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dgar Clark once again finds himself in the thick of battle, and as we read, we remember the suffering and sacrifice of all veter-

May 28 am permitted through the mercy of a kind providence to write you from our old camp which we arrived at the day before vesterday. We have seen some very tough times. We was in the middle of fighting for six days and some of the time was under the worst firing the regiment ever was. I hope we will not try to cross the river again in this place. We have tried three times and that is enough. We lost five killed and 46 wounded. They must have been killed Saturday night. We fought till 12 o'clock. We fought a division of our own men thinking that they was the enemy. We killed quite a number. So much for poor generalship. It was a bad thing. Etell you. I have no doubt but what many of our men are now rotting on top of the ground. We was driven about two miles from where they died. Some of our wounded was not fetched off from the field in eight or 10 days. That is the worst feature of war, the suffering of wounds on the battlefield. One rebel was wounded that I saw. He had a leg shot off near the hip. We took him prisoner. He said he fought us at Fair Oaks last summer and was wounded and again fought us at Fredericksburg last winter but did not get hurt. This time he

got that leg shot off and I guess he will not fight us anymore. Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical

School board sets building schedule



■ Realizing everyone won't be happy with the plan, Clarkston school board members decid ed Monday to begin building a new elemen-tary while postponing renovation of some of the district's existing schools for another year.

Clarkston's school board unanimously approved a construction schedule Monday night for district-wide renovations and a new elementary school.

Here is the time line of the two-phase Phase 1 (fall of 1997 to August of

■ New elementary school

■ Sashabaw Middle School ■ The current Clarkston High

School Clarkston Elementary
North Sashabaw Element

- North Sashabaw Elementary
 Phase 2 (fall of 1998 to August of
- Andersonville Elementary ■ Bailey Lake Elementary
- Pine Knob Elementary

larkston Middle School

Officials from the district's architec tural and construction management. Roy G. French Associates Inc. and A. J. Etkin Co., respectively — recommended two different scheduling options for the 10-school project. While trustees preferred the first timetable that was introduced, they said they would consider French and Etkin's second exhibit if the location of the new elementary school negatively impacted plans for the first construction schedule. The site for the new K-5 facility has not yet been determined by board

places the new elementary school in Phase 2 and moves Andersonville and

Under French's and Etkin's first con-struction plan, new attendance bound, aries are expected to go into effect in the fall of 1999 when the new elemen-tary school opens. The second recommendation would most likely postpone that reshuffling of students until August of 2000.

Because of pleas by concerned Andersonville parents and others for earlier

Please see BUILDING PLAN, A4



Painting the town: Sarah Benson, an eighth-grader at Sashabaw Middle School, paints a Halloween scene on the front window of the Clarkston Cafe. Art students from both middle schools in Clarkston decorated storefronts downtown last week.

Halloween happenings

Clarkston area brews up fun for everyone

alloween isn't just for kids — not in Clarkston, anyway. The Eccentric, in scaring up this wrap-up of Halloween events, discovered that there are activities for kids as well as entire families, senior citizens and people with disabili-

From ghost stories around a campfire to magic shows, the list that follows includes hauntingly fun activities for everyone.

By the way, trick-or-treat hours on Friday, Oct. 31, have been set by Independence Township Board and Clarkston City Council for 6-7 p.m. Hours in Springfield Township are approximately 5-7 p.m.

Halloween Party

Indian Springs Nature Center in Springfield Township is holding a Halloween party for children in grades 1 to 4 and their parents at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18. Activities include entertainment, games and prizes, ghost stories around the campfire and refreshments. Registra-tion is required. Cost: \$5 per child, \$2 per adult. Indian Springs is at \$200 Indian Trail off White Lake Road, For more information, call (248) 625-



Good ghost: The word "good" can be read backwards over this ghostly image.

Halloween Hop

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Halloween dance for people with disabilities ages 8 and up from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

See HALLOWEEN, A4



Web site: Kendray Harlow (left) and Jody Thomson decorate the Olde Village Cafe window with spiders.

Councilman hopes to fund city projects via donations

By Carolyn Walker Stapp Writer

Clarkston Councilman David Sayage eager to see the Boundering downtown district revitalized, announced at Monday night's city council meeting that he and several residents will debut the Clarkston Village Enhancement Foun-

dation this fall.
The non-profit foundation will raise money for city improvements, through

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tax-deductible donations, and will be headed by city and Independence Township residents and business per-sons. It will focus on encouraging new businesses to locate in the city as well as on beautification and rehabilitation

projects, he said. Projects, he said.

"Our primary goal will be to create" like to see someth ideas that enhance the downtown.

"place," he said.

he said during a telephone inter-

area," he said during a telephone interview Tuesday.

With the foundation (residents and business people) will be able to have a positive atmosphere and your ideas. This approach allows us to take a more community active approach and takes it out of politics. Id ilke to see something positive take place, he said.

The foundation, Savage suggested,

Survey reveals stores shoppers want downtown

An informal survey conducted by area real estate brokers confirmed that Independence Township residents want the same types of stores in downtown

Clarkston as city residents do. About 70 people from across the township were contacted by telephone during the week of Sept. 22 and asked questions about the types of businesses they would like to see in the city and if they would shop at them, said council member Anne Clifton at the council meeting

Monday night.
Four real estate brokers called residents and other real estate agents to learn township residents would like a pharmacy, specialty stores, a bank, an ice cream parlor and a book shop on Main Street.

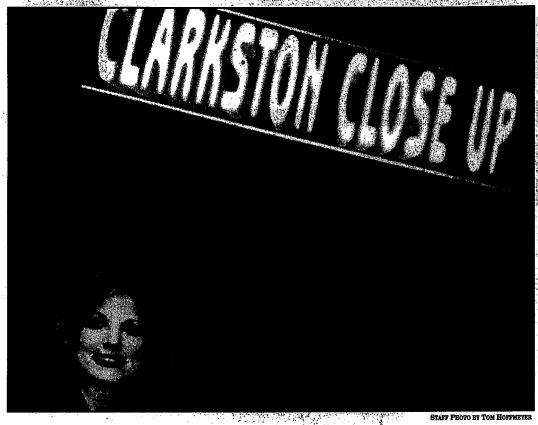
A survey conducted one year by city council revealed city residents have much the same desires. Lately, city council members have been wrestling

with what to do about the flight of businesses from downtown. Due to a variety of reasons, from retirement to dissatisfaction, business owners have closed a bank, a bookstore, a gallery and a boutique. Recently, the owners of Rudy's Quality Market announced that they, too, would be closing up shop soon.
"Several (township) people

said they wanted a bookstore when there was one and they didn't even know it," Clifton, noting that the Village Bookstore had not yet vacated its Main Street site when the survey was taken.

Based on that notion, Clifton said she thought some of the business district's problems might be related to a lack of

advertising. Several township respondents said they would support businesses in the city by patronizing them, Clifton said, adding, "Just because that is what residents say they would want downtown, doesn't mean they would survive



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On the air

Clarkston mom debuts broadcast career

BY DIANE BALDWIN SPECIAL WRITER

TCI Cable of Oakland County has a new program — Clarkston Close Up. The host of the show is Independence Township resident Marianne Melone.

