped black leather jacket, \$698, all at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.





Classic in silver: Tiffany & Co. offers a classic look in sterling silver, including ring, \$75, earrings, \$125, bracelet, \$225, and chain-link necklace, \$450, at Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Cowboy Trader Gallery ---

Dama Golf Club



Just for him: Cerruti Image launches a new scent for men in November, \$36-48 at Hudson's.



Cardigan renewal: The season's cardigans are cropped and as simple as can be. Made of silver finegauge knit, this cropped cardigan \$88, is paired with a sleeveless funnel-neck sweater, \$78, both at Anthropologie in downtown Birming-

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# WHERE CAN I FIN

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A 33-inch, white cast iron sink can be purchased at The NuWay Company on Auburn Road in Utica.

Cotton camisoles are available in the Vermont Country catalog, (802) 362-8440.

A 1950 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook is available from one of our readers.

A decorative, red hand pump is available from a reader. - Information about

the manual for a Duofold Mangle for Mary Ann came from a reader. – The game "Rook" can

be purchased at the F&M store on Middlebelt and I-96 and at Toys R Us stores. - Teddy Ruxpin can be purchased Toys R Us, and Teddy Ruxpin cassette tapes are available from a reader.

- Secret of Venus perfume is sold at Levin's Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road in West

This feature is dedicated Bloomfield or on Coolidge in Oak Park.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- A reader has an Apple HE computer with printer, 80-column card, dual disk drive he would like to donate to an organiza-

- Levin's Beauty Supply does not carry Anne Klein II perfume, which has heen discontinued and can no longer be purchased.

 A reader called to say she saw Wicked Wahini perfume at the airports in Los Angeles and San Fran-

The Incredible Sweater Machine is made by Bond America, 435 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11215, (718) 832-3523.

We no longer need Teddy Ruxpin tape cas-settes or My Bookhouse

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A store where Buster Brown's children's clothing is sold for Barbara. - A store in the Birmingham area where Tang orangepowder drink is sold for Valerie.

Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty's book about his father having cancer for Florence.

- Sheet music or a copy of the song "A Mother's Love" for Jill.

- Wedgewood china dishes or serving pieces in the Lancaster pattern for Pat.

 A store that sells colored elastic by the yard (one-inch size) for Irene. -

movie "The Champ" for

Judy. - Almay Moisture Renew night cream for dryskin for Rita. - A ste-

A store that sells Vanity Fair's long-leg girdles with a tulip design (item #41-015) for Shella.

– Elton John's video tape "The One" for Veda.

– A 1997 American-Indian Barbie doll in a turquoise-colored outfit (item #17313) for Sharon.

- A store where Mystic Beauty ceramic and stone floor cleaner is sold for Jan.

- A used or new camera case for an FT Can-non camera for Mike.

 A store in the Redford/Livonia area where Beaver Creek Farms chili mix is gold for Camille.

- An Anne Geddes baby mobile for Mandy.

– A store where Men's short-sleeved sweat shirts are sold for Carol.

– A seal for a 50-yearold Magic Seal Best. Quality pressure cooker (#716) for Marion.

Safeguard liquid hand soap for Joyce.

- A shop where wicker furniture is painted for Cindy, who lives in Canton.

A 1979 Lincoln Park High School yearbook for Mary.

- A store where used, high-quality furniture is sold. A store where Andrea

Jovine knit separates are

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# State legislators study kids' Agency cites OU's strengths early growth, development

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What the state government does affects children, according to Michigan Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Figur-ing out exactly how and determining what actions the state can take to ensure proper devel-opment, especially in very young children, has become a high priority for a large group of law-

Godchaux and Rep. Hubert Price (D-Pontiac), have put together a series of Children's Caucuses, intended to provide Lansing lawmakers with the latest information on children's development and brain growth.

The first meeting of the bipar-tisan caucus was held Wednes day, Oct. 13, and attracted about 25 Senators and Representatives. Another, will be scheduled for late November or early December, she said, although a specific date has not

Godchaux said she hopes to "institutionalize" the program so

ture of the legislature, carried on by lawmakers in the future.

Rather than spin out specific proposals, the caucus is intended to give lawmakers information about childhood development which they can use later in the formation of new laws or to consider as they weigh proposals involving child care.

Family work patterns have changed over the years, Godchaux pointed out, explaining the need for lawmakers to keep up-to-date on child development research.

"Twenty years ago, 70 percent of households had a mom at home caring for the child. Now 70 percent of moms are in the workforce," she noted. Issues impacted by such changes in society include availability of child care, how child care is operated and the cost of child

"We must find the best learn ing and development practices to ensure every child is ready to succeed, not only when they enter school but throughout their entire lives," she said.

In the first meeting, caucus members heard from Carol Ill, Director of Early Education Ser vices for Allegan County, about promoting development and the hurdles children face in learning. Brain development research and findings about the part nutrition plays in early development is likely to be the topic of the next session.

Topics for future sessions will. include promoting intellectual development in youngsters under 5 years of age, examining "best practices" in Michigan and across the country, for creating a good learning environment, and creating a "healthy finan-cial and economic outlook for young children." Eventually, Godchaux said she hopes the group will take up issues involv-ing older children and teens.

Godchaux said she got the idea for the caucus meetings from the Ready to Learn Leadership Summit, held last summer for Lansing lawmakers and which served much the same purpose, but went on only for one meeting.

An accrediting organization has praised Oakland University for developing partnerships with business and community organizations, enhancing campus life for students, and responding to regional needs by developing focused, market-driven graduate programs.

These strengths are among many highlighted by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in its recent reaccreditation of OU. The NCA accredits more than 950 educational institutions in a 19-state area. Although the accreditation is voluntary, it is a strong indicator of quality, A 10-member NCA team completed a review last February of all Oakland administrative and academic functions.

The team consists of academic administrators and faculty from institutions in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. The NCA completed a positive review of the library

during its last visit to Oakland in 1994. The last comprehensive review was in 1989.

Other strengths mentioned in the current report include the Eye Research Institute and Center for Biomedical Research, programs that the NCA says "bring OU national recognition and serve as regional resources.

The team also says "the university enjoys the support of committed faculty and staff, alumni, trustees and community leaders." The new Recreation Center and Athletic Center and renovation of residence halls and the Oakland Center student union have significantly enhanced campus life for students, the report says

"We're very pleased that the NGA is recognizing Oakland University for the dramatic transformation we have made over the past few years," said OU President Gary D. Russi. "OU continues to add faculty and

expand facilities, classrooms, academic degree programs internships, co-ops and research opportunities with corporate partners.

"Oakland combines the best features of a small-campus setting including extensive services and personal attention for student access, with the course offerings and excitement of a comprehensive university," Russi said.

The NCA report follows good news from U.S. News & World Report, which ranks Oakland University among the Best Regional Schools in the year 2000 edition of its guide, America's Best Colleges. OU climbed from its 1999 second-tier ranking to the top tier in the 2000

In recent years, OU enrollment soared to a record high of 14,379; and the university launched more than \$190 million in construction projects

# Enrollment hits record at OU

Oakland University officials announced today that fall 1999 enrollment is up 2.6 percent overall and 4.6 percent among undergraduate students. Firstyear student enrollment is up 19. percent over last year and new transfer students have increased five percent, The fall 1999 enrollment is 14,664 students, making this Oakland's highest enrollment ever.

"Our record enrollment reflects our continuing growth pattern," said OU President Gary D. Russi, "The many improvements

we have made in facilities, the and World Report for 1999/2000. grams and student services, combined with our move to Division I athletics have made our campus much more attractive to incoming and prospective stu-dents. Recent additions to campus include a Student Recreation and Athletics Center, a renovated student center and, opening in Fall 2000, a Business and Information Technology build-

Oakland is ranked among the top ten regional public universities in the Midwest by U.S. News

addition of new academic pro- A comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in suburban Oakland County, OU offers under-graduate programs in 74 areas and graduate programs in 59 areas. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing.



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## Pumpkins are more than a frightening face

hink about this, a 2 ounce chocolate bar is the nutritional equiva-lent of four teaspoons of oil or butter, plus 10 teaspoons of sugar. Talk about a toothache! If your children receive quantities of high sugar candies for Halloween, monitor how much and when they are consumed. Eating too much candy affects their appetite and sleep patterns. Children don't have to go trick-or-treating to have a memorable Halloween, Parties can be a wonderful way to spend Halloween night, and you can provide wholesome goodies for treats.

Vegetable

Halloween is also the perfect time to teach children that a pumpkin is a vegetable rich in vitamin C, not just another scary face. You can even let the kids help you make something

from scratch using a "real" pumpkin. The Indians were planting pumpkins between rows of corn long before the Pilgrims arrived. The entire pumpkin was used, the flesh, the seeds, and then the inside shell was dried and used as a water container. The seeds were eaten as a snack or saved for the next year's planting. Pumpkin slices were sun-dried then ground to make flour for cooking.

If you plan on using your pumpkin for cooking, don't carve or draw on it. Rinse the pumpkin with water and pat it dry. Cut the pumpkin into seyeral large pieces (use a large, sturdy knife to cut through the hard shell).

#### Cooking tips

To bake, arrange the pumpkin slices, skin side down, in a greased baking dish. Bake at 375°F until fork tender, 30 minutes to an hour depending on the size of the slices

Pumpkin can also be cut into small pieces and boiled just like you were boiling potatoes. In a large, covered saucepan, boil the pumpkin pieces in a small amount of water for 30 minutes or until tender. Drain and cool to remove outer rind of the hard shelled pumpkin. Mash the pulp with a fork. Place the pulp in a strainer over a bowl and let it drain for 30 minutes. Pumpkins tend to be very watery so don't eliminate this step. Another excellent and fast cooking method is in the microwave just like you would

You can reheat the pulp, season it, and eat as a vegetable. It will taste like any other winter squash such as acorn, butternut or hubbard. A tasty side dish can be made by adding fried bacon pieces, sautéed onions or garlic to mashed pumpkin. For those that say they don't like pumpkin, mix equal parts of mashed pumpkin and applesauce, mashed bananas or crushed pineapple. Add a little mashed pumpkin to pancake or muffin batter. Stir cooked pumpkin into some low-fat yogurt with a little brown sugar for a sweet treat. Don't forget pumpkin bread or pumpkin cookies. Make them for the holidays now, and freeze.

#### Vitamin rich

Pumpkin, fresh or canned, is rich in beta carotene, which is an important antioxidant and precursor of vitamin A in the body. Pumpkin also contains some vitamin C, folacin (a B vitamin), a little calcium and some fiber. Like all vegetables, it is low in calories -83 calories per cup.

Pumpkin soup can be quickly made by combining canned plain pumpkin (not the premixed pie filling) with fatfree chicken or beef stock. For added flavor, mince onions, carrots, celery or other vegetables and cook them in the stock before adding pumpkin puree. Add skim milk, and seasoning such as curry powder, dried thyme or cumin. They are all compatible flavorings for pumpkin. To enhance the flavor of

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#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
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FAMILY ITALIAN TRADITION

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

Antipasto, Call it summer in a

jar, Italian style: Every fall, the family of Chet and Norma Marson of Livonia comes together to cook up big, bubbling pots of this glorious Italian appe-tizer that tastes like a symphony of

vegetables, oil, vinegar and just the

right amount of anchovies.

It's a lot of work, but each sibling—Laura Standhardt of Birmingham, Johnny Marson of Plymouth Township and Denise Cook of Novi heads home with dozens of jewelpacked pints of grandma Vittoria Marson's original antipasto. They hoard their jars, serving the antipasto as a side dish and sopping

> Italian bread. "Johnny loves the antipasto the most," says Laura. "He'll just eat a jar for his lunch."

up the oil with

Chet Marson presumes his m o t h e r 's antipasto fame has spread far beyond Sault

Ste. Marie, Canada, where he and Norma grew up and were married. The recipe originally came from the Udine region in northern Italy

"Everybody in Michigan has my mother's recipe," he says.

Not quite, but close. "Aunt Virginia, Aunt Betty and Aunt Martha, my father's brothers" wives, all made it. My kids were raised with it. Johnny and I have been making it every year. Laura

and Denise ran out last year:" Chet Marson criss-crosses the kitchen as the women deftly chop the celery, green beans, carrots, peppers, cauliflower and cucum-bers. It's clear that, other than lifting heavy pots, the kitchen is not his domain. Still, he likes to over-see the annual ritual.

"I've had this since I was born he says. "In the fall you get all these vegetables. There was no refrigeration, so this was their way of preserving the harvest." Norma Marson puts out a plate of

her fried peppers, slices some bread and offers aprons to her daughters. Both decline, Print aprons that snap in the back look better on

their mother. "Mom, are these onions too big? Are the green beans the right size?"

"They're okay, but you're celery are too big.

"I hate anchovies," says Denise. "Then don't put them in." Once the vegetables have been

liflower on an ancient baby scale.



A family affair: Norma Marson (center) and daughter, Denise Cook, assemble the vegetables as son Johnny stirs the pot. The basement serves as a second kitchen in the Marson household when it comes to making antipasto.



Proud heritage: Chet Marson displays a picture of his par-ents, Luigi and Vittoria Marson, along with a jar of antipasto, vintage 1999. Everybody in Michigan has his mother's recipes, he says.

chopped and bagged, operations move to the basement, where Denise begins heaping bags of cau-

We're going less on everything , and more on the cauliflower," she announces. "Everybody loves the cauliflower."

Johnny measures out the oil. vinegar and tomato paste into two gigantic pots and turns on the electric double-burner. As soon as the mixture boils, the women start handing him the bags of vegetables.