The show started in June when Melone approached Erin Devlin, TCI cable coordinator, to ask how she could get involved. After helping out with the weekly Clarkston Evening News program, Melone was ready for more and started planning Clarkston Close Up. "I wanted

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something fun and upbeat," she

With a little effort and a lot of enthusiasm and creativity, she designed the set, planned the guest line-up and searched for he right background music. Her husband made the sign that hangs in the background. Each week she writes the script and oversees the final editing with her director and co-producer, Scott Stoick.

Clarkston Close Up is a talk show aimed at informing and educating viewers on a variety of general and fun topics. Guests and/or topics on past shows include: a magician from the Renaissance Festival; a chef who offered barbecue tips for summer grilling; a spokesman from Hal-loween USA who narrated a costume fashion show and displayed Halloween safety items; the director of Clarkston Community Education who discussed summer camps for kids; the owner of Birdfeeder Inc. in Clarkston who shared tips on feeding birds; and the Clarkston drivers' training supervisor who detailed the new driver training laws. Melone welcomes comments and ideas for future topics

and/or guests. Melone is the mother of two who lives and works in the Clarkston area. She ends each show with a thumbs-up signal for her children, who watch the show from home. This fall she eagerly accepted the newly created position of production assistant at TCI Cable. She hopes to eventually work with a television studio, as she has "always dreamed of working in the field of broadcasting." The 30-minute show can be seen twice a week — Monday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. — on

Cable show:

Marianne Melone (left) hösts the new Clark-

ston Close Up talk show on TCI cable

channel 65. Melone keeps

fun; Past :

guests have

the show's top-

ics general and

included a magician, chef, Halloween cos-

tume merchan-

diser and bird-

feeding expert.

TCI Cable offers free classes to residents of Independence Township who want to learn more about television production. Graduates can then produce their own shows or help with other ones. Contact Erin Devlin for more information at TCI Cable, 625-7069.

Channel 65.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE TO BIDDERS OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Bids will be received until October 24, 1997 until 11:00 a.m. at Oxford Area Community Schools, 105 Pontiac Street, Oxford, MI 48871. All bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:00 a.m. at Oxford Area Community School Building Board Room Office on October 24, 1997.

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Auditors: Clarkston schools budget is on target for 1997

It wasn't a bull's-eye - but it

The Clarkston School District received 0.10 percent more revenue than it budgeted for 1997 and spent 1.97 percent less than it predicted because of some ontarget planning by its business

And because the district successfully prepared to be in good financial shape, it is.

So said accountants from Plante & Moran LLP during a presentation of the district's 1997 audit at Monday's school board meeting.

"This is a tremendous indicator of what a good job the district has done in budgeting its money," P & M auditor Dan Gerard told the board.

The total revenue budgeted for 1997 was \$42,456,670. The actual revenue received came to \$42,501,202. With expenditures,

district \$42,195,810. The actual figure amounted to \$41,365,025.

According to Mike Walsh, another P & M auditor, the district received 85 percent of its 1997 revenue from the state. In total, revenues went up about 4.5 percent over 1996, "primarily due to the increase in the number of students you had in the district," Walsh said. "You had about 310 additional students and you get \$5,754 per student."

While expenditures rose from \$40,165,000 in 1996 to \$41,365,000 in 1997, Walsh said that 3-percent climb reflected the inflation rate.

The auditor also indicated that even though Clarkston receives less per-pupil funding from the state than most districts in Oakland County, it remains above the county average in its per-centage of operating dollars

spent for classroom instruction.

Moreover, Walsh said the dis-

trict's \$4,583,044 fund balance looked solid. "If you divide that number by \$41 million of expenditures, you get about 11 per-cent," Walsh said. "The statewide average — excluding Detroit — was also 11 percent. That would give you on a calendar-year basis about five weeks of reserve in your fund balance. If you go to school days, you have

However, Walsh mentioned that even though the district maintains a fund equity of \$4.6 million, "about \$3,700,000 is designated by the board and the administration for specific things they have planned for. So really. your undesignated available fund balance is \$1,100,000."

about 20 days of reserve right

Superintendent Al Roberts added that some fund balance monies might indeed be used to improve the educational process "as more data becomes available on how children learn."

POLICE NEWS

During the week of Oct. 6-13, the following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston.

Springfield Police

Vandalism

On Oct. 14, unknown persons damaged approximately 20 customer and company vehicles parked in the fenced-in portion of the Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle on Big Lake Road, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Stout. The exact number of damaged vehicles was not known as of Wednesday morning, Stout said. Several of the vehicles sustained broken windows and some had radio equipment

Thefts

On Oct. 6, a portable phone was reported stolen from a building along Broadway.

On Oct. 7, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on King Road. On Oct. 7, a car stereo was

reported stolen from a vehicle

parked on King Road.
On Oct. 7, cassettes were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Broadway.

On Oct. 8, a stereo, amplifiers and speakers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on

On Oct. 11, papers were reported stolen from a lock box at a business on Dixie High-

On Oct. 11, a flip phone, cassette tapes and television were reported stolen from a vehicle

parked on Louise. On Oct. 11, a bow target was reported stolen from a residence on Rattalee Lake Road.

On Oct. 13, a wallet, bracelet, cassette unit, cassettes and amplifiers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie

Building Invasions

On Oct. 7, a storage unit on Dixie Highway was reported to have been illegally entered. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

On Oct. 13, a home on Ellis Creek was reported to have been illegally entered. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Oct. 6, sunglasses and a cell phone were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie

Highway.
On Oct. 6, power tools were reported stolen from a construc-tion trailer parked on Cranber-ry Lake Road.

On Oct. 7, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Middle Lake

On Oct. 8, a stereo and cell phone were reported stolen from vehicle parked on Mann Road.

On Oct. 9, a bicycle was reported stolen from a home on North March Bank Lane. 🥡

On Oct, 10, golf clubs, a weed whacker and saw were reported stolen from a garage on Pine Knob Road.

On Oct. 10, a generator was reported stolen from a residence

On Oct. 10, groceries were reported stolen from the Kroger on Dixie Highway.

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On Oct. 11, two men reportedly defrauded a clerk at a business on Dixie Highway out of \$49 when they repeatedly distracted her by asking for change and then changing their minds about the size of the bills they had presented her and requested The men were seen entering at least one other business, where they engaged in the same behavior but got no money. The men were followed by a witness who contacted police. Police are investigating but have no one in

On Oct. 12. insulation was reported stolen from a home under construction on Forrest Valley.

On Oct. 12, clothes and other bagged items were reported stolen from a storage unit on M-

Vandalism

On Oct. 6, a fence and shrubs were reported damaged at the Oakhurst Golf Course on Oakhurst Lane.

On Oct. 10, a sign at a business on Dixie Highway was

reported damaged. On Oct. 11, a yard lamp was reported damaged at a residence

Independence Fire

on Southampton Drive.

During the week of Oct. 6-13, firefighters responded to 31 calls. Among them were the following incidents:

On Oct. 6, firefighters assisted a person who was having a dia-

betic reaction at a residence on **Curtis Lane**

On Oct. 6, firefighters assisted

a person who was having a diabetic reaction at a residence on Eastlawn.

On Oct. 8, firefighters assisted at the scene of a fuel spill on

On Oct. 9, firefighters assisted a person who was having difficulty breathing at a residence on Oak Park.

On Oct. 10, firefighters assisted a patient with Alzheimer's disease at a residence on Cramlane. The patient was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by ambulance for further evalua-

On Oct. 13, firefighters attended a roll-over accident on I-75 near Sashabaw Road. In the accident, a car struck a semitruck and the car then rolled over, coming to rest off the road and forcing the truck into a jackknife position. A passenger in sustained minor injuries, said firefighter Chris Norberg.

Clarkston Police

On Oct. 9, officers were notified that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department was holding a suspect with a Clarkston police warrant for failure to pay a fine and costs. The Ortonville man was turned over to Clarkston police and sentenced by 52/2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally to pay fines or spend four nights in jail.

On Oct. 10, officers responded to a report that a cell phone was taken from a vehicle parked on Surrey Lane.

On Oct. 11, officers responded to a report of family trouble on Buffalo Street. Officers were able to mediate the situation.

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CLARIFICATION

A news story in last week's Clarkston Eccentric about the parking and political problems plaguing downtown Clarkston should have included a comment by Vanessa's manager Nick Saiz. Saiz, husband of the dry cleaner's owner, said he favored putting parking meters along Main Street to ease the responsibilities of Clarkston police officers, who must patrol the park-ing spaces, and to help control parking limits.





Haunted Forest won't go on this year

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

The annual Haunted Forest in Clintonwood Park won't be put on this year because so many nearby communities offer similar programs and attendance has declined recently, according to the director of the department that sponsored it

for eight years.
"There's a lot of them in the said Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin, referring to places where peoINDEPENDENCE

ple can go to give their wits a scare. "Everything, once in a while, you need to take a breather from. We just didn't feel there was a need for it with so many others in the area.'

While the Haunted Forest is being discontinued, at least temporarily, the kid-friendly Friendly Forest will occur as usual at Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road west of Sashabaw. The Friendly Forest, unlike the Haunted Forest if the forest will be offered next — which with its goblins and year. bugaboos was geared to give Halloween enthusiasts the heebie-jeebies - features fun fantasy and story characters.

Conklin, who has been the parks director for nine years. originated the Haunted Forest eight years ago. During its peak season, some 4,200 patrons visited. Last year only 2.000 showed, she said, citing the declining attendance as a reason for the forest's hiatus. Conklin said she doesn't know

Usually, she said, it cost \$15,000 to \$18,000 to produce the forest. In addition, 70-80 people were required to operate equipment or act as participants each night.

While the parks and recreation department broke even most years on the program, Conklin said, it occasionally made a profit, which was used to reimburse community service organizations for their help in staffing the program.

Halloween from page A1

Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. Participants will dress up in their favorite costumes to walk down "trick or treat street" and then dance to the music of a D. J. Cost: \$5. Dinner and drinks are included. For more information, call 858-7596.

Halloween Magic Show

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to put on their Halloween costumes and come to the magic show featuring Michael Mode from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Independence Township Library. Halloween treats, a ghostly movie and the library's famous Ghost-A-Lottery are also part of the excitement. Tickets for the free event are available at the library at 6295 Clarkston Road. For more information, call the library at (248) 625-2212.

Noah's Ark Festival

Dress up like your favorite animal for Noah's Ark Fall Festival from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Trinity's Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road (1/2 mile north of Pine Knob) in Clarkston, Parents may accom-

pany their children and enjoy the fellowship, too. Donuts, soft drinks, candy and prizes. Suggested donation: \$2 per child.

Kids' Party

Games, treats and fun are available for all kids at an American Legion-sponsored party being held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Post No. 377 located at the end of Mary Sue Street off Maybee Road in Clarkston. Hot dogs are available for a small fee. For more information, call

Friendly Forest

Younger kids can enjoy trick or treating at decorated stations while strolling through Clintonwood Park at 6000 Clarkston Road in Independence Township. Friendly Forest" will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Tours are available every 15 minutes starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 7:45 p.m. Registration is required. Cost: \$4 per resident, \$6 non-resident. For more information, call Independence Parks and Recreation at (248)

Featured Creatures

Independence Oaks Nature Center at 9501 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston has several evening programs beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. View live animals presented by Species Survival including lizards, snakes, spiders, birds of prey and maybe even a black cat. Also, enjoy cider and doughnuts, make-andtake kid crafts, a stage show and more. Cost: \$4 per person. Registration is required. For more information, call (248) 625-6473.

Senior Citizens' Party

The Carriage House in Clintonwood Park at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clarkston will be decorated and guests are required to dress for the party being held 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at the Independence Township Senior Center. Bingo will be played following lunch. Lots of treats will sweeten the occasion. Cost: \$2 lunch donation and one canned food item to be donated to the Lighthouse Food Pantry. Registration required by Wednesday, Oct. 29. Call the senior center at (248) 625-8231 for additional information.

Trick or Treat Trail

Children can receive treats from 12 stations down a scary and spooky path at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. Advance tickets for children under 12 are available at the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation office for \$3. Tickets are \$3.50 the day of the event. For more information, call (248) 634-0412 or 634-3382.

Fall Fun Fest

A safe alternative to trick-ortreating or a fun place to go after trick or-treating is North Oaks Community Church at 4453 Clintonville Road south of Mann Road from 6 - 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. Dinner of hot dog, chips. popcorn, veggies, beverage and dessert will be provided. (Donations will be accepted at the door.) Games for all ages, face painting, prizes, puppet show and candy galore are included. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. (No scary ones hv Oct. 26. Call (248) 674-9059.

Building plan from page A1

scheduling of their schools' renovations, trustees said they realized the decision would not be met with total agreement. However, they said that they based their votes on construction phasing criteria that had been established with community input

from previous board meetings To illustrate that, Craig

Kahler, the district's director of business services, displayed spread sheets on an overhead Monday comparing school buildings' ages, enrollments, core capacities and other factors that affected the recommendation.

Before the vote was taken. trustee Sheila Hughes explained her own sentiments to the audience with a voice full of emotion. "No matter what we do, there's going to be someone who's unhappy with it so I guess the ultimate responsibility lies with us as the board," Hughes said. Several of us have been in this scenario many times because we wanted a project to be done so

our children could be in that project. One of them was the new high school that's being built. I would have loved it if George's son (George White, principal of North Sashabaw Elementary) and Dave's daughter (assistant superintendent Dave Reschke) and my son had been a part of it. That would have happened if the community would have approved a new high school in 1989. But that didn't happen. But that didn't mean we didn't (still) support it (after 1989).

"All of us understand that there are going to be emotions and we're going to have to set that aside and move forward with this, and it's for the betterment of the children of this com-

Board president Karen Foyteck agreed with Hughes, but elaborated on the benefits that children will still experience even if they leave elementary school before renovations are completed. "I've had parents say to me, 'Well, my child will not benefit from the improvement of this elementary school,' Foyteck said. "But even if your child is a fourth- or fifth-grader, your child will benefit because he or she is going to go to an improved middle school. So, whether they're in the thirdgrade, fourth-grade or fifthgrade, they are going to benefit all the way along.

munity that we do this."