"Im the dumper-inner," he says. Laura begins teasing her brother, captain with the Livonia Fire Department. "Isn't he handsome?" she says, hugging him. "You're still

Yeah, a 50-year-old hunk. Norma Marson opens a jar of last ear's antipasto, sets out more bread and uncorks a bottle of deeppurple homemade wine. Denise runs upstairs for some crystal wine glasses. It's 11:30 a.m.

"We Italians don't look at the clock. Forget it's before noon. When it's wine time, it's wine time," says

Finally, the drained jars of mushrooms, onions, tuna and anchovies are added. The scent of Vittoria Marson's antipasto once again wafts through the basement. Denise plucks a green bean from the pot and plunks it into her broth-



Expert touch: Norma Marson gently stirs the antipasto. Her mother-in-law, Vittoer's mouth. ria Marson, orought the "It's a little hard," he says. "You" recipe from northern Italy made it more al dente last year, when she came to Canada Please see ANTIPASTO, B2 more than 80 years ago.

# Snare some scary Halloween recipes on the Web

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN SPECIAL WRITER

There's no trick to finding yummy treats and Halloween fun on the Web. Here's a rundown of just a few of the more than 2,000 Halloween recipe pages available on the Internet. You'll find it's not so scary surfing for Halloween treats.

Quick tips and Halloween hints can be

www.cakerecipe.com/hints/tips-hal-

An easy, tasty pumpkin cake recipe was quickly found at the Halloween section of this site. You can send cake recipes to friends, convert the recipes to metric instructions, and print on two sizes of recipe cards as well as do full page printing of recipes from this Web

You can browse the "International Cake Glossary," to clarify some cake terms and ingredients. The neat thing about this glossary is you can translate selected terms between 15 countries. For example, granulated (white) sugar can be caster sugar in Britain, sucre en poudre in France, azucar en polvo in

Spain. The site is interactive, and you can submit or request translations. The entire site features more than 1,100 cake recipes. It is easy to navigate, and you may browse the site by alphabetical cate-A spooky time can be had at

www.spooky.org.uk

This site from Scotland has kid friendly jokes, greeting cards, and a "Cauldron Cookery" section. You browse to sections from a horizontal, not a vertical, page Since the site's from the United King-

dom, you'll find instructions for "turnip, lanterns" as well as jack-o'-lanterns. Fearful Halloween facts are also present-

Scary Web sites

Www.spookv.org.uk

# www.jack-e-lantem.com

www.cakerecipe.com/hints/tips-halloween/asp

www.moonchild.ch/Halloween/Kitchen-Witch.html

www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Dungeon/2146/recipe.html

ed. For example, in the U.S., children say "trick or treat" to receive their loot. In Scotland adults demand more value for their sweets. Children are expected to perform a party piece - joke, song or story — before collecting their goodies.

A fun "Witches Fingers" recipe, made from boneless chicken breasts, can be found on this site.

"Healthy Halloween" sounds like a complete contradiction in terms, but kidpleasing snacks can be found at www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Dungeon/2146/recipe.html

These recipes feature a variety of fresh, dried and canned fruits and vegetables, and children can generally make

the treats on their own. Some snacks, like the "ants on a log," require adult help to cut up the celery. Also included on the site are two recipes for pumpkin seeds.

Some very good soup recipes can be found at

www.moonchild.ch/Halloween/Kitchen -Witch.html

The page is titled, "Pumpkin Soup for the Soul." Along with the recipes, a helpful feature on basic pumpkin cooking methods, from range top to microwave is included.

If you just want to carve, not cook. your pumpkin, patterns and selection tips can be found at www.iack-o-

lantern.com Everything you need to know about carving and displaying your pumpkin, including photography tips, can be found at this site. Bookmark this site for summer, as there are also melon carving patterns to create fun warm weather center-

Happy hunting for haunting new recipest

See recipes inside.

# Trick your kids with tasty, nutritious treats

With all the candy your children bring home at Halloween, it's hard to hold the line on the fat and sugar they consume. There are lots of ways, however, to make treats more wholesome by reducing fat and including ingredients that are actually nutritious.

Fruits and vegetables are out of sight in lowfat pineapple car-rot bars made with whole wheat flour! brown sugar, grated carrots, crushed pineapple, raisins and ginnamon. Other nutritious additions to fruit bars include chopped nuts, apples or dates, dried apricots, peaches, pears and wheat germ.

Spite cookies are sensational made with applesance and studded with chopped, dried fruit. Try adding lemon juice and grat-

ed lemon rind to sugar cookie recipes for a citrus-y tang and some extra nutrients.

Plain nonfat yogurt is the basis for a variety of scrump-tious treats. Make a fruit freeze by processing plain nonfat yogurt in a food processor or blender with bananas, orange juice and orange rind until smooth. Freeze in a metal pan or bowl until hard. Then process? until the mixture is a hard slush before serving. Or, top ginger-bread with a mixture of plain nonfat yogurt, lemon juice, honey and chopped bananas.

If your children's favorite

treats call for chocolate syrup, here's a lowfat version. In a small saucepan, whisk together tablespoon of cornstarch and 1/4

cup dark brown sugar. Add 1/3 cup skim milk and whisk well, then add 1/4 cup corn syrup. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat while stirring. Lower the heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce has thickened. Remove from heat and stir in a teaspoon of vanilla extract. This sauce is. super with fruit or angel's food

Your little goblins will surely gobble up these pumpkin-orange muffins, which are filled with beta-carotene.

#### PUMPKIN-ORANGE MUFFINS

1 egg

1/2 cup skim milk 1/2 cup canned pumpkin

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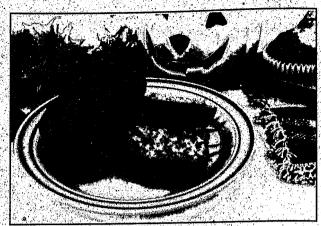
1/A cup canola oil

- 1-1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon nutmeg 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

Beat egg, milk, pumpkin, oil and grated orange rind, mixing well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the pumpkin mix-ture. Spoon batter into greased muffin tins, and bake in preheated 375° F. oven for 20-25 min-

Each of the 12 muffins contains 143 calories and 5 grams of

Information and recipe provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research. Visit them online at www.aicr.org



Gullt-free eats: Halloween treats don't have to be fattening and bad for you.

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pumpkin, be generous with nutmeg, allspice, coriander, candied ginger, brown sugar and maple

Pumpkin pie is delicious, but can be fattening. Here are some tips to slim it down:

- Use evaporated skim milk instead of heavy cream
- Use a fat-free nondairy cream-
- er instead of milk or cream Use an egg substitute
- Use a graham cracker crust
- Make a crustless pumpkin pie : : Use several layers of phyllo

dough, that have been sprayed with: vegetable spray, as the top and bot-tom crust for the pie. Pumpkin seeds can be used as

snacks for later. Scoop them out of the pumpkin, rinse well, and drain. Air dry for a couple of hours and then toast in the oven at 200°F for 30-45 minutes. Sprinkle pumpkin seeds with salt after removing from oven if desired. Pumpkin seeds are high in protein, a good source of iron and lower in fat than most

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## , See related Halloween Web site story on Taste front; PUMPKIN CAKE

Makes 1 10-lhch bundt cake

- L cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 (16 ounce) can pureed pumpkin.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2.1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon ground cloves 1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 850°F. Grease one 10-inch bundt or tube pan. Cream oil, beaten eggs, pumpkin and vanilla

Sift the flour, sugar, baking sods, ground nutmeg, ground alispice, ground cinnamon, ground cloves and salt and mix until just combined. If desired, stir in some chopped nuts.

Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake at 350° F for " one hour or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan for five minutes then turn-out onto a plate and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. This recipe is good any time of the year.

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Scare up fun with yummy Halloween treats

- Serves 4 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 Boneless chicken breasts 1 cup flour
- The mail the notice are his
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - 1 cup bread crumbs
  - Pitted black olives, halved lengthwise
  - Shredded lettuce.

Grease a baking sheet with the oil and set aside. Cut the chicken breasts part way to create five fingers (the uncut part being the palm of the hand).

Dust the chicken in flour, dip in the egg and coat in the bread crumbs. Grill for five minutes on each side until golden and cooked through. Trim the "fingertips" with the olive "fingernails" and serve on lettuce.

Maggie's "Spook-ghetti" variation: Serve on spaghetti and spoon your favorite tomato sauce around the dish.

Recipe can be found on-line at www.spooky.org.uk

#### ANTS ON A LOG.

Celery Peanut Butter

Raisins

For each serving: Rinse one or two celery stalks. Have an adult cut the celery stalks into halves or thirds. Fill the hollow of each celery piece with peanut butter, then sprinkle raisins across the peanut butter. Recipe can be found on-line at www. geocities.com

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#### PUMPKIN SOUP IN PUMPKIN TUREEN

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- 1 Jarge fresh pumpkin (about 12-Inches in diameter) 2 1/2 cups fresh, cooked pumpkin or canned pumpkin
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- Juice of two oranges
- 1/2 cup dry sherry or apple Juice
- 1 small onlon, chooped
- 1/3 cup diced celery
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teasoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon ground corlander 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

With a heavy knife, cut off top third of pumpkin. Scoop out seeds and strings and discard. Set aside pumpkin

Puree cooked or canned pumpkin, vegetable broth and orange juice in blender or food processor. Set aside.

In a large soup pot, heat sherry or apple juice over medi-

Add onlon, celery and garlic and saute until soft but not browned, about 10 minutes. Add spices; cook, stirring, three minutes, Add pumpkin mixture and bring to a boil. Lower heat to medium and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat; transfer one cup of soup to a small bowl and stir in yogurt. Return to pot and blend well.

Pour soup into hollowed-out pumpkin tureen. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Helpful hint: If desired, heat pumpkin shell in a 200° F oven for 10 to 15 minutes before adding soup. The heated shell will keep the soup warm.

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# Delightful antipasto recipes

## See related story on Taste front. VITTORIA MARSON'S ANTIPASTO

- 1 1/2 pounds green beans, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 1/2 pounds carrots, medium slices 1 1/2 pounds cauliflower, divided into small flowerets
- 1 1/2 pounds celery, chopped in medium pieces 1 1/2 pounds green and red peppers, cut in 1inch squares
- 1 1/2 pounds cucumbers, peeled, cut in half and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 1/2 pounds pearl-sized onlons, peeled (or
- jarred onlons, drained) 1 1/2 quarts of Mazola oil
- 1 quart white vinegar.
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 2 8 oz. cans sliced mushrooms, drained 2 large jars or cans of olives, green or black,
- drained 2 6-oz. cans tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 2 oz. cananchovies drained and separated Salt to taste, if desired

In a large pot, bring to boil oil, vinegar and tomato paste. Add green beans and carrots and boil ten min-utes over medium heat. Add cauliflower and celery and boil 10 minutes. Add peppers, cucumbers and pearl onions and boil an additional 8 minutes. Add tuna, anchovies, mushrooms, and olives and heat until warmed. (If using jarred onions, add them at this time.) Turn off heat.

Fill sterilized pint jars to within 1/4-1/2 inch of rim. Cap with lids and rings. Tighten rings. Process 8 min-

Note: Everybody in the Marson family loves cauliflower. You can substitute a half pound of any of the other vegetables for half pound more cauliflower. Recipe compliments of Norma Marson.

#### NORMA MARSON'S FRIED EGGPLANT

- 1 medium size eggplant
- 1/2-1 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper 2 tsp. dried basil
- One clove garlic, finely chopped
- Romano cheese
- Oil for frying (should cover pan up to 1/4 inch)

Wash eggplant, cut stem off and slice into 1/4-inch slices. Place flour into plastic bag, add eggplant slices and shake to coat evenly. Set aside.

In shallow dish, beat eggs and add salt, pepper, basil, garlic and small amount of Parmesan chee Dip floured eggplant slices in egg mixture and fry in oil until browned on both sides. Remove and set

Cover bottom of glass baking dish with spaghetti sauce and line with a single layer of eggplant slices. Spoon additional sauce on top of each eggplant slice. Sprinkle generously sprinkle with more Romano cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for one-half hour.

Recipe compliments of Norma Marson. She regrets that our readers cannot enjoy her Uncle Romeo's home-grown basil, which he dries especially for her.

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right, mom?"
"Last year's was the best,"

says Denise. When this reporter asks Norma Marson for the recipe, Johnny stops stirring. "You're going to put this recipe in the to leave out all the good stuff."

His incredulity is understandable; after all, the recipe has been a family treasure. It's passionately delicious, right down to the last drop of oil dribbling down my chin. The Observer photographer agrees. He is sent home with a jar of last year's antipasto. "The biggest problem

with this is people don't always bring the jars back," says Chet Marson. "Every year we have to

buy new jars."
Who wouldn't return the jar, especially with the promise of a refill. Grazia, Chet and Norma Marson. Grazia, grandma Vittoria. L'antipasto e' delizioso!

#### COOKING CLASS CALENDAR

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to: Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES

Offered by Lenore's Natural Cuisine in Farmington Hills. This week, Sublime Soups 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25; Menu Planning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Call (248) 478-4455 for information about upcoming classes.

**VEGETARIAN TASTING EVENT** 

Twelfth annual event hosted by Better Living. Seminars with the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church Sunday, Nov. 14, at the church in Plymouth, Seatings 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. or 2-3 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$3

children ages 6-12. Call (734) 495-3602 for information and reservations.