(248) 356-7007

Concerned about a fire downtown, city eyes new safety inspections

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

A proposed safety inspection ordinance got through its first reading before the Clarkston City Council Monday night, but not without some discussion about what it will mean for business owners in the downtown

Spurred on by firefighters' fears that a fire in the downtown district could spread rapidly, the ordinance was developed by city attorney Tom Ryan. It would require business and commercial owners to have annual inspections and to fix any findings that could pose a safety hazard including fire hazards - but would not require the owners of old buildings to bring them up to BOCA code standards if they

were deemed safe, Ryan said.
"They have a public building there. They have a duty to keep it safe," said Ryan. "We're not being Big Brother. This is not an unfriendly ordinance. We're trying to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. We have a tremendous asset here which we're trying to

On Wednesday morning, Inde-pendence Township Fire Chief

Gar Wilson commented on the

We're concerned if we get a fire on the east side of town, we're going to have a tough time stopping it," he said.

Wilson said he would like to see city standards come into line with the township's standards. The fire department currently does inspections of commercial property once or twice a year for the city and the township. They are permitted to enter buildings for inspections by the BOCA Fire Code, Wilson said.

The BOCA code, a partner code to the BOCA Fire Code, used in most communities, addresses structure, plumbing, electrical standards and similar matters, Ryan said. BOCA stands for Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc.

In Independence Township, according to Wilson, the code ordinance goes "over and above" the BOCA code standards.
"If they adopted our Indepen-

dence code, that would be nice," Wilson said. Residential buildings would

not come under the proposed Some council members were

for repairs would be allowed for building owners and what fines

or fees would be established. Councilman David Savage asked whether, for example, an owner whose building had frayed wiring in only a single spot would be required to fix only that spot or to rewire the whole building.

Wilson said during a telephone interview that in a hypothetical situation such as that, he would like to see all the wiring updated. He said, though, that a decision like that would probably be made by the city's building

And Councilman Doug Roeser said he would like to have the council solicit input from business owners before the ordinance is adopted.

You don't want it to come across as business unfriendly," said council member Anne

Rvan said he would work on the ordinance's language concerning those issues before its second reading.

The proposed inspection ordinance must face a second reading before the council before it is Harpbeat



Music review: Harpbeat performers Maria Flurry (left) and Donna Novak (second from right) entertain at Andersonville Elementary School with help from students (from left) Billy Williams, Samantha Brabandt, Michael Mossing and Dana Johns.

All ears: Andersonville pupils (left to right) Dana Johns. Kobyn Eakin and Vanessa McGowan enjoy Harpbeat's performance Friday. Using a comedy routine, the musicians taught the students about the sounds various instruments make.



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age's idea, but said the problems faced by the downtown district have many sources. She said she hoped foundation members would not be "frustrated" in their efforts.

"It's not going to hurt. You can't argue with anything that would improve the downtown,' she said. "I have no problem with it. Input from any area is good. I just don't want them to be frustrated.

Catallo said competition from malls, changes in shopping trends and the fact that people, especially women of the 1990s, have less time for leisurely shopping than they used to, have all contributed to the problem of running a small business.

"In this day and age, it's just changed," she said. "You could (in the past) spend all day here but now you can't. But nobody has all day. There are a lot of things that go into what's happening downtown.

Savage, 50, said he has the cooperation of his wife, Grace, and neighbor Dan Colombo, who has announced his candidacy for council, as well as others. He said he conceived the idea of a foundation about six months ago, in part as a response to what he perceives as a lack of vision and action on the part of sonte council members.

Savage, a graphic designer and photographer who has lived in Clarkston for four years, was elected to the council two years ago. In that time, he said, little has been accomplished by way of upgrading the downtown district even as businesses leave the city. The National Bank of

Detroit, Village Bookstore, Calcote Country shop and Milieu Gallery all left in recent months for various reasons. Recently, Robert Esshaki, owner of Rudy's Quality Market, said Rudy's will be following suit sometime in the next 18 months.

About one year ago, Savage proposed having the city and business owners jointly pay for an \$8,000 study by Hyett Palma, a visioning organization that helps small cities deal with business concerns. The council never took formal action on Savage's proposal, though he said he has not abandoned that quest either.

Many cities, Savage said, find themselves in situations similar to Clarkston's, with business districts that are languishing as small business owners attempt to compete with chain stores and

Theyre only making a come-back by having a strategy in place to make that happen," he said, "An action plan like Hyett Palma can compete with big competition ... We cannot throw our hands up and say we're done for. We have to compete ... in our wn unique way."

own unique way."

In a separate matter Monday, city council agreed to form a subcommittee of members, Bill,
Basinger, Karen Sanderson and
Sharron Catallo to meet with
Esshaki to persuade him to keep
Rudy's in Clarkston, sell to
another grocer or keep the building for retail use.
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A different subcommittee was

set up to meet with business owners or residents who wish to bring complaints to the city's attention. Such complaints

might deal with building permits, building inspections, side-

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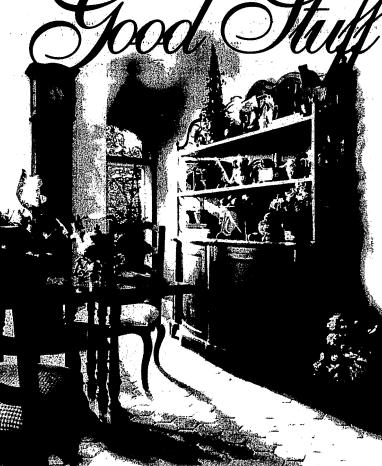


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'Smart discipline' can help kids resist peer pressure

By Jan Baker SPECIAL WRITER

If you shout, yell or scream at your kids and that doesn't improve their behavior, then don't expect that more shouting, yelling or screaming will be the

That's just some of the advice Dr. Larry Koenig gave a crowd of more than 300 Clarkston parents at his "Up with Parents" seminar at St. Daniel's Catholic Church Sunday night. The 2 1/2hour workshop was sponsored by the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth. It was the group's second fall parenting workshop in two years

With wry wit, the Baton Rouge family therapist covered a gamut of parenting issues in the crowded church. However, his first anecdote of the evening drew some of the biggest chuckles as people seemed to recognize a very common parenting response.

Bill and Bob

"One of my favorite parenting analogies starts off with a story about two guys, Bill and Bob, who go hunting every year together," Koenig began. "This

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particular year, they decide to back up into the mountains of Montana to go hunting for elk. They wanted to go up to their favorite hunting lodge which was way up in the mountains and on this beautiful mountain lake, but unfortunately the area was only accessible by sea plane.

"When they got off the plane, they asked the pilot to come back in a week and pick them up. They shot six elk that week and got them down by the dock just in time for the pilot to pick them up. But as Bill and Bob were trying to load the six elk onto the pontoon of the plane, the pilot said, 'Wait a minute, guys. You can't put six elk on this plane. It'll be way too heavy. We'll

never get out of the mountains!
"Bill and Bob argued the point: 'We had six elk last year, same kind of plane, same size engine, same size wing span - every-

thing was the same.'
"The pilot said, Well, all right." They all got in the plane together and they took off just fine. But four or five minutes into the flight, they crashed into the side

of the mountain. After about a half hour or so, Bill and Bob were stretching out of the wreck-age there and Bill was looking around and he said to Bob, Where do you suppose we're at?'

Bob looked around a little bit more and he said to Bill, Well, according to my calculations, we're about two miles from where we crashed last year!"

The room erupted in laughter. "Isn't that the way we are as parents so often?" he said. "Our kids misbehave so what do we do? We yell at them. We scream at them. We lecture them. We threaten them. We punish them in all kinds of creative ways and then two hours later, the kids do the same exact thing. And what do we do? The same thing that didn't work two hours

Koenig explained that a good system of discipline and a home environment where children can freely express their feelings are not only good for kids' esteem, but they help kids say no to peer pressure. "Peer pressure derives its power from the No. 1 fear among kids today — the fear of being left out, the fear of being different, separate,

apart, uncool," Koenig said. "A child will do almost anything not to allow that to happen to him or herself."

Smart discipline

The father of five eventually presented parents with an alternative method of modifying their children's inappropriate behaviors, called "smart discipline."

Intended to be used for "a couple of months at a time" for 9- to 16-year-olds, Koenig explained the program in these steps:

1) Make a list (with your spouse or someone who knows your kids well) of three or four behaviors "that bug you." Some might be: Negative attitude, bad manners, talking back, lying, not getting homework done by a certain time or not cleaning up.

2) Create a weekly chart with 12 squares on it marked "A" through "L." Mark blocks "H" through "L" with privileges — favorite things that the particular child likes to do/have. (For instance, the five blocks could belabeled, H - video games; I -phone; J - friends; K - television; and L - sleepover.) Leave blocks "A" through "G" blank.

3) If the child breaks the rule

of the week, a check mark goes in the first blank block. If she breaks it again, a mark goes in block "B." In all, the child gets seven chances (empty blocks) to obey the rule of the week before the first privilege is withdrawn for one week. If, after the first privilege is withdrawn, the child reaks the rule again, he loses the next privilege block for a week, and so on.

4) The chart is posted somewhere in clear view. Each child should have a copy of her or his

5) The next week, a new rule is posted along with the rule from the previous week. Both rules are expected to be upheld for the week.

6) Children should receive positive feedback for sticking to the rules of the week. No threats (regarding the potential loss of privileges) should be used to elict good behavior.

7) For children age 8 or under, parents use a daily chart with three blank blocks instead of

Praise and love

Aside from smart discipline, Koenig said parents should

never underestimate the power of praise to help kids rise to expectations. Though he said a previous generation of parents might have been warned against giving praise because it "would give a kid a big head," Koenig called that a myth. He said children must be routinely reminded of what they do right. "Did you ever see someone walking around complaining because he was given too much praise?" Koenig said.

Conversely, he pointed out the long-term self-esteem damage children experience because of regularly administered parental criticism.

The speaker reminded parents to consider the love they have for their children when the going gets tough.

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"Parents have a depth of love for their children," Koenig said.

"We have incredible love for our children. We would do anything for them. We would even die for them. In those moments of exasperation with your children, when you're wanting to be the very best parent you can, just remember the love you have for that child. Just dig down for some of that love and you'll rise

OBITUARIES

Ruth V. Smith

Ruth V. Smith of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, died Oct. 14, 1997, at age 87.
Mrs. Smith was retired from

Michigan Bell where she worked as an operator. She is survived by her son, Bill

(Linda) of Clarkston; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and brother, Bill Blyth of North Carolina.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Robert Walters officiating. Memorial tributes

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Arthur O. Johnson

Arthur O. Johnson of Clarkston, formerly of Berkley, died

Oct. 12, 1997, at age 91.

Mr. Johnson enjoyed golf and

card playing.

He is survived by his wife, Dot; daughters, Joan (Bruce) Bellile of Colorado and Gwen (Mike) Hairabedian of Bloomfield Township; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A private memorial service was held at Clarkston United Methodist Church with Donald Kevern officiating. Memorials may be made to the Douglas Johnson Scholarship Fund or American Heart Association O. Box 721129, Berkley MI

Rev. Edward W. Burke

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Rev Edward W Burke S.J. of Clarkston died Oct. 10, 1997, at

age 82. Rev. Burke was a Roman Catholic priest/teacher with the Society of Jesus. He taught Latin, English, Greek and elec-tronics at St. Ignatius High School, Milford Novitiate and Xavier University in Ohio and was spiritual director at Milford Novitiate. He also translated the

play "The Vitus" from Latin for the book "Jesuit Theater Englished — 1989."

He is survived by his sisters Mary Jo (Robert) Scholle and Rita M. Nixon; brothers, Daniel F. Burke and James M. Burke, all of Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Funeral mass was held at St Robert Bellarmine Chapel at Kavier University in Ohio. Rite of committal was at Jesuit Cemetery in Milford, Ohio. Memorial tributes may be made to Jesuit Community, c/o Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston MI 48347 or Jesuit Community c/o Faber Jesuit Community, 790 Clinton Springs Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45229-1334.

Vyvian L. (Cleland) Main

Vyvian L. (Cleland) Main of Clarkston, formerly of Kalamazoo, died Oct. 8, 1997, at age 94. She is survived by her daugh-

ter, Marilyn Robertson of Clark-ston; son, Jack (Maxine) Main of Farmington Hills; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchil-

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 99 Wayne, Pontiac 48342 or a charity of the donor's choice.

John J. Moreau

John J. Moreau of Clarkston

died Oct. 8, 1997, at age 60.
Mr. Moreau was a retired administrator from the Pontiac School District, former president

of Clarkston Lions Club and former secretary of Pontiac Lions Club.

survived by his wife, Gail; children Francoise of Keego Harbor and J.P. of Indiana; three grandchildren and motherin-law, Dorothy Schreiner of North Carolina. He is also sur-North Carolina. He is also survived by brothers Thomas (Pat) of Alabama and Dr. Frank William of Florida and sister, Margaret (Tim) Neel of Virginia.

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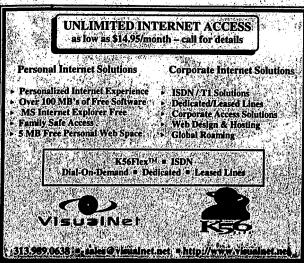
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Old photos tell tale of Clarkston as tourist town

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

An old attic drawer in the home of Fred and Wanda Skar-ritt recently yielded two Clarkphotos that Wanda thought would be of interest to area readers. The photos show a horse-

drawn carriage and an e a r l y motorized **"They'd** come out from Detroit bus that to these were the mainstays places. The of the J.A. Caribou Inn Skarritt was a great Livery & **Buss Line** place years ago.' turn-ofthe centu-Wanda Skarritt ry Clark-

(Husband's family ran a bus service in Clarkston at the turn of the

century)

to have taken about 1912 in front of J.A. Skarritt's livery, shows J.A. Skarritt, second from left, and his son, Jud Skarritt, at the extreme left. Fred, who died in July, was Jud's son. He and Wanda, now 81, were married in

ston.