The event, which features tastings of vegetarian holiday dishes prepared by long-time vegetarians and semi-vegetarians, menu ideas and presentation suggestions, sells out quickly, so advance reservations are a must. A cookbook of all the recipes is available for purchase.

**POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS** 

Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebra-tion includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, The cost is \$39, call (313) 317-1500.

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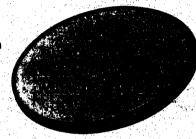
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Karen A. of Franklin was looking for a live-in housekeeper-

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Gloria G. of Redford advertised her car-

"I sold it yesterday. Your Classifieds worked great; I'll definitely use your newspaper again!"

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#### CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

## Pursuit of justice doesn't change with the times

he profound changes of the 20th century run like deep streams through the wrinkles in Ben Yomen's face and hands.

These days, the river is slowing. And Yomen, 88, does a lot of looking

He likes what he sees. Why shouldn't he? He took his stand. Stood on principle, Probably even made a difference.

In an age when people feel more passion about on-line stock trading than outrage over the political partisanship in the U.S. Senate that derailed a nuclear testing ban treaty, making a difference can't be underes-

Yomen still sounds as feisty and indignant as he did as a sharp-tongue kid looking to be heard.

#### Another FDR

"What we need is another president like FDR," said Yomen, a political cartoonist whose work over six decades is on exhibit at the University of Michian Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library.

Yomen not only remembers FDR, he voted for him. Three of the four times he ran. The first time FDR ran in 1932, Yomen wasn't of voting age



Gadfly: Ben Yomen's cartoons prod the comfortable, and appeal to the disenfranchised.

What: The art of labor cartoonist Ben Yomen. **When:** Through Friday, Dec. 31. Where North Lobby, Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, For Information, call (734) 647-4418.

But that didn't prevent the former Detroiter, who lives with his wife of 65 years in an Ann Arbor apartment complex, from regis-tering his political views in other ways.

"I saw bread lines, soup kitchens and unemployment, lines that went onfor blocks. I can

recall the Ford Hunger Strike (in

1932) like it just happened." That strike during the Great Depression was conducted by laid-off workers desperately trying to cast public attention on the need for wages and basic necessities

Yomen sharpened his wit and picked up his brush.

#### Never soft-peddle

To this day, Yomen said he never forgets how fragile economic security can be. He simply set out to communi-cate that what he saw was a world of inequities. He turned his attention to duplicitous politicians, corporate fat cats, and tyrants like Hitler.

"I never soft-peddle how I feel, I was mad when I was working, and that comes through (in the cartoons)." said Yomen, who, for years kept many of his cartoons in a desk drawer in his

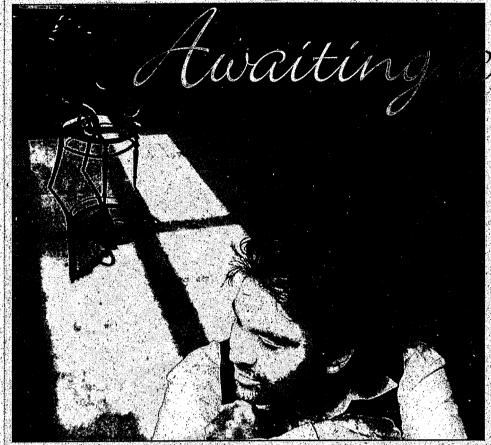
Unlike many other cartoonists, he didn't use pen and ink but what he describes as a big brush on a large-

size paper surface. "Either you make a point or you. don't," he said. "My audience is work-ing people. If they have to act, they have to know why."

#### Rotting apples

Yomen became art director in 1945

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First time: Andrea Bocelli (above and below) makes his U.S. debut in "Werther."

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

ot far from the brilliant spotlight aimed by the international media and paparazzi on the upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre pro-duction of "Werther" stands Christo-pher Schaldenbrand, Unassuming and reflective, he apparently knows his place, and more importantly, he's not likely to miss his mark.

The tall and lean baritone from Farmington Hills sings the role of .

Albert, the friend and archrival of the terminal romantic, Werther, whose melancholy makes Woody

Allen appear happy-go-lucky. While "Werther" is the talk of the opera world because it features international singing-sensation Andrea Bocelli in his North American staged oper-atic debut, Schaldenbrand's reprisal of a role he performed twice before at the Met – and recorded on BMG classics – should offer a dramatic foil, if the opera is to wring pathos from the melodramatic music of Jules Massernet.

When well executed in a play or opera, the rivals elevate the story into a mythic struggle of unrequited love and hopeless romanticism. The story is

What: Michigan Opera

What: Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves, Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldanbrand, Music by Jules Massenet,

Conducted by Steven Mercurio, Directed by Mario Corradi

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, Wednesday, Nov. 3, Saturday Nov.

6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, and Nov. 14; Tickets \$55-\$250. Call

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Broadway, Detroit.

based on Goethe's immensely popular and influential late-18th century novel, "The Sor-rows of Young Werther." In Goethe's tale, the artis-

tic and speculative poet Werther is consumed with passion. He falls in love with a rather simple girl, Lottee, who has been promised to a more stable man with a bourgeois temperament Albert, When he can't have the woman of his dreams, Werther is devestated. He takes his own life.

On several levels, the story reveals the chasm between hope and reality, imagination and practicality, passion and obsession.

For Schaldenbrand, "Werther" strikes at the heart of his own artistic struggles.

#### Rising star

While he didn't grow up listening to opera, Schaldenbrand found that his range and timbre went well beyond the demands of singing in his high school rock and pop bands.

After graduation from Interlochen, Schaldenbrand, 32, earned a full scholarship to the University of Miami, then later transferred to the University of Indiana, where he stud-

ied voice.
"I started to listen to opera when I, was being cast," he said. The calls have come fast and furious since Schaldenbrand won the Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions in 1992. Since then, he's sung in more than 150 performances at the Met, including "La Boheme" and "Werther."

In addition to performing in New York, where he currently lives, Schaldenbrand has appeared at opera halls in Paris, Amsterdam, Italy, Germany

"I've seen the world living out of a suitcase five

weeks at a time," he said. The nomadic journey of life on the road is hardly conducive to building relationships, he said. So, in the last few years, Schaldenbrand has traveled with

"Singing is a lot of work and takes a lot of time. It's tough to come back to an empty hotel room." Initially, the competitiveness of pursuing a singing career often provided its own incentive. Appearing at the Met. Making a living. At one point, it was an end-in-itself for Schaldenbrand.

But that's changed, · "After the feeding your ego' falls away, you're left with the question: How can I stay in the business and make it work for me for the next 20-30 years?"

"There's different reasons why people perform. For me, it's about finding that thing within each performance that really feeds my soul." For his role as Albert alongside Bocelli's Werther, Schaldenbrand has less anxiety than if he were per-

forming the role for the first time.

By theater standards, operas are rehearsed in a relatively short period, It has taken only three weeks for singers to learn the words, staging and blocking for "Werther"

In contrast, Schaldenbrand had more than a

# MOT's 'Werther' features a local up-and-coming baritone

month to rehearse for his role in the Russian opera,

"Eugene Onegin." A stickler for technique, Schaldenbrand continues to work with a singing coach whenever he's in New York. "I feel like I've been

given a gift, and you have to devote your life to it." Although he's under contract for the next

Christopher Schaldenbrand three years to perform and entering his prime as an operatic singer, Scholdenbrand realizes that he couldn't have anticipated the type of commitment

when he chose his career. Like Werther, he, too, had to make a choice between the practical and artistic path. Before he chose to study voice, Schaldenbrand was studying mechanical engineering and had just been awarded a work-study job at Ford Motors, where his father

was an engineer. "When you're starting out, you don't know any better. As you go along, it becomes a leap of faith."



Regal presence: Mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves makes her debut on the Detroit Opera House stage.

#### **EDUCATION**

# It's time to check out summer arts camps

By Linda Ann Chomin Staff Writer Ichomin@ce.homecomm.net

Deborah Malinowski-Podolka fondly remembers the summers spent studying music at Interlochen Center for the Arts in the 1970s and '80s. The camps made her more self-confident, not to mention a better musician.

Now that the Plymouth resident is teaching flute on the 1,200-acre campus, she wants to tell other parents about the arts camp experience Inter-lochen offers for sixth graders on up. (Her own daughter, Megan Malinowski,

studied with the choir there in July) Malinowski-Podolka will give an Interlochen Information Session Saturday, Nov. 6, at Evola Music in Canton, Catalogs and applications will also be available. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Institute will have their catalogs available in December. (See chart for phone numbers and addresses).

"I'm really surprised a lot of people do not know about Interlochen," said

Malinowski-Podolka, who also teaches flute at Evola in Canton and the Flute Specialist in Royal Oak. "As a recruiter in this area it's my job to inform parents on how to prepare for Interlochen, which offers four- and eight-week ses sions and a two-week All-State session

for Michigan students only. "Most people don't realize the stepping stones leading to acceptance picking the right teacher, the right repertoire. You have to be able to get along with people, You'll be working with people from all over the world. It's very structured. A lot of parents don't realize the commitment. It's easier to get in the first time. After that they're expecting you to be at a certain level and to achieve more

Malinowski-Podolka will also reveal to parents and students "everything you wanted to know about solo ensemble, another important step to being accepted at Interlochen." In addition to telling how to find an accompanist, she'll also give a good solo ensemble performance and a bad one.

"Interlochen looks at the whole person including grades and community service," said Malinowski-Podolka, director of music at Evola in Canton. They also take into consideration a

Interlochen Information Session 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, between Joy and Warren, Canton. Free. Call (734) 455-4677.

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student's participation in solo ensemble to be held in February through MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association). It rates students on their instruments, To participate in solo ensemble judging, your school has to be a member of MSBOA. On the Interlochen application, students need to list the score they received in solo ensem-

The MSBOA faxed all the rules, including the new ones, to Malinowski-Podolka. For more information about solo ensemble judging, the students should see their band director.

#### Camp costs

Summer arts camps, ranging from around \$700 to \$3,000, can place a financial strain on a family. Megan, Malinowski-Podolka's daughter, has received service club scholarships from the Plymouth Lions and Kiwanis the last couple of years. Interlochen offers financial aid for middle and lower income students on a first-come, first-

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# 'Wilderness' plot showing age in WSU production

Wayne State's undergraduate Bon-stelle Theatre company presents Eugene O'Neil's nostalgic coming-ofage comedy "Ah, Wilderness" Oct. 24. Show time is 2 p.m. on Sunday (today). The Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward in Detroit: For ticket information, call the Bonstelle box office at (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE E. SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Eugene O'Neil's semi autobiographical and nostalgic play "Ah, Wilderness" is a coming-of-age comedy that suffers from a slow script and only mild insights.

A plodding study of rebellious youth with a subplot devoted to alcoholism and co-dependence is boring by today's standards.

Despite an enthusiastic cast who put their best into their parts, the production's shortened script (cut from three hours to two) is still too long

Fans of Eugene O'Neil will appreciate the contrast the play supplies to his more serious and troubled semiautobiographical narrative in his play, "A Long Day's Journey Into Night." Richard Miller is a turn-of-the-cen-

tury high school graduate excited by

the amazing ideas to be discovered in books by revolutionary writers. Though bright, he is impetuous and headstrong, as well as in love with his shy and conservative high school sweetheart. His mother is scandalized and confused by the books he hides in his room, while his patient and wise

father waits for him to out grow his

■ A plodding study of rebellious youth with a subplot devoted to alcoholism and co-dependence is boring by today's standards.

anger and settle into adulthood.

The family must also deal with the added stress of a maiden aunt with an alcoholic suitor who constantly disappoints both of their dreams for happi-

Among the cast, Brian Marable stands out as a superb actor for his dynamic and warm portrayal of the family patriarch, Nat Miller. His natu-ral stage presence sets him apart from his well-versed but less charismatic colleagues. The personable delivery of his many long speeches breathes life into the otherwise staid production.

Sash Heinzman as the matriarch, Essie Miller, needs some serious age make-up: She looks too much like her son's sister than his mother, and she needs to match Marable in age. Though she captures her character's maternal and changeable nature, she didn't captivate audiences as Marable does, and at times she borders on

Richard, played by Patrick Loos, plays the young man on the verge of adulthood with a permanent pout: He doesn't let us see other sides of the character's deep and intellectual per-

The character is bright and eagerly embraces new ideas, but we only see the brooding side, and not the eager enthusiasm. We see his romantic hurt and anger, but not his obvious affec tion for his young lady through his facial expressions or voice. Though teens are known for their stubborn moodiness, Loos overplays the hand,

The play has a subplot of a maiden aunt and a drunken suitor who never manages to stay sober long enough to convince her to marry him. It is a classic case of co-dependency. Today's audiences are too well-versed in the intricacies of alcoholism and fractured relationships and are alternately bored and frustrated by the dysfunctionality of this doomed courtship.

Playing a young boy, sophomore Kelly Rossi is convincing as the kid brother Tommy, and Rachel Gessert is pert and perky as the bubble-headed younger sister Mildred.

The costumes were interestingly cast in the brown hues of a turn-ofthe-century tintype photo to match the formal family portrait dominating the set's backdrop. The only color is vided by the changing hues of the backdrop, which attempted to influence the mood of the scene.



Family comedy: Richard Miller (Patrick Loose, left) struggles to come of age while his father (Brian ) Marable, right) watches with care and concern that his son is not lost in the passionate writings and new philosophies of the 1900s in "Ah Wilderness."

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for the U.A.W. national publication. In the late 1960s, he had a regular cartoon feature in the Detroit Free Press' Sunday Supplement that presented a "racially integrated" viewpoint.