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Along with that photo was a yellowing newspaper clipping from the Enquirer and New Battle Creek, which published the photo in its "Scenes from Yesterday" feature. While the date of the Enquirer and News publication was not available, information accompanying the photo said the motorized vehicle was a one-cylinder International and the cost of a ride was 35

"The rig met every one of the eight to 10 GTW trains which arrived daily at the Clarkston

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station," the Enquirer and News article said, quoting information supplied by J. A. Skarritt's nephew, Arlington Rodlam of Battle Creek.

According to the article, vehicles from the Skarritt Livery and Buss Line ran between Clarkston and the Grand Trunk Western station, some two miles away, for a duration of nearly 30

"I just was real surprised when I found the pictures up there," Wanda Skarritt said last week. "They were just in a draw-er. We never discussed it."

Skarritt said she thought the photo featuring the horse-drawn carriage before Clarkston's train depot on White Lake Road was taken about 1910.

She remembered the Skarritt family as having well-established roots in Clarkston that dated back generations.

"It's an old family. They've been here for a long, long time," she said.

During the early 1900s, Wanda Skarritt said, visitors from Detroit and other southern communities regularly vacationed in Clarkston, staying at such places as the Deer Lake Inn, the Caribou Inn and Green Acres Inn - all of which are

It was the job of the Skarritt employees to transport visitors to their destinations, she said.

"They'd come out from Detroit to these places," she remembered. "The Caribou Inn was a great place years ago.

Fondly recounting the good old days when Clarkston was the equivalent of today's "up north" to vacationers, Wanda Skarritt explained her desire to share her newfound treasures with the public. "I just thought it would be nice to have it put in the paper," she said. "To let the people go back with those.'

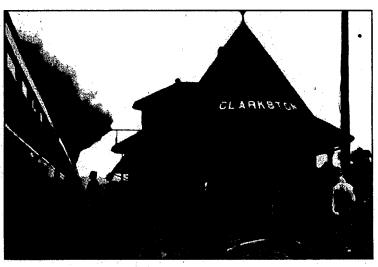


Buss line: J.A. Skarritt (second from left) and his son, Jud, (left) operated a bus service that took tourists between the Clarkston Train Depot and area inns at a time when tourists considered Clarkston "up north." This photo was taken circa 1912.

Horse power: Prior to getting motorizedvehicles for their livery service, the Skarritts used a horse-drawn carriage, shown waiting outside the Clarkston

depot in the

photo at right.



ON THE AGENDA

Springfield Township 650 Broadway Davisburg (1) 625-4802, 634-3111 lanning Commission 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20 Tentative Agenda

Call To Order: 7:30 p.m. Minutes: Sept. 15, 1997 Approval of Agenda Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda Public Hearing: None Old Business: None

New Business: 1. Colombiere Car Ports-Site Plan Review 2. Amendment to Zoning Ordi-

nance Regarding Civil Infraction Set for Public Hearing. Other Business: None Adjournment

Independence Township 90 N.Main St. Clarkston 625-5111 Township Board 7:30 p.m Tuesday, Oct. 21 Tentative Agenda

Call To Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Opening Statements and Correspondence Approval of Agenda Minutes of Previous Meet

Approval of Accounts Pavable Check Run Approval of Purchase **Public Forum**

New Business 1. Judgment Amendment, Hynes

2. Utility Late Charge-DPW 3.BidAward-Equipment Hauler Truck-Fire

4. Employee of the Quarter. Closed Session-Pending Real **Estate Matter**

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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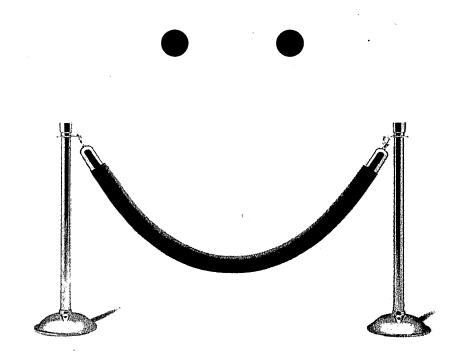
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Sluggish computers make hunters wait

BY TIM RICHARD

Hunters who must stand in line hours to buy state licenses are being poorly served by a new Department of Natural Resources computer system, say two powerful allies.

One group is sporting goods merchants.

"We had 150 customers in one line," said north-ern store owner James Knutson. "We were able to process seven per hour in two hours. Our big business is on the weekend when DNR workers (at the Lansing end of computers) are not in.

"And they started the sale of doe permits on July

4 - our heaviest weekend of the year.
"It's too complicated, and there are too many licenses," said Phil Johnson, another northern merchant. "We were overwhelmed. Our parking lot was jammed. We couldn't make any other sales. One customer got so irate I thought we'd have to

The other group is state legislators.
The merchants told their tales Oct. 8 to the House Conservation Committee, whose chair, Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, enjoys berating the Department of Natural Resources as much as

many Michiganians enjoy hunting and fishing.
"We have a problem with the (computerized) camping system reservation. Now we have a prob-lem with the computerized hunting license sales. Do I see a pattern?" Alley asked. Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, asked if

there is a manual system for selling licenses when computers become jammed.

"None," said Johnson. "We have to do it all electronically."

"How much income do you get from licenses?"

asked Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton.
"Not much," said Johnson, "but I don't want it to be an expense, and that's what it is." He referred to his inability to sell other goods when hunters were jamming the store to get slow-as-molasses

Kelly Sobel, a DNR management employee, said, "The system is not finished yet. The system is still under development. We will triple our capacity by next year. There is a series of 13 phases.

Currently one terminal can handle seven licenses in an hour. By next year it can handle 21 an

Rep. Mick Middaugh, R-Paw Paw, was displeased that DNR set up the system with 33 telephone lines to a central computer when 400 lines

A legislative staff member noted that people age 16 and under don't need licenses but are urged to buy a \$2 voluntary license to obtain newsletter information. But the youngsters can't be entered into the computer because they don't have driver's licenses. DNR's system no longer asks applicants their names, ages, addresses, hair and eye color but sells the sportsmen's license on the basis of the driver's license number.

Sobel said Michigan is on "the leading edge" of computer technology in handling sportsmen's

'I'm not so sure we're gaining a heckuva lot," Alley shot back. "I hear Michigan wants to be; on the leading edge. I'm not certain that's a goed place to be

It was the second time this month Alley's committee has heard a storm of complaints about DNR and computers.

The state park campground reservation system came under enormous fire for breaking down, over booking campgrounds and assigning people to the wrong campgrounds.

That system is operated under a three-year contract with a private firm, Consolidated Marketing Response of Charleston, Ill. Many complaints were about the company's lack of familiarity with Michigan park names.

■ Turkey hunter Jim Maturen complained that DNR wouldn't give an accounting of what it did with \$2.1 million in turkey license fees that were placed in a restricted fund for turkey habitat man-

■ The committee unanimously reported out-a bill to raise penalties for assaults on a conservation officer. An assault that injures an officer would be a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a fine of \$2,000. The bill was sent to the full House for action.

On the assault issue, refer to House Bill 4736, sponsored by Rep. Beverly Bodem, R-Alpena, when writing to your state representative, State Capital,

Railroad club schedules 'Train Fest'

The Stoney Creek Model Railroad Club's third annual Family Train Fest occurs 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at St. Philips Church at the corner of Main and Romeo in Rochester. Admission is free, but donations will be solicited. Proceeds benefit St. Philips Church.

The event features operating

model railroad layouts in several scales, how-to demonstrations-on building your own model railroad, a hands-on switching yard, kids photos inside a locomotive face painting, a raffle of model railroad items, a treasure hunt, static model railroad displays and free model railroad informa tion. For more information, call 375-8969, or 650-9665.

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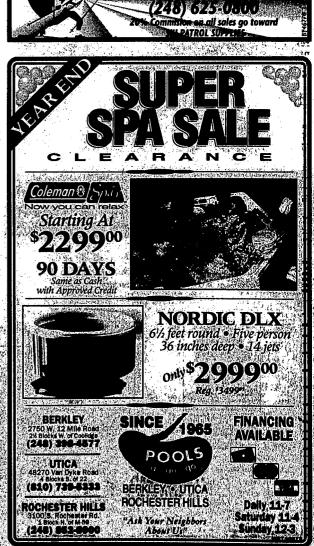
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Education expo brings learning tools to kids

Metro Detroit's learning exporeturns with hundreds of learning ideas and hands-on activities 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Southfield Civic Center, on Evergreen Road in South-field. Admission is free.

More than 75 exhibitors will showcase products and services for every area of education. It will include educational toys and games, computers and software, tutoring methods, public and private schools, children's books and videos, learning workshops and cultural centers.

New this year, five innovation stations will feature interactive areas for kids and resources for parents: CyberSchool, Homework Headquarters, The Safety Zone, Fit & Fun Center and Lunch & Munch. Prizes will be iven away at each Innovation Station, including kid's fitness classes, bike helmets, smoke detectors and school supplies

Prepare to enter the Safety Zone where kids will learn pedestrian, bike and fire safety.

Surf the web at CyberSchool. Parents and kids can go online in search of learning sites such as Yahooligans, Star Tribune's Homework Help and Disney Online's Family.Com and Daily Blast. Families can enter to win an Apple eMate 300, the first of a new class of mobile computers, as well as hundreds of computer related products.

Kids can get a learning advan-tage at Homework Headquarters, where experts from Kumon Math and Learning Centers will test their math and reading skills and show parents how to



Keep safe: Whitley Williams, 9, of Southfield, stops traffic at the Safety Zone, an interactive expo exhibit.

More than 75 exhibitors will showcase products and services for every area of education.

get involved with homework.

Skip over to the Fit & Fun Center, presented by William Beaumont Hospital and Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, to learn how to play and stay healthy with mini health screenings and recreational activities from kid-sized weight and exercise equipment to soccer and Tae

Re-energize at Lunch & Munch, a free snack bar featuring back-to-school edibles and tips on nutrition, compliments of Kroger and Kindercare.

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Surf time: Max Jacobsen (left), 10, and Josh Herbert. son, 10, both from Birmingham, surf the web at the Education expo's Cyber-School where parents can enter to win an Apple eMate 300 computer.

Grand prize: Sarah Cahn, 10, of Southfield, shows off the Apple eMate 300, the Education Expo's grand prize. The model is the first of a new class of computers;

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Michigan Directory awarded

... The Yellow Pages Publishers Association awarded Michigan Directory Company the gold award for CO-OP Advertising at the 10th annual convention Sept. 30 in Las Vegas.

Michigan Directory Company was recognized for its development and implementation of a customer-focused strategy that has increased the use of CO-OP advertising. The award was pre-sented at the chairman's dinner with 1,000 YPPA members in attendance. Michigan Directory was selected from 380 entries. Judges were Joel Davis, profes-sor of advertising at San Diego State University; Gabe Samuels, Advertising Research Federa-tion, and Bill Biglow, advertising professor at the University of Wisconsin. Mike Needles, vice president/general manager said, This year's APPY award is par-Licularly noteworthy due to the stiff competition from the seven regional Bell operating companies, GTE, Spring, MCI, plus several national and internation-al directory publishers."

Michigan Directory has Jicreased its CO-OP sales penetration 500 percent since 1990.

Michigan Directory Company is a HomeTown Communications work company based in Michigan with offices in Howell. Pigeon and Port Huron. The company was founded in 1978 and is the oldest publisher of county and community telephone irectories in the state.

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Work together

Teamwork needed to aid downtown

or more than two years now, we've heard downtown Clarkston business people and Clarkston City Council members debate who should be doing what to help the tiny two-block business district survive.

Some businesses think the city should do more to help them, and some city council members think businesses should do more to help themselves

Meanwhile, the downtown area continues to lose long-time businesses and services.

Last month, NBD closed, its branch downtown, the bookstore left and Morgan's stopped selling gasoline. Then last week, Rudy's Quality Market announced it is relocating to Independence Township.

While each business cited different reasons for closing or changing its services, something must be done to stop the exodus from the city.

Efforts during the past two years have failed to produce solutions. The problem, as we see it, is that business people and city council members have not made a concerted effort to work together.

For example, business people formed an association and met with each other. Council members, acting individually, conducted surveys and pushed for studies by outside special-

Lately, we've heard members of the commu-

nity banter about the idea of forming a group of business people, city council members, landlords and residents to discuss what can be done to retain existing retail stores in the city and attract desirable stores and services to the vacant buildings.

We think it's an idea whose time has come. City councilman David Savage has carried the idea of a committee one step further. He is working to organize a non-profit foundation that would receive tax-deductible contributions from individuals and businesses for the benefit of the entire city, including the downtown area. That way, there would be money available to carry out the projects deemed worthwhile by the foundation's board of directors. Savage, who only recently announced his intentions to the city council, does not yet know how many people would serve on the board of directors or what sectors they would represent. He envisions having members from outside the city as well.

We would recommend that the board of directors include a cross-section of people including business owners, city officials, landlords and residents.

Perhaps working together, instead of debating what others should do, will result in some solutions to stabilize and revitalize the downtown area.

Book will help you help your teen

a service to our readers, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has donated a copy of the newly published second edition of the book, Healthy Teens: Success in High School and Beyond, to all middle and high schools, public libraries and youth agencies in the Oakland County communities we serve.

The 115-page paperback offers 16 chapters that delve into the everyday world of young people during their most impressionable — and pivotal - years. Frankly discussed subjects include physical and emotional development, partying, eating right, staying fit, sexuality, depression, sexual harassment, substance abuse, abusive relationships, choosing a college and entering the

The author, Oakland County's Alice McCarthy, is a nationally known parent educator, writer and editor. In 1995, she wrote Healthy Preschoolers At School-At Home. She's now writing Health 'n Me!, a national health curriculum for kindergarten through grade 6. She chairs the board of directors of Wayne State University's Merrill-Palmer Institute, which is dedicated to childhood development training. She's also a regular contributor to our newspaper network.