Then in the mid 1980s, he created a cartoon feature for U.A.W.'s "Solidarity" monthly magazine. At a time when Yomen believed unions were under attack, he offered his views in the cartoons "Senator Right Wing" and "Congressman Drip."

The biting satire was a throw back to the days when he chastised Thomas Dewey in a 1944 cartoon, showing the New York Republican presidential candidate as a waiter serving a platter of rotten apples to a group of working people.

Toss away political posturing. For Yomen, it comes down to principle.

"I believe in a cause.

#### For a cause

The struggles of the 1930s that led to the establishment of the U.A.W. haven't abated for Yomen.

With membership declining and the economy fundamentally changing, the role of unions is pro-foundly different than even 30 years ago. Yet

Yomen is pleased that his work reflecting a stridently union perspective is being studied by a constant flow of visitors at U-M's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library.

These days, they've changed words like 'bosses' to 'employers,' but some things never change

It might take someone who's lived nearly the full century to make that point.

Before we rush headlong into a new century, it might be worth remembering that people like Ben Yomen stood up when it was all-too-easy to keep their thoughts to themselves.

In contemporary terms, he reminds us that fighting for a cause means more than pursuing a diversified stock portfolio.

"I wanted my work to have an answer, a place where the interest of the working class could have

Feisty, isn't he?

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served basis and some scholarships, as do Blue Lake and the DSO's Summer Institute. For the first time next year, Megan will receive a returning scholarship from Interlochen. But even if she didn't, Malinowski-Podolka would still send Megan to camp.

"A son or daughter might not continue in music or make it a career, but they'll have that discipline, and that discipline carries over to their

#### Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Requirements for acceptance vary at the three arts camps. To attend Blue Lake, which will hold auditions in this area in December, students from grade five to high school age must have an endorsement from their arts activity teacher (band, choir, art, dance, etc.) and the principal of their school, according to spokesman Tom Farrell. Located 15 miles north of Muskegon in the Manistee National Forest, Blue Lake, like Interlochen, offers concentrations in band, orchestra, choir, jazz, theater, ballet, piano, harp and the visual

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arts. The largest number of its students come from Oakland, followed by Wayne County.

#### **DSO Summer Institute**

Closer to home, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra offers a two-week intensive day camp with hands on training by its musician members. Associate director of education Charles Burke said 85 students, ages 12-18, attended last year's Summer Institute, a program the DSO "resurrected from 30 vears ago.

"What's special about the Summer Institute is it's a local camp, the only local camp that provides the high quality of musicians that the DSO offers," said Burke, a Canton resident who is also conductor of Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the DSO's youth training orchestra. The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra gives its first concert of the season 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. For tickets, call the DSO box office at (313) 576-5111.



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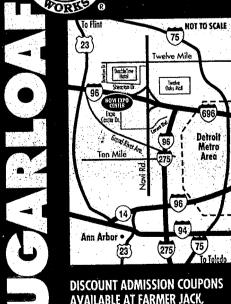
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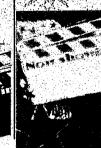
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# Aretha's book is little more than a recitation of facts



trouble is, when **VICTORIA** 

Aretha Franklin and David Ritz (Villard, \$25). As list books go, this is not a bad one. Only

"Aretha: From These Roots," by

readers open its covers, they'll DIAZ expect an autobiography or a memoir. Even before we're midway through "Aretha: From These Roots, however, it starts to sound something like an extended monologue, during which the speaker tells us, "And then I recorded ...

and then I wore ... and then I fell in love with ..." Much is merely mentioned or touched upon in this book and never really developed. Consequently, many readers may be left highly frustrated to find that the Queen of Soul hasn't reached down a little deeper, to bring us a richer, more moving portrait on these pages.

Threading it all together are lists within lists. Aretha Franklin and David Ritz seem to have written this book at least partially so that she could recognize in print nearly every musician or recording artist she's ever worked with. Nothing ignoble about that, of course, but as done here it makes for rather soporific reading.

That's the not-so-good news about "Aretha." The better news is that it occasionally offers an engaging look at life in the Detroit of the '40s and '50s, in a neighborhood that nurtured, in addition to Franklin, such future superstars as Diana Ross and Smokey Robinson. It also provides us access to a high-energy household of that era that was

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filled almost constantly with music and musicians, some of whom were superstars of the

The great majority of readers know, of course, that Aretha Franklin grew up in Detroit. Fewer fans perhaps realize that she was born in Memphis, where her father, C.L. Franklin, a former sharecropper, made a considerable name for himself as an eloquent Baptist minister. The family settled in Detroit in 1943, when Aretha was 2, and her father began a long career as pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church.

For several years, the family lived in a comfortable parsonage on Detroit's north end, though Rev. Franklin's church was located in another neighborhood several miles away at the corner of Hastings and Willis. Every Sunday morning, the small child sat for several hours while her father preached and the spirited gospel music that was an integral part of each service filled the air.

Sometimes, her attention strayed, however, distracted by the aromas of "chicken frying . macaroni and cheese and ham hocks and ... sweet potatoes' from the busy church kitchen across Hastings Street. "We began at 11 a.m., so by 3 p.m. I would be terrifically hungry, she recalls.

Franklin fondly remembers such spots as Belle Isle, the old Gotham Hotel, the neighborhood grocery, Wiggins' sweetshop at Oakland and Belmont, the Echo

Theatre, the Arcadia roller skating rink on Woodward. She also shows us some scenes from the church neighborhood, which encompassed the popular Flame Show Bar at John R and Canfield, "where big-name stars of rhythm and blues and jazz would strut their stuff" during the era.

When "Ree" was 6, her parents separated (she and three of her four siblings would remain with their father). When she was 10, her mother passed away. At 13, Aretha Franklin found herself pregnant. The father was a young man she had met at the Arcadia (she refers to him only as "Romeo" on these pages), and after her son's birth, their relationship ended. She would eventually have four sons, who were often looked after by grandparents while their single mother struggled to make a name for herself as a performing artist.

For the mostly-untrained vocalist (who still does not sight-read music), the road to stardom began shortly after the birth of her son, when she joined her father's traveling ministry as a gospel soloist. Her talent eventutook her to New York, where her first demo - a group of secular tunes – impressed Columbia Records executives enough to offer her a contract almost immediately.

Aretha Franklin, though recording and performing in clubs and on television throughout the country, didn't have a major hit until six years later when she left Columbia for Atlantic and made a record that would become a kind of anthem for its time. With the release of "Respect," the future diva was definitely on her way.

#### **BOOK HAPPENINGS**

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USED BOOK SALE
The Friends of the Southfield Public Library will hold their semiannual used book sale through Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Marcotte Room of the Library, 26000 Evergreen. The admission fee of \$5 entitles browsers to preview the books for sale and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Admission to the sale is free. Hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Oct. 24. Call (248) 948-0461 for information.

**MEET THE AUTHOR** Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 Borders, Auburn Hills p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m. at Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-

Marian Edwards of Livonia will sign copies of her book "Heaven's Reward" 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Waldenbooks Westland Mall, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Waldenbooks Summit Place Mall

FRIENDS OF THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY The Friends announce new hours at their used book shop on the

lower level of the library. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The library door opens at 8 a.m. for browsers and students. Library services opens at 10 a.m. Most used book prices fall in the range of 50 cents to \$1, with new hardcover books ranging from \$1.50 to

\$5.50. **CELEBRATE BATS** 

Borders Rochester Hills will support the Organization for Bat Conservation with special events on Halloween weekend. To help raise bat awareness, the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, will donate 15 percent of purchases to help the bats of Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 31. Local musicians will donate their time for a music festival begin-ning at 2:30 p.m. and running until 6 p.m. on Saturday. Bat friends will appear at the store both weekend days. For more information, call (248) 652-0558.

WRITERS EVERYWHERE A flock of local fiction authors will make an appearance at Paperbacks & Things in Westland between 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6. Novelists attending the annual Book Lovers Day Celebra tion include Shelly Thacker, Ruth Langan, Jeanne Savery, Gail Martin, Beverly Jenkens, Nancy Gideon, Sharon Pisacreta and nany more. The store is at Wayne Road in the Oak Plaza. For information or to order books, call (734) 522-8018 SPOOKY STUFF

Virginia Bailey Parker, the author of "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton," will share some of

her anecdotes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. Her stories of apparitions, phantom sounds, objects moving on their own and eerie lights are set in some of Canton's Victorian farm houses. Her research turned up tales of childhood pranks, historic tragedies and other paranormal happenings, Call (734) 453-0750 for information.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library present Literary Outsiders: Contemporary Voices. This series at the Carl Sandburg

Library in Livonia offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness, stories that lay bare the terrible lies of love and madness that bind us all. Programs take place the following Tuesdays:

■ Oct. 26: Beans of Egypt, Maine Nov. 9: Family Dancing All programs begin at 7 p.m. The

Carl Sandburg Library is at 30100 W. Seven Mile. Call (248) 476-0700 for details.

BORDERS ROCHESTER HILLS

Borders Books & Music in Rochester Hills will present an eco-campfire, an indoor program that addresses environmental topics, at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28. Included will be sing-alongs, dance, interactive stories, handson props and crafts using recycled materials. This special activity celebrates the energy and spirit of the sun and moon. Call (248) 652-0558 for information. Local author Kim Delmar Cory will appear at Borders Rochester Hills to discuss her latest work, "Charlie Boy." "Charlie Boy" takes place around the turn of the century in Detroit and includes opening day at Bennett Park April 28. 1896. Cory, who is trying to get her Michigan historical novels accepted by fourth grade classrooms around the state, will appear during the store's Harvest Festival the afternoon of Satur-

day, Oct. 30. JCC BOOK FAIR

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish book fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the authors mini-fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park. More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment will be provided (both free). Call the center for details, (248) 661-7648.

# Pro Air to expand City Airport service

In a move that will allow it to develop a regional operation to feed its jet flights, Pro Air Inc. will launch "Pro Air Express" service from its base at Detroit City Airport.

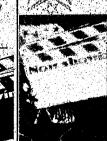
The airline will acquire three SAAB 2000 aircraft for the new service.

The new aircraft will enable Pro Air to introduce flights from

its Detroit hub to several smallto medium-sized cities that currently do not have low-cost air service. These new flights will also provide connections to Pro Air's low-fare jet operation. The airline is studying destinations for the new service and will announce new routes after signing agreements with airport officials and obtaining government approvals for the new service. The SAAB 2000 is one of the quietest and most modern

regional aircraft in the world. The aircraft is designed to seat up to 50 passengers, but Pro Air Express will operate it with just 36 seats in a corporate configuration that includes a voluminous storage area for carry-on baggage.





# Fund-raiser set for ailing comedian



Alyce Faye

Detroit comedians are hosting two fund-raising events for fellow comedian Alyce Faye of Farmington Hills.

Join The Friends of Alyce Faye 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street in Royal Oak (248) 542-9900; or 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Joey's Comedy

Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia (734)

261-0555, Tickets are \$10, additional donations accepted. Shows are for people 21 and

"Here you have a woman who is not only loved by other comedians, but she was also instrumental in Gilda's Club even before she found out she had cancer," said Mark Ridley, owner of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle and organizer of these events. "She's also a woman who is involved in other charities and never really asked for anything in return. We in the comedy community put rivalry aside (to show) our support.

Donations will go to three funds: The Providence Hospital Foundation, The American Cancer Society and Gilda's Club of Metro

Ridley said: "She's just a wonderful, wonderful person. I would love to see people turn

World-renowned cornet virtuoso Russell Gray will join the Motor City Brass Band in a benefit for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$10 adults; \$8 students and seniors, or \$25 for families. Call (248) 424-9022. Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit was founded

to extend comedienne Gilda Radner's vision of a special meeting place of social and emo-tional support for people whose lives are

touched by cancer.
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FINAL DAY

The Livonia Artists Club holds its affordable art sale 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 82777 Five

Mile, east of Farmington.
Prices range from \$1 to \$50 for works which include small framed and unframed paintings, christmas ornaments, cards and other small items. For more information, call Audrey Harkins at (734) 464-0031 or Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.

LITERARY EVENING

Virginia Bailey Parker, author of "Ghost Stories and Other of "Grow Canton," will tell some of those tales 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Ply-mouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.
The stories of apparitions,

phantom sounds in the night, objects moving on their own, and eerie lights are set in some of Canton's Victorian farmhouses. Her research turned up an interesting mix of myth, childhood pranks and historic tragedies; her storytelling talents help lis-teners fell the cold chills and physical jostling in rooms where no one else ran he seen.

To register for the free program, call (734) 453-0750. NEW SYMPHONY SEASON

The Redford Civic Symphony has announced the concerts for its 1999-2000 season. All of the concerts are free and begin at 3 p.m. unless noted. For more

information, call (313) 538-1652. ■ Christmas Concert-Sunday,

Dec. 19, Thurston High School.

Family Concert-Sunday Feb. 13, Redford Union High

Cabaret-Sunday, March 26,

Redford Thurston. Spring Concert-Sunday, May 21, Redford Union

Pops Concert in the Park-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Capitol Park, Redford.

ART EXHIBIT

The Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities, presents its "Wayne County-the Artists Among Us" exhibit through Nov. 5 at the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff.
For more information, call.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOWCASE

Madonna University holds its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Admission is \$2, children under 12 free. For more informa-

tion, call (734) 432-5603. Arts and crafts include pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking, and cross-stitch.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF BENEFIT

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Siciliano give a Taiwan Earthquake Relief Benefit Recital 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt Road,

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urday, Oct. 23 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. ARTISAN FAIRE Features many types of fine crafts

and lewelry at the Community House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6. 380 S. Bates. St. Birmingham. (248) 644-5832. CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL ARTS &

CRAFTS SHOW The 8th annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 8900 Newburgh Road. (734) 523-0022

CRAFT SHOW

Sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma more than 100 juried crafters 9-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 West Ann Arbor Trall, Plymouth. (734) 416-2997. DAVISON CRAFT SHOW

The 8th annual Davison High School Fall arts and crafts show is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23-24 at Davison High School, Davison. (810) 658-0440.

FESTIVAL OF THE WORLD

The 73rd original World Market featuring dance troupes, choral and instrumental groups, a variety of ethnic foods and arts and crafts. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (313) 871-8600.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ANTIQUES SHOW

Brass, silver, porcelains and American decorative arts are featured in the 5th annual show 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Preview night is 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. 26425 Wellington, Franklin. (248) 626-6606.

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FOCUS: HOPE

Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a selfaddressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Lathrup Village, MI, 48076-0569. LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR

A parent meeting for parents of 5th to 8th graders interested in singing in a youth choir. 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18 at Newburg Methodist Church, Livonia.

(248) 347-4134. LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

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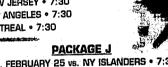




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Defensive dandy: Clarkston's Rocky Lund (24) and the defense shut down the Lake Orion offense in its 24-14 win over the Dragons Friday.



BRAD KADRICH

## Friday's title clash was what it was supposed to be

The wind howled, causing temperatures to instantly dip. Didn't matter. There was a little less pressure, because both teams had already qualified for the playoffs. Didn't matter.

There were bumps, bruises and injuries on both sides. Didn't matter, What mattered Friday night, when

the Clarkston Wolves and Lake Orion Dragons gathered on the new turf at Dragons Stadium to settle the little matter of an Oakland Activities Association Division I football title, was the moment. It was Clarkston-Lake Orion, the stuff of which strong rivalries are made.

What mattered to Clarkston was the memory of the Dragons dancing on their home field a year ago, after vanquishing the Wolves and claiming a share of last year's OAA I title with Troy and Rochester Adams. For Lake Orion, it was trying to muddle through without their quarterback and without, after one play of the second half, perhaps the OAA's best

player, pound for pound.

What mattered most was pride — Lake Orion hanging onto what they earned as a Final Four team last year; Clarkston taking back what they lost on their own field last year.

In the end, Clarkston walked off with a 24-14 victory, a win that gave the Wolves their second outright OAA I championship in four seasons. More than that, it was what high school sports should be all about, two proud programs giving it everything they ad in a contest that stayed fierce between the lines, gentlemanly outside them.

It might sound cliche, but sometimes cliches fit perfectly: In this one, there was a team that had more points and a team that had fewer points, but there were no losers.

"Clarkston's a great team," Lake Orion coach Chris Bell said. "They made some key plays when they had to. For one night, they were the better team and they deserved to win the championship

It was what you'd hope a high school game would be, players you expect to step up doing just that players you don't surprising you. All the key players made key plays: senior tight end Andy North's 20-yard reception on fourth-and-12: senior Chris Mitchell's 219 yards rushing for Clarkston; senior Mike Crawford doing a little of everything for Lake Orion; senior linebacker Matt Wohlgemuth ("that's WOHLGE-MUTH") hustling all over the field and even catching a touchdown pass.

The unknown guys made plays as well. Rocky Lund intercepted a ball that was nearly picked off by Ian Ramsey for Clarkston, and Adam Gebus racked up a huge 42-yard kickoff return.

Nick Stout caught the pass for Lake Orion's second touchdown, and backup quarterback Luke Denver gave it all he had for the Dragons.

It was all quite sportsmanlike, but with a strong undercurrent of compet-

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# **Football finery**

# Wolves beat Dragons 24-14 to grab OAA I crown

By Brad Kadrich Sports Editor bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

For the second straight year, it was the visiting team celebrating an Oakland Activities Association Division I championship on the vanquished home

The differences: this year it was the Clarkston; Wolves dancing on the field at Dragon Stadium in Lake Orion, and it was for the outright OAA I title after Troy Athens stunned Troy 41-26.

Senior running back Chris Mitchell pounded away at the middle of the Dragons' defense, and stabbed away at their collective heart, rushing for 219 yards as the Wolves pulled off a 24-14 win Friday night. The victory gave the Wolves (8-1 overall, 4-1 OAA I) their second outright OAA I title in four years.

Mitchell, running behind the Wolves' mammoth offensive line, carried the ball 39 times and scored a pair of touchdowns while sending Clarkston into the

state playoffs next week on a high note.

"Our guys won the battle up front," Mitchell said of his offensive linemen. "These guys beat us last year, and we wanted to prove we could beat them. They celebrated on our field last year, we celebrated on their field this year.

The Wolves had plenty to celebrate. Aside from Mitchell's performance, junior quarterback Ryan Kaul was an economical 6-of-8 passing for 74 yards and a touchdown. He did throw one interception; but the Dragons (7-2 overall, 3-2 OAA I) couldn't capitalize on it.

The Wolves, on the other hand, took advantage of their lone first-half takeaway, turning Rocky Lund's interception into a 31-yard touchdown pass from Kaul to Steve Schornak. Clarkston then came back and got a 37-yard field goal from Lund — on a kick that looked like it might have drifted wide left — to

claim a 17-7 lead with 9:05 left in the third quarter.
"They just beat us on both sides of the football,"
Lake Orion coach Chris Bell said. "We didn't play very well, but that's a credit to Clarkston.'

The Dragons were hampered somewhat by injuries. Starting quarterback Chad Day was out with an injury to his throwing hand, and senior fullback/linebacker Zak Keasey took a helmet to the knee on Lake Orion's first offensive play of the second half. But the Dragons were still in the game early in the second quarter when Mike Crawford, who did a little of everything Friday, found Matt Wohlgemuth with a three-yard touchdown pass with 7:06 left in the first half. The play, which capped a 16-play, 76-yard drive that consumed nearly 10 minutes of clock. Lake Orion converted a pair of fourth-down plays on the drive, including the touchdown.

Clarkston had taken a 7-0 lead on a lengthy drive of its own on the previous series. Mitchell scored on a 13-yard run to end a 13-play, 90-yard drive that



Big play: Clarkston's Steve Schornak (80) eludes the grasp of Lake Orion's Luke Denver during the Wolves' 24-14 win over the Dragons. The victory gave Clarkston the Oakland Please see FOOTBALL, C2 Activities Association Division I championship.

Wolves, Adams split cross country titles

By DANIEL STICKRADT

Rochester Adams cross-country coach Budd Ciccerelli admits that his mind was elsewhere during Thursday's Oakland Activities Association Division I meet. But the Highlanders' girls team was quite focused on the task at

Adams, ranked sixth in the state in Class A, put the finishing touches on its second straight league championship, placing five runners inside the top 11 finishers en route to 30 points and the meet title.

Rochester edged Troy 60-65 for second place, while Lake Orion (82), Clarkston (112) and Troy Athens (158) followed suit.

The Adams win, accompanied by a 5-0 dual meet record, gave Adams the overall title.

"In all honesty, my mind was not on this meet today," said Ciccerelli. "It's on November 6, when the state finals are. I knew that our girls were ready to run today, they did a great job. And I know they'll be ready for the regionals next weekend."

While the Adams girls squad was living up to its top billing, so was Clark-ston senior David Sage and his Wolves

Sage, who finished third last year. took the lead within the first 100 meters of the race and never looked back, cruising into pole position with a 15:55 clocking.

Clarkston, which edged out Lake Orion and Rochester for the league championship last autumn, won the team title with 39 points, despite two runners taking a wrong turn midway through the race. Lake Orion was second with 46 points, while Rochester (77), Rochester Adams (87), Troy (88) and Athens (171) rounded out the team

year we had a lot great run-

ners in the league with Jordan Desilets Please see HARRIERS. C2



Fresh frosh: Clarkston freshman Jenn Carlson scoots into the lane during the Wolves' loss to Troy Athens Thursday night.

# Athens gains measure of revenge with 52-39 win over Clarkston

BY CHRIS MAYER

With a difficult four-game road trip on the horizon, winning at home Thursday night was in the best interest of Troy Athens' girls basketball team.

The Red Hawks did just that by knocking off Oakland Activities Association Division I foe Clarkston 52-39. The guard tandem of Chizzy Nwanko and Tania Moe combined for 31 points, six assists and six steals as Athens avenged a nine-point loss to the Wolves earlier

"This is a good win for us," said Athens head coach Joe Clinton, who watched his team improve to 7-7 overall and 2-5 in division play. "We've got some tough games coming up on the road, but our goal is to play well in the final six games of the regular season and get ready for the district tournament.

Clarkston (7-8, 1-6) defeated Athens on Sept. 16 by a score of 42-33, but coach Ann Lowney's squad simply couldn't get into a rhythm on this night.

The Wolves hurt themselves with an inconsistent half-court offense, a lack of rebounding and the inability to shut down Nwanko (17 points) and Moe (14 points) on the defensive end. Furthermore, Kristen Falck left midway through the third quarter with what appeared to be a serious knee injury.

"It was just one of those nights for us."

Lowney said. "We missed some easy baskets and we never really got anything going. Athens did play a good man-to-man defense, but it's not like we haven't seen a man-to-man

The Red Hawks, who play five of their final six regular-season games on the road beginning with a matchup at Rochester on Tuesday, opened the second quarter with a 14-2 run for 25-9 lead.

The third quarter started much the same way as Nwanko, a 5-foot-5 junior, and Moe ignited a 14-4 spurt. Nwanko, whose fine allaround performance also included six ebounds, two steals and two assists, scored eight points during the run and Moe drilled two 3-pointers, the second of which came with 4:10 remaining in the period and upped the Red Hawks' advantage to 43-19.

"Chizzy and Tania both had strong games," Clinton said. "They were looking to drive to the basket and they did a real nice job on the give-and-go play."

Clarkston turned up its defensive intensity in the fourth quarter and closed within 47-35 following Candace Morgan's steal and subsequent layup with 2:25 left. But that's as close as the Wolves would get as sophomore Kristin Dierwa made a pair of baskets 17 seconds apart to seal the victory for Athens.

Morgan paced Clarkston with 10 points, Rachel Uchman chipped in eight points and Kira Karlstrom had seven points.

## Classic from page C1

itive angst. Mitchell ran like a man possessed, carrying the ball 39 times for 219 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He was running behind a massive, all-world offensive line, but he also ran like he had a point to prove.

"They beat us last year, and we wanted to come out and prove we could beat them," Mitchell said, "They celebrated on our field last year, we celebrated on their field this year."

-It was a joyous time for the Wolves, less so for the Dragons, who now know how Clarkston felt 12 months ago. The Dragons didn't give it their best effort, failing on some crucial plays and generally not coming to play. They were hampered by the loss of quarterback Chad Day, who broke a hand a couple of weeks ago, and fullback/linebacker Zak Keasey. But Crawford, who played quarterback, running back, receiver and defense, as well as handling the kicking and punting, wasn't leaning on excuses afterward.

"I'm upset because we didn't come to play," the senior said, nearly spitting the words through clenched teeth. "I know it's just a game . . . (but) I hope we see Clarkston again in the playoffs."

That shows Crawford has his head screwed on right. If they don't get healthy, the Dragons will need to be focused. For now, though, they should lick their wounds quickly. The sun came up Saturday morning and, hopefully, players on both sides realized what Crawford knew: It was just a game.

And the players — on both sides of the scoreboard — played it magnificently.

## Football from page C1

took just over six minutes. The key play was a pass from Kaul, who threw a perfect strike to senior tight end Andy North over the middle that gained 20 yards on a fourth-and-12 situation. Mitchell scored on the next play.

Perhaps the game's biggest play came midway through the fourth quarter, Leading 17-7 but facing a third-and-20 at their own 25, the Wolves' line sprung Mitchell for 25 yards and a first down at midfield. Eight plays later Mitchell got his second touchdown on a five-yard run with four minutes remaining.

"That was a great call by (offensive coordinator) Mike Stefanski," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said, "We asked our big guys up front to get it done, and they did a great job. They came through when we needed them."

Lake Orion added a 17-yard scoring pass from quarterback Luke Denver (10-of-17, 97 yards, 1 TD) to junior receiver Nick Stout with 2:24 left in

The playoff fates of both teams will be announced today (Sunday) on the high school football selection show at 6 p.m. on Fox Sports Detroit.

## Harriers from page C1

(Lake Orion) and Adam Cross (Adams), and even Sean Secord (Rochester), so I really wanted to win it this year," said Sage, "This was our last year. We've got to remain focused."

Clarkston seniors Matt Haver and Brett Quantz were in second and third, respectively, around the two-mile marker, but ventured off the path and finished sixth and eighth

Lake Orison senior Adam Frezza finished second in 16:08, while Troy junior Nick Gillett (16:12), Lake Orion sophomore Michael Colt (16:14) and Rochester junior Chris Gumz

(16:23) rounded out the top five.

"That really made the meet interesting because Lake Orion firished only seven points behind us," said Clarkston coach Mike Taylor of the mishap. "I know they only lost about 25 yards or so, but it could have been worse. I am a little disap-

pointed, but we still won. And it's better that we had an off day here instead off at the regionals."

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The regionals is what Lake
Orion coach Stan Ford is gearing

towards.
"Finishing second to Clarkston is all right with me," said Ford.
"If our guys run with them, they'll pull us along right with them."

In the girls meet, Adams junior Katie Boyles came within 15 seconds of the course record, Boyles, the defending league and state champion, led from start to finish; which saw her post a 18:27 clocking — some 42 seconds ahead of Rochester sophomore Courtney Meeker, who finished second in a respectable 19:09

Clarkston senior Nicole Fisher (19:15), Rochester sophomore Leigha Christian (19:20) and Adams freshman Shannon Stanley (19:22) concluded top five in the field of 42 runners.

The top 15 finishers garnered all-league honors.

For Rochester coach Larry Adams, the second place finish was bittersweet.

"Our girls, in particular, ran really well," said Adams. "We knew we didn't have a great dual meet season, losing to Troy, Adams and Lake Orion, But we came back and beat two of those teams to move up to third over-

Clarkston coach Deb Zonca was a little disappointed, but still saw some girls come though with personal records.

"I am disappointed that we didn't catch Lake Orion," she said. "But we did have 3-4 girls run PRs, and as a coach you can't ask for anything more. If we all could've run our best this year, I think we could've caught them."

# Throw out the regular season as post-season soccer tourney begins

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Come Monday, the past three months of prep boys soccer games and practices will mean nothing.

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area, there are a handful of schools, big and small,
that will be gunning for one of the four MHSAA
titles, which will be crowned in just three short
weeks

But before we look that far ahead, let's take first things first and review the area's 11 districts, which will surely be a dog-fight with dozens of quality and state-ranked contingents vying for a regional berth.

Here we go.

DIVISION I
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM DISTRICT
(Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham
Seaholm, Southfield, Southfield-Lathrup,
Troy, Waterford Kettering) — Strength of
schedule will truly be the difference here. Troy
and Seaholm, a pair of defensive minded squads,
have played top-notch schedules, which is evident
as both are around the five-hundred mark. Kettering, on the other hand, has played a powder-puff
schedule and will likely see an early exit. But the

story here is unbeaten Brother Rice. A mainstay in the Top 5 all season, the Warriors were Catholic League champions, and have allowed just five goals all year with 10 shutouts. They may not score much, but they will find the net just enough liere to win this district. A Rice-Troy final, however, should be a good one.

PICK: Birmingham Brother Rice.
NOVI DISTRICT (Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, West Bloomfield) — Novi won the Division I title last year and, despite major losses to graduation, has escaped the rebuilding label with a stingy defense. The other four schools struggled during 1999 and whoever faces Novi in the final will see the lights shut off in a hurry.

PICK: Novi.

ROCHESTER ADAMS DISTRICT (Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Romeo, Waterford Mott) — Clarkston upset Adams in last year's final, but those two squads will face off in the opener and the Highlanders will remember that 2-1 defeat. Waterford Mott is enjoying its best season in nine years, but will have a hard time matching up in this district The most intriguing match-up here will be Monday's opener with Lake Orion and Rochester, a pair of teams that have played well in recent

final. However, Adams is hungry, and with extensive firepower, they are bound for the Final 4. PICK: Rochester Adams.

UTICA DISTRICT (Mt. Clemens L'Anse Creuse, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy Athens, Utica, Utica Eisenhower, Utica Ford II)—The district final should be played Monday night, when 10th-ranked Eisenhower, the MAC Red champion, visits OAA Division I and topranked Athens. Quite honestly, the rest of this district doesn't have much of a chance. And Athens has played an incredible schedule. I'm sure veteran Red Hawks coach Tim Storch will have his team ready for Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle in the regionals.

PICK: Troy Athens.
DIVISION II

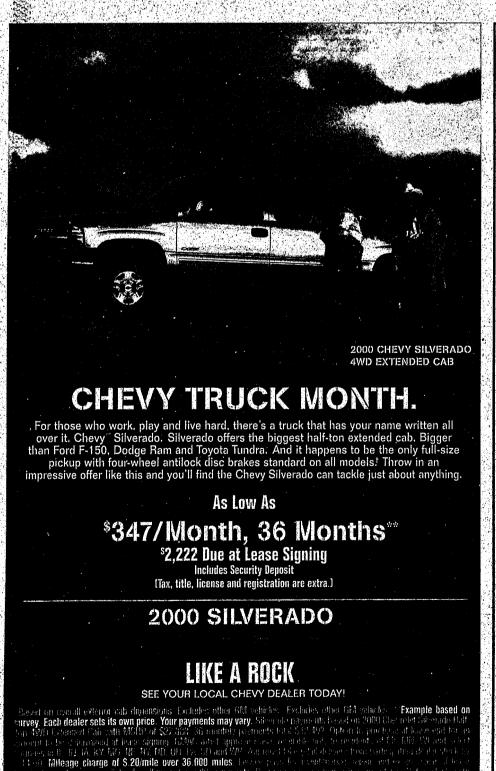
BIRMINGHAM GROVES DISTRICT (Birmingham Groves, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Berkley, Hazel Park, Royal Oak Dondero, Royal Oak Kimball) — This district should be a toss-up between three schools: Kimball, Lahser and Groves. Kimball won the OAA Division II title and beat Lahser twice in the season, but Lahser is quite capable of avenging Kimball. Groves has consistently played well this season and has enjoyed its best campaign in years. So who will win this jamboree? Overtime will probably decide whatever two schools face off in the final.

PICK: Royal Oak Kimball.

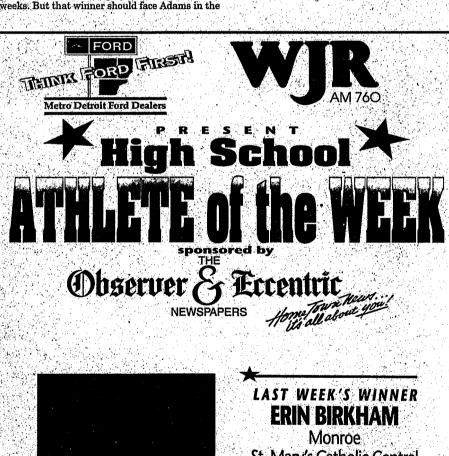
AUBURN HILLS AVONDALE DISTRICT (Auburn Hills Avondale, Mt. Clemens I/Anse Creuse North, New Baltimore Anchor Bay, Pontiac Central, Pontiac Northern, St. Clair, Warren Cousino, Warren Woods-Tower)—Even with eight teams, the breakdown here is quite simple, Pontiac Central and Northern are first-year teams; I/Anse Creuse North is in a rebuilding campaign after winning this district last year; St. Clair won the weak MAC Silver Division; Anchor Bay is a sophomore-laden team; and the two Warren Schools, Cousino and Woods-Tower, have played weak schedules, Host Avondale, on the other hand, is one of the hottest teams in the state, going 10-0-1 in their last 11 games, and recently captured the OAA Division III title. The Yellow Jackets should continue to roll here. PICK Auburn Hills Avondale.

LAPEER EAST DISTRICT (Flint Powers Catholic, Flint Kearsley, Flint Southwestern Academy, Lapeer East, Lapeer West, Oxford)—There are four decent teams in this district: Powers, East, West and Oxford West beat East twice, and Powers and Oxford once apiece; East beat Oxford twice, while Oxford beat Powers. So, the team that wins this district will have to step it up a notch. Oxford has dominated every one of the above-mentioned teams despite a 1-3 record against them. The Wildcats just couldn't finish their countless scoring opportunities. I've got a bunch they are due.

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PICK: Oxford.



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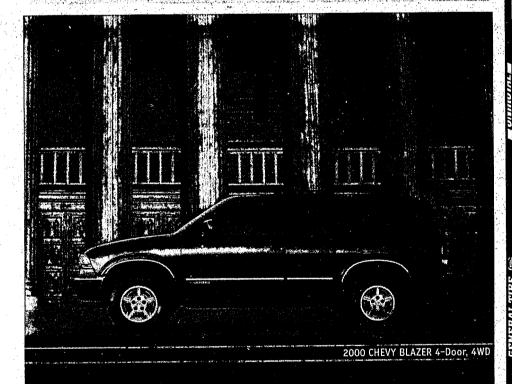
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#### DIVISION No. 8 at Utica

Game 1 - Utica Eisenhower at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.

Game 2 - Utica Ford II at Utica, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Sterling. Heights Stevenson, 7 p.m. Game 4 - L'Anse Creuse vs. Game 2 win-

ner at Utica, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29

champion.)

Game 5 - District championship game at Utica, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to Warren DeLaSalle regional vs. Birmingham Seaholm district

#### No. 10 at Birmingham Seabolm Monday, Oct.25

Game 1 - Birmingham Brother Rice vs. Birmingham Seaholm at Inglenook Park, 4.

Game 2 - Troy at Southfield, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Southfield Lathrup, 7 p.m.

Game 4 - Waterford Kettering at Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

regional vs. Utica district champion.)

Saturday, Oct. 30 Game 5 - District championship game at

Seaholm, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to Warren DeLaSalle

#### No. 11 at Rochester Adams

Monday, Oct. 25 Game 1 - Clarkston at Adams, 7 p.m. Game 2 - Lake Orion at Rochester, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Romeo,

Game 4 - Waterford Mott vs. Game 2 winner, (TBA)

Friday, Oct. 29 Game 5 - District championship game at Adams, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to Midland Dow regional vs. Saginaw Heritage district cham-

> No. 12 at Novi Monday, Oct. 25

Game 1 - Walled Lake Western at South Lyon, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 2 - West Bloomfield at Walled Lake Central, 6 p.m.

Game 3 - Novi at Game 1 winner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30

Game 4 - District championship game at Novi, 1 p.m.

(Winner advances to South Lyon regional vs. Wayne Memorial district champion.)

#### DIVISION II No. 22 at Birmingham Groves Tuesday, Oct. 26

Game 2 - Royal Oak Kimball at Berkley,

Game 2 - Royal Oak Dondero at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28 Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Hazel Park,

Game 4 - Birmingham Groves at Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30

Game 5 - District championship game at Groves, 1 p.m.

(Winner advances to Southgote Anderson regional vs. Auburn Hills Avondale district champion.)

#### No. 24 at Auburn Hills Avondalo

Monday, Oct. 25 Game 1 - Warren Cousino at New Baltimore-Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.

Game 2 - St. Clair at Auburn Hills Avondale, 7 p.m.

Game 3 - Warren Woods Tower vs. Pontiac Central at Wisner Stadium, 4 p.m. Game 4 - L'Anse Creuse North at Pontiac

Northern, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 5 - Game 2 winner at Game 1 win-

Game 6 - Game 4 winner at Game 3 win-

Friday, Oct. 29

Gamo 7 - District championship game at Avondale, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to Southgate Anderson regional vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

#### DIVISION III No. 38 at Detroit Country Day

Monday, Oct. 25 Gamo 1 - Clawson at Center Line, 4 p.m Gamo 2 - Madison Heights Lamphere at Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 7 p.m. Game 4 - Warren Fitzgerald at Game 2

Friday, Oct. 29

Game 5 - District championship game at Country Day, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to St. Clair Shores. South Lake regional vs. Gibraltar Carlson district champion.)

#### No. 39 at Unden Monday, Oct. 25

Game 1 - Linden at Pontine Notre Dame Prep. (TBA)

Game 2 - Armada at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, (TBA)

Game 3 - Bloomfield Hills Andover at Goodrich, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Game 4 - Game 1 winner at Ortonville Brandon, (TBA) -Game 5 - Game 3 winner at Game 2 win-

ner, (TBA) Friday, Oct. 29

Game 6 - District championship game at

Linden, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to St. Clair Shores uth Lake regional vs. South Lake district

champion.)

#### DIVISION IV No. 54 at Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian

Tuesday, Oct. 26 Geme 1 - Fairlane Christian at South-

field Christian, 4 p.m.

Game 2 - Plymouth Christian at Ann Arbor Greenhills, 4 p.m. Game 3 - Lutheran Westland at West-

land Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m. Geme 4 - Livonia Clarenceville at Franklin Road Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28 Game 5 - Game 2 winner at Game 1 win-

Game 6 - Game 4 winner at Game 3 winner, 4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 30 Game 7 - District championship game at

Fairlane Christian, 3 p.m. (Winner advances to Southfield Christian regional vs. Lake Fenton district champion.)

#### No. 56 at Aubum Hills Oakland Christian

Monday, Oct. 25 Game 1 - Warren Immaculate Conception at Rochester Hills Latheran Northwest,

Gamo 2 - Royal Oak Shrine at Bloomfield Hills Roeper, (TBA)

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Thursday, Oct. 28 Game 3 - Game 1 winner at Memphis.

Game 4 - Oakland Christian at Game 2 winner, (TBA)

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Dated: October 21, 1999 By: Plymouth Township Police Department

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Sun., Oct. 31, 1999 - 1PM
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# Auto journalists participate in fuel economy test

mother of invention, editors from Car and Driver magazine recently conspired to wring maximum miles per gallon (mpg) from Honda's new Insight, a hybrid vehicle that is

powered by a combination electric motor with a small 1.0 liter, 3-cylinder gasoline engine

The vehicle, rated at 61 mpg city/70 mpg highway — the highest EPA rating ever given, goes on sale in December. The

Options from page H1

Plus, dealers often try to lure

"Often they'll offer good deals and special enticements to return customers," Belzowski said.

So who's still buying cars? "Older people, people with more money to put down or people who drive 30,000 miles a year," said Steve Mcgowan, gen-eral sales manager at Red Holman Pontiac, 35300 Ford Road

The higher manufacturing quality of current models compared to cars built 10 to 15 years ago adds to the value of purchasing outright, Belzowski

"The good news is that cars are made better than ever, They're on the road for an average of eight years, although there is a certain amount of maintenance costs involved with keep a car that long," he

vehicle primarily runs on its Csere, an MIT-trained engineer gasoline engine, but its electric. He enlisted senior technical edimotor, which draws power from a nickel-metal hydride battery, boosts performance and generates power when the car slows down, recharging the battery.

Eager to showcase its mileage.

capability, American Honda Motor Company invited writers from automotive publications, including Car and Driver, Popular Mechanics and Ward's AutoWorld, to drive from Columbus, Ohio, to Detroit, a distance of nearly 200 miles.
The team that averaged the

combined highest speed and the best fuel economy would win a \$5,000 donation to the publica-

tion's favorite charity.
"This was our kind of contest, requiring skill and open to imaginative rules interpretation," says editor-in-chief Caaba

He enlisted senior technical editor Don Schroeder and contributing editor Don Sherman, both engineers by training, to formulate their winning strategy. "We were challenged and anxious to win," says Schroeder, "However, we felt we had to have a very creative strategy to achieve the best results."

"An excellent way to improve mileage is to 'draft' the vehicle in front of you — follow it so closely that the front vehicle breaks the wind for the second vehicle which means the engine doesn't have to work as hard to maintain speed," says Csere.

"It's a trick used by NASCAR Winston Cup drivers. They've learned that tucking in behind another car not only increases mileage, but increases the speed both vehicles can run."

After checking with Honda on the legality of drafting for the competition, the Car and Driver team laid out their plan.

Outfitting a Ford Excursion from their test fleet, the Car and Driver team used metal tubing, plywood and rubber-like sheathing to construct a big V shaped windbreak that protruded out and down from the Excursion's trailer hitch.

Schroeder says he drove so close to the rear of the Excursion that the nose of the Insight tapped the Ford's trailer hitch a time or two, fortunately leaving no damage to either vehicle. Schroeder and Sherman used two-way radios for communica-tion and when Sherman had to apply the Excursion's brakes he'd throw up his hand. Shroeder's amazing 121.7

mpg at 58 mph resoundingly

beat second-place, Popular Mechanics which turned in an impressive, but less creative 83.4 mpg at 59 mph. Honda awarded both publications a \$5,000 check. Car and Driver was also honored with a best overall while and Popular Mechanics won best in class. Ward's team achieved an honorable 73 mpg while averaging 61. mph

Car and Driver is donating its winnings to Arbor Hospice, an Ann Arbor, Michigan based organization that gives aid and comfort to people with terminal illnesses and their families.

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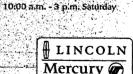
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# Look at options before leasing, buying a car

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE STAFF WRITER

Glancing down at your vehicle's odometer, you see six figures

That knock under the hood just keeps getting louder, no matter how much money you throw at the problem. You finally got that promotion at

There's no doubt about it — it's time for a new car. But before you go run-ning off to the dealership, blank check in hand, consider your options.

Perhaps purchasing that new ride outright isn't the best choice. Depending on how much you drive and how much you have to spend, it may be advantageous to lease a car rather than buy one.

"Cars depreciate in value. I always say that you should try to buy things that appreciate and lease things that depreciate," said New York financial journalist John Goodman.

Goodman appears on NBC's "Early Today" and regularly speaks on Detroit's talk radio station WJR. He's also author of "Everybody's Money

Book," a guide to personal finances.
"Since leasing takes a smaller. amount of money out of your pocket, you can free up capital to invest in something that's going up in value," Goodman said.

But if you face a lengthy commute or plan to lend the car out to your cruise-happy teenagers, a lease may cost more than you expect.

"You have a set amount of miles you drive, after that you pay a per-mile fee. If you go over those mileage restrictions you could really get burned," said Bruce Belzowski, a senior research associate at the University of Michigan Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation.

Leases specify charges of up to 15 cents per excess mile. For a lower rate, lessors can purchase more miles than the standard 12,000 per year, but doing so will raise the monthly payment.



Goodman said it's important to read "fine print" on your lease deal to avoid high mileage charges and hidden costs. He also noted that prospective lessors should beware the residual value, or the estimated value of the car upon termination of the lease.

Essentially, there are two types of leases, "closed-end" and "open-end." In an open-end you're betting on the value of the car upon termination of the lease, while a closed-end lease allows you to return the car without further responsibility (minus mileage and other fees).

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"The bottom line is that you want to keep the down payment as low as possible and keep the residual value as high as possible," Goodman explained. The advantage to having a high

residual value is lower lease payments.

"If you get a high quality car that holds its value, your payments will be lower. That's because the leasing company can sell the car for more when you return it, and will not have to recover as much of the cost from you,"

Many leasing companies require the

first and last payments up front, and a ecurity deposit, which can be retained if you fail to make a payment or for mileage charge

-Despite the limitations, a third of the car market is made up of people who

Belzowski said a downturn in the economy in the early nineties brought more buyers into the lease market, and many of them have stayed there.

"It's great for people who don't want to take a large amount of money out of their bank account," said Gary Eisele, general sales manager for Birmingham Chrysler-Plymouth Jeep-Eagle, 2100 laple Road, Troy.

Eisele pointed out that lessors drive a car that is under warranty and can jump back into new car in three years.

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# Surviving acorporate shakedown

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND Stave Writer rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

esides death and taxes, the only other sure thing in our lives is hange, especially in the workolace. Call it what you will – downsizing, rightsizing, restructuring or, streamlining—it's still change.

In his newest book, "Turbulent Change, Every Working Person's Sur-vival Guide," author Peter R. Garber, a nationally recognized human resource professional and specialist in organizational change, maps out transitional strategies for the employee – from understanding change to altering negative attitudes, getting with the new program and, once again, climbing the career ladder with confi-

Attitude, along with the concrete ability to learn new skills, may be the most important component of a flexible employee, said Garber in a phone interview from California, where he was traveling on a job-related assignment

"We see so many people who say,

#### The corporate mirror

What is the organization's collective Impression on you? What's the sound bite?... Sometimes it's not fun to hear, but it can be the most valuable information," says Peter R. Garber. And what if you don't quite like your image? "It can change," he says. It may take awhile, but it can change.

Woe is me. That is almost a formula for disaster," he said. "Don't be a martyr. Even your closest of allies will get tired of hearing

#### Simple advice

PETER R. GARBER If your mother were a corporate executive, she'd echo the same advice Garber gives in his first chapter, Hearing the News."

Watch what you say. This doesn't mean your phones are tapped, but cubicles do have ears, Garber writes. What it means is there are very few secrets in the workplace. People just hear things in the normal course of their workday?

Don't begin your own silent protest. Continuing to use old terminology and refusing to use new technology or procedures could hasten your moving your desk closer to the exit door. And never send an angry letter to the higher-ups complaining about personal hardships resulting from the

Such a letter may end up in your ermanent personnel file, writes Garber: "The lesson here is simple: If you're going to make a fool of yourself, don't create a permanent record of it for future generations of bosses.

Above all, maintain your selfesteem. Your mother didn't raise any wimps. "You are the same person you

Book cover: Turbulent Change, Every Working Person's Survival Guide By Peter R. Garber Davies-Black Publishing, \$20.95.

were before the change was announced. If you felt good about yourself before, don't let the new changes affect your self-perceptions.

#### Recognizing change

Garber fully realizes that for employees to ride out organizational changes to their advantage, they must first recognize when change is coming. In chapter two, "Understanding Change," he discusses the 12 early warning signals, including:

- Problems are not addressed at once. Key decisions are postponed.
- Positions are left unfilled.

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### Firing forecast: Rough weather ahead

Several years ago I was given a confi-dential assignment to recruit a new sales manager for a growing company. Nothing unusual, except the incumbent sales manager was a personal friend of mine. The president of the company knew that I wouldn't spill the beans and my friend? once fired, would understand that it was just business and wouldn't be sore at me That's exactly how it turned out so the end of the story isn't too

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interesting. But the middle part is. It took slightly over a

year to find a new sales manager. Meanwhile, my friend would drop by to tell me about the changes he saw going on at work. He started to feel that something was wrong. After several disconcerting months, hé told me he was thinking about looking

for a new job. I was in the unique position of watching a person slated to be terminated try to make sense out of the new and ambiguous signals in his environ-

What were those signals? When should: you suspect that you are in trouble?

It often starts with a poor performance review. Now, enlightened managers will. tell you that performance reviews are pro-active affairs designed to change behavior and salvage employees, not precursors to termination. That might be true, especially if the review is based mostly upon quantifiable objectives. defined measures and action plans. But a sweeping, negative review that focuses on "feelings" and never goes beyond the ambiguous, might suggest the beginning of the end.

When the complaint against you is not fixable, the real message might be that you no longer "fit."

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During his telephone interview, Garber emphasized the importance of organizational politics. Employees don't have to be full-time players, but they should be acquainted with the game. Know who the mentors are and learn how to campaign, he said.

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Peter R. Garber is manager of Team-work Development for PPG Industries Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa. He has been with the company since 1980. He has written several business-related books, Including "Managing by Remote Con-trol" and "101 Stupid Things Supervisors Do To Sabatage Success.

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Finally, listen hard to what your true friends are trying to tell you. Technically, I handled the situation above in confidence. But when my pal started making overtures about leaving, I muttered something about it being a good idea to have an updated resume. When he really came under pressure I told him that the best defense is a good offense and there certainly isn't any harm in shooting out a few resumes.

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# High cost of development



Twenty years ago, when I began building in Michigan, I could buy a piece of property, process a plat for a residential subdivision, and start construction all within nine months. My father has told me that in the 1950s that process took 90 days. Today the same

process can take three years. The change has come with more government regulation that attempts to

avoid past ills, "Soft costs," such as longer development loans, more taxes and longer overhead, can add 20 percent to the cost of a home that takes four years to

In attempting to reverse past errors, today's building process has become more complicated than it needs to be. For example, some communities allow only large lots and exclude town houses or apartments. Roads and sewers, water and utility lines have to be stretched farther to serve fewer people, and so the cost goes up and the communities spread out. Added to soft costs, such regulation can add 30 percent onto a home's in taxes

Since builders follow the regulations that government develops, I would like to see area governments seek out builders' expertise and input on ways to help bring down the cost of new housing through improved, effective, simplified regulations. Looking ahead, I see retail goods

moving from community centers and malls to the Internet. New residential development will be more clustered. Out of necessity, government will eventually jettison cumbersome, out-dated regulations and make redevelopment of older urban areas and development of environmentally sensitive new subdivisions quicker, simpler and more economically viable.

Peter K. Burton is a third-genera tion builder and developer with 25 vears of experience. He is president of the Building Industry Association and president of Burton-Katzman Development Co. in Bingham Farms.

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# Just 10 homes available in Walnut Hills

Klein Construction will build lots and lots of amenities into its custom houses at Walnut Hills in Farmington

Standard features at base price include three-car garage, fireplace, air conditioning, separate tub and shower in the master suite, first-floor laundry and basement.

A double oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher also are included in all plans, as are wood or ceramic in the foyer, hallway, half bath and kitchen/ nook, carpeting throughout the rest of the house and 15 recessed lights.

Just 10 homes will be built off Haggerty between 13 and 14 Mile roads. A private subdivision park is on one side, the pond at an apartment complex on

Three floor plans, two colonials and a story-and-a-half, are offered prospective buyers. But Jeff Klein concedes that these are just starting points for

They'll be changing some room sizes, adding their particular touches," Klein Kitchens, cabinets, closets and upgraded materials are expected to be favorite targets, he added.

"We have an architect we use able to redraw some plans," Klein said. "I have a superintendent on site at all times, and I'm also on site every day. I'm willing to meet with any homeowners with any questions."

Carol Klein, Jeff's mother, is sales manager.

"People I'm getting here are from Farmington Hills," she said. "They want to stay. I think they like accessibility to freeways. That's the biggest selling point.

"We're right around the corner from the Haggerty Connector. You can get to Ann Arbor, Detroit and Lansing fairly easily," Carol Klein said.

Then there's more local attractions -"proximity to shopping areas, churches, synagogues," said Jeff Klein.

"The other thing people really like are really large lots," Carol Klein said. "There's 10 houses on five acres. None of the lots back up to another lot." "It's very quiet in here," Jeff Klein

At least five trees will be planted on every lot.

A 2,900-square-foot colonial with three or four bedrooms and 2% baths carries a base price of \$394,900; a story-and-a-half of 3-350 square feet



Hillcrest model: This story and a half has the option of four bedrooms with 3 baths or three bedrooms with 21/2 baths.

with four bedrooms and 3% baths. \$454,900; and a colonial with 3,600 square feet four bedrooms and 31/2 baths, \$474,900.

Those prices include a base lot, but all but one lot carry a premium from \$8,000-\$20,000.

Both colonials are under construction as specs.

The smaller colonial features a twostory foyer, study, dining room with butler's pantry, kitchen/ nook with two pantries and an island and great room with sloped ceiling on the main floor.

The master contains a pan ceiling, walk-in closet and two-sink vanity Three other bedrooms and a full bath

The larger colonial model features a circular staircase, living room and dining room with butler's pantry, study and great room with sloped ceiling.

All four upstairs bedrooms contain a

walk-in closet One secondary bedroom has a combination tub/shower, while bedrooms three and four share a jack-and-jill

Brick-and-wood siding are primary exterior materials. Tyvek insulation wrap is standard.

Walnut Hills is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Walled Lake school boundaries. There will be no sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$27.75 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation, half of sales price. That means the owners of a \$400,000 house there would pay about \$5,550 the first year.

The annual association fee to mainain the entrance is projected at \$100. Rodney and Elanna Broder have

ordered a three-bedroom colonial in Walnut Hills. "We liked the floor plan, layout, liked the way they seem to be doing things and we liked the location." Elanna said. We liked the models. It looked like

they would be quality homes."

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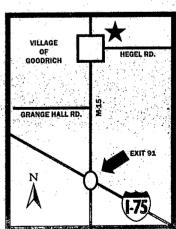
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Vaulted ceilings create a sense of openness in the formal living spaces at the core of this plan. Widely spaced columns support plant shelves that delineate he boundaries of the dining room, living room and hallways

A small powder room, tucked into the passageway to the kitchen, is close to everything.

Everyday activities take place in the large, open

family room/kitchen. The dows brighten the bathing cooking island is set at a alcove.
diagonal to create a unique Each of the Jamison's secshaped triangular

kitchen. Having the vegetable sink right across, from the range offers increased efficiency in food

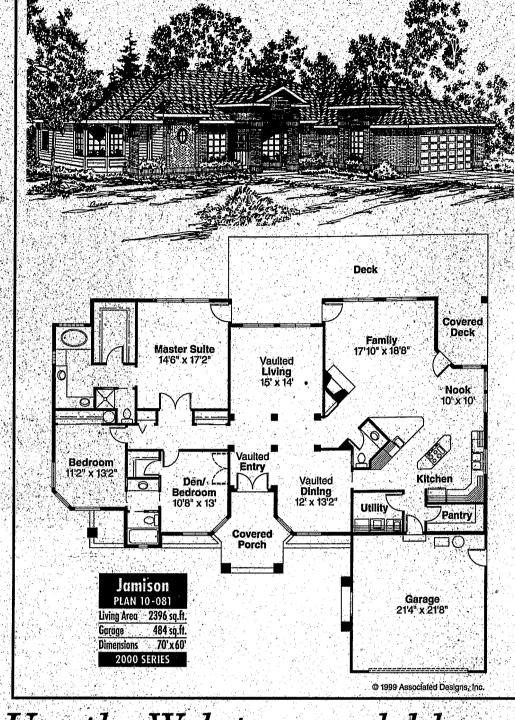
The eating bar adds still more counter space. Utili-ties and a walk-in pantry are conveniently located between the kitchen and the garage. On the far side of the kitchen, a glass door in the nook leads onto a

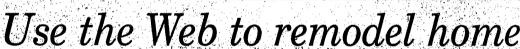
Bedrooms are clustered together at the left.

Luxury amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet, a private bathroom with two lavs, and an enclosed toilet and shower. Glass block win

ondary bedrooms has direct access to a dual-compartment bathroom. The bedroom closest to the entry porch could be outfitted with French doors and used as a den or office.

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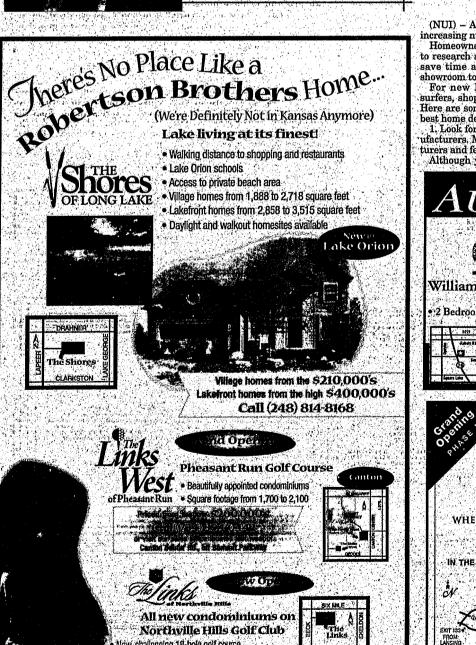
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For new Internet users or even experienced Web surfers, shopping on the Internet can be overwhelming. Here are some important guidelines to help you find the best home design sites on the Web. 1. Look for sites that feature products from many man-

ufacturers. Most sites are presented by specific manufac-turers and feature only products from that manufacturer. Although you can get some valuable information from

manufacturers' home pages, you would have to surf hundreds of different manufacturers' sites to get a feel for all your choices.

sites like HomePortfolio homeportfolio.com) which feature well-organized, independent editorial coverage of more than 12,000 premium products from more than 500 manufacturers.

2. Focus on sites that show quality brands. Your home is an investment, and quality products last longer and enhance the feel and value of your home.

3. Find sites that let you "clip and save" your personal

product preferences on-line. Some sites allow you to create a personal portfölio, and even "mark" the products you are interested in so you can take time to consider

your choices.

4. Avoid Web resources that force you to buy on-line. When it comes to home design products, a good Web site will help you find the nearest showrooms that will give you the option to touch, feel and buy your choice offline. Even if you don't visit a showroom, it's

good to have the option.
5. Plan your home's "look" and style before buying products. Consult with your architect, designer and builder. Share ideas with friends who have a good eye. A well-designed site will make it easy to share and collaborate on-line.

Compare products and pricing and don't make rash judgments.

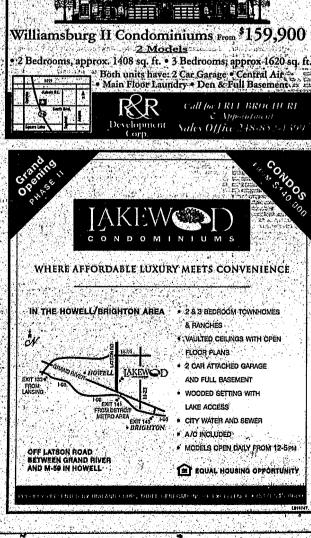
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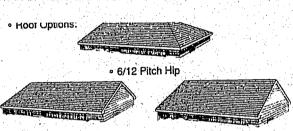
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# Payment plan gives you control

By Danny Lipford Today's Homeowner Magazine For the Associated Press

Writing checks for your remodeling project is never fun. The amounts can be staggering and there's always the concern that maybe you didn't get all the value vou were due.

Besides, every check written means you have less leverage ver your contractor. Payday gives contractors the jitters, too.

Although pros like to get paid, omeowners often save up their frustration until check-writing time and then unload it. Both of you can avoid this stress by agreeing on a fair payment structure. Then schedule separate progress meetings to review any concerns or complaints vou have - no reason to further complicate these meetings with check writing.

#### Payment plans

When it comes to paying your contractor or anyone who does work for you, a payment plan should be spelled out in the contract. And you should never pay for work that hasn't been done except for the initial payment that goes with the contract.

The amount due when you sign the contract ranges widely, but a general rule is 10 percent of the overall job.

Some states limit the size of down payments to prevent fraud. In California, for example, the first payment is limited to 10 percent of the job total or \$1,000, whichever is less,

Some remodelers deservedly isk for more upfront money if they are ordering custom prod-ucts that need to be fabricated ahead of time, such as countertops, windows and custom tile. But if you're wary of this arrangement, ask to pay the custom shop directly, or simply ask your builder for receipts.

For a job costing more than \$25,000, payments should be

For example, when the job is 20 percent complete, a payment is required, and so on: The problem is, most homeowners have difficulty judging the progress of a large job. If you're having an addition put on and the framing and sheathing go up, what part of the job is complete? Actually, a very small percentage.

And when it comes to plumbing, wiring and HVAC, these behind-the-wall systems can take weeks to complete.

During this time, you see little progress, though the remodeler knows a lot of work is getting done. These differing perceptions can be troublesome when the remodeler comes for a check and you complain that it doesn't look as though anything has been done since the last payment.

To solve this problem, my company, as do many others, schedules payments based on inspec-

City building inspectors are required to inspect and sign off on the foundation and framing, as well as on electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. These are easy milestones to tie the dispersal of funds to.

Paying out around 15 percent of the overall job cost at each of these stages works fairly well, but you will need to add other milestones for later phases of the job that aren't officially inspected. The ones I use include "dry-wall up and mud applied," "finish carpentry completed," "painting completed" and "punchlist completed."

Just make sure the final paynent is at least 10 percent and that it isn't due until after the final punchlist has been completed. You won't need as many milestones for a smaller job – they're overkill.

For projects under \$25,000, we like to use the third-third-third method. With this payout system, the homeowner pays one-

singing, a third halfway through and a third at the end of the job, with 10 percent of the final payment held in escrow to ensure loose ends are tied up.

(Again, check with the agency of your state government that regulates remodeling - often the department of consumer affairs for any limits on down pay-

This system is easier for you and doesn't involve huge risk; remodelers like it because the checks they receive are substan-tial and allow them to pay off their material costs all at once.

#### Pay situations to avoid

Some contractors will suggest unusual payment plans either at the contract stage or once the job hàs gotten under way. If this happens, the contractor is either dishonest or just a bad business man. Either way, protect yourself by following this advice:

■ Never pay weekly. Although the request isn't unusual, demands for weekly payments show that your remodeler does not have the financial wherewithal – or the relationships with subcontractors and suppliers – to support even a typical 30-day billing cycle.

Worse, near the end of the job, you will have little leverage. A less-than-reputable contractor who underbid will be tempted to walk off, knowing he's only leaving a week's wages behind.

Don't make payments in cash or with checks made out to cash. Any remodeler who wants payment in cash is probably trying to avoid paying taxes on income, has a bad relationship with the bank or doesn't have bank account at all. It should also prompt you to make sure his workers' compensation and liability insurance policies are

■ Don't pay earlier than called for in the contract. A remodeler

might come to you claiming he has underestimated material payments or, worse, underbid the job and needs an early progress payment.

Hard as it might be, you have to turn him down. If the contract clearly states when payments are due, stick to it. Paying early probably won't help the remodeler anyway, because he'll just be in a deeper hole before the next. payment is due.

Pay the same person each's time. Your remodeler should a have a designated "banker," someone who is the point person for all financial questions and complaints.

If one week you pay the carpenter and two weeks later the driver and the drywall foreman. after that, the lines of communication aren't clear. You don't know whom to speak to about a real problem, nor do you know who's really authorized to take your check to the bank.

If you experience any of the scenarios described here, confront your contractor right away.

- Also, keep good records in case the dispute goes into mediation or ends up in court. (If a subcontractor tells you he hasn't been paid or asks for payment directly from you, inform your remodeler about the situation and have him promptly remedy
- If a lumberyard or distributor calls you for payment because your remodeler's account is long overdue, discuss the matter with your remodeler.

If your remodeler claims he underbid the job and won't work until you agree to pay him more, show him the contract. He's got to eat his own mistakes

Award-winning remodeling contractor Danny Lipford, owner and president of a construction firm in Alabama, is host of the TV program "Today's Homeowner With Danny Lipford."

# Yes, non-wood siding takes paint

By Popular Mechanics FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Aluminum and steel sidings, which took the nation by storm in the 1950s and 1960s, promised - and delivered - an end to regular and costly paint-

But with much of it in place for nearly a generation now, these sidings are showing their age. Many homeowners, therefore, are opting to dress up their siding, ironically, with paint.

Paint coatings made for metallic surfaces are designed to chalk. It allows the paint to slough off tree sap, bird droppings and other natural stains.

If chalking is your only complaint, then a good scrubbing may be all your siding needs. If you've wondered, however, if your steel or aluminum siding would hold a coat of paint, with out initiating the very cycle of repainting that you spent good money to avoid in the first place, the answer is a qualified yes.

While your own paint job will not likely hold up as well as a factory coating, metallic surfaces generally hold paint better than

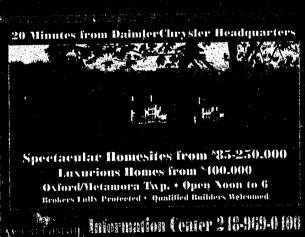
wood or composite-fiber surfaces. The reason is that metal doesn't absorb and release moisture with changes in temperature and humidity. This breathing process is what causes paint to blister and lose its grip on wood and hardboard sidings. Choosing the right paint is

ritical. You'll only want to do this once, so a garden-variety latex is out of the question. Instead choose a high-quality and slightly higher priced - 100percent acrylic paint. It will bond well to metal and dry with a hard, smooth finish.

Before painting, prepare the surface by removing the chalk buildup. A mild household detergent and a scouring pad will do the job. Scrub an area and rinse it off thoroughly before moving on. Seal any seams between exposed wood and siding, and plumbing and electrical open-

Painting aluminum requires close attention to detail. As always, start painting from the top and work down. Paint the ield first and then the trim. Make sure you load the brush with plenty of paint and smooth out your strokes carefully.





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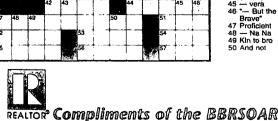
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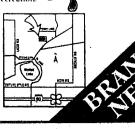
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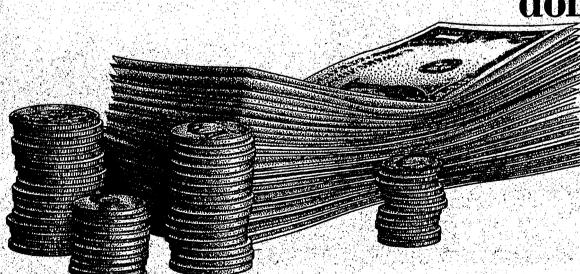
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AND HAPPINESS
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Siender, physically fit, eithractive SWF, 36, 67, likes aports, Select single/DWFM, 35-50, for committed relationship, Must like anymates. Kides Oc. TES375.

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