McCarthy has five children and eight grandchildren. She holds a doctorate in human growth and curriculum development from Wayne State. In the introduction of Healthy Teens: Success in High School and Beyond,' published by her Birmingham-based Bridge Communications, she writes: "Adolescence is a time of exploration and discovery — a crucial opportunity for developing the knowledge and practices that make up a healthy life. It is also the time when teens may encounter serious risks to their physical and

She argues that it's the role of families, schools and communities "to provide teens with information about healthy practices and health risks, and to foster the skills and motivation for avoiding risks." She adds that "we can encourage teens to form good health habits and help them recognize that education and health are mutually rein forcing" through curriculum, school policy and clear examples of behavior that promotes good



In critiquing the book, Donald Sweeney, Michigan Department of Community Health School Health Unit chief, wrote it "is a path-breaking book that confirms the family's all-important role. Parents will appreciate the careful research and accuracy of this rich resource . . . and has been coordinated with the school health program of the State of Michigan's Departments of Community Health, Education, State Police and Familv Independence Agency.'

Healthy Teens: Success in High School and Beyond, written with the help of 50 national experts, is available for \$5.95 plus \$2.25 shipping and handling; Michigan residents should add 36 cents sales tax. Bulk quantity discounts are available. To order, please call Bridge Communications' Marcia Applegate: (248) 646-1020.

Your Eccentric has a limited number of copies available at no charge to nonprofit county-based groups and agencies dedicated to meeting youth needs. Please call Suzanne Wills of our staff at (248) 901-2560 for details.

As a parent of two teens, I can vouch that the book will boost your parenting skills, no matter how savvy you think you are. At a time when our world is peppered with abbreviations like HIV, AIDS, STD, ADHD and LSD, we as parents have an obligation to keep our footing amid the ever shifting sands of raising teenagers.

Bob Sklar is managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think the president should be allowed to use the White House to raise money for his reelection campaign?

This question Food Town on



"No. I just think it should be nonpolitical



don't think that's proper.

Irene Remus Phoebe Bojanzyk Independence Township Township



"No. I do not. I "That's a tough question. I think since my husband reads this

> Jane Sparks Township

paper, I better



"No. Incumbents already have an unfair advantage.

Buck Kopletz

Clarkston

LETTERS

Clean up campaign financing

ependence upon the flow of special interest money into their campaigns by our elected lawmakers in Washington is corrupting our governmental process.

The present system of financing federal elections has a corrupting influence on our lawmakers, and they no longer represent the people who elected them but rather the special interest lobbies that finance their elections.

For example, over the past several weeks our congressional leaders and the House-Senate conferees gave away public property to the broadcast industry valued at more than \$60

The House-Senate conference committee approved a bill which gave away the lucrative digital spectrum public airwaves that belong to the people. Had the government fairly auctioned this multi-billion dollar asset, as was done with airwaves in the past, more than \$60 billion would have been raised for the U.S. Treasury.

The most unconscionable act was committed by the broadcast industry when not one TV station reported this outrageous midnight heist of the public purse. Instead, the broadcast industry used its media power to keep the people in the dark to protect its beholden congressional representatives from exposure to the wrath of the American people.

It is time for Republicans and Democrats to stand tall, quit pointing fingers at each other, stop useless investigative proceedings and get serious about cleaning up the campaign finance laws.

> John Bennett Northville

Report lousy attorneys

C ourt-appointed attorneys: How good are they? How much are they paid? Who pays them? How are they selected? Who selects

There is an old saying: "You get what you pay for." I would say that this generally applies to court-appointed attorneys, but then are exceptions. All attorneys work to make money, but court-appointed attorneys are more likely to apply themselves more forcefully when they are appointed to what they consider important cases. So if you are a murderer and get a court-appointed attorney, that attorney will probably do a pretty good job for you, researching precedents and all that. For any attorney to do a good job it takes lots of time to prepare a good defense, and time is money. But as in any business, good publicity

is important. If a court-appointed attorney wins a case the public is interested in, that attorney has made a step toward fame and fortune because in the case of attorneys, winning is everything. Nobody wants to a hire a loser.

In circuit court, fees are determined by the time and complication expected of the case. If the attorney wins your case, the court pays the fee. If the attorney loses your case, you may or may not be billed for the fee. Circuit court-appointed attorneys get much more money than district court-appointed attor-

These attorneys are selected by the judge who presides over the case. At least, that is the usual procedure. The list is comprised of attorneys who have submitted their names and credentials to the court for consideration to be put on the court list.

To help the court maintain only the most reputable court-appointed attorneys, it would seem logical to report to the court any bad experiences or questionable practices by these attorneys. That is the best way the court may have to judge which attorneys should or shouldn't be kept on the list.

> **Kenneth Kemp Farmington Hills**

No third term for Engler

r. Phil Power referred to Governor Engler as "Big John, the 800 pound gorilla of Michigan politics." He speaks of how Engler was so staunch on his support for tight term limits and now he requests a third term

I guess Engler will have to come up with a set of more triplets. How difficult it must be for Michelle and the girls not to see their dad much. At their age, they need their mom and dad.

> Sylvia Stern, Chairperson-Southfield-Lathrup Democratic Club

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POINTS OF VIEW

Peer pressure can make the world a better place

he world is changing — sometimes so slowly that we really don't notice the impact.

There are many forces that contribute to change. One is the government and another is peer pressure. Peer pressure is one of the most effec-

An area of change that is creeping up on us is smoking.

The government has been after the cigarette industry because they believe cigarettes cause cancer. One of the methods that government uses to attack what they believe is undesirable is to tax it to death.

If you remember high school civics (which is now probably called "government"), the Supreme Court early in its history said, "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

Another method is making undesirables affix warning labels, which have not been too effective.

But the government's actions are not really what is changing the attitude of the American people. It is peer pressure.

This came to me the other night when we were visiting someone's home and the lady of the house went out on her deck to light a cigarette. This was her own home and she went outside to smoke. Children come home from school and tell their parents the evils of smoking.

Years ago we had season tickets for the Lion's games, and a man who sat next to us would light up a cigar. Pontiac passed an ordinance that prohibited smoking in the stands, but nobody seemed to enforce it.



HANK HOGAN

Today, if someone lights up, the crowd around him forces him to put it out.

You can now eat at a nice restaurant without having a cloud of smoke drifting across your salmon. I used to belong to a gourmet eating organization, and they wouldn't even let you

burn candles because it interfered with the taste of food and wine.

Years ago I used to smoke a pipe, and the picture on top of my column had me talking on the phone with a pipe in my mouth. This, of course, was very macho, and people would stop me on the street and ask where my pipe was.

I used to smoke my pipe at meetings and no one seemed to object.

Then, slowly the worm turned, and I started to get letters about the pipe that were not too flattering.

The government could outlaw the sale of cigarettes but it is questionable whether this would solve the cancer problem.

And outlawing alcohol years ago didn't solve many problems.

But peer pressure has made smok-

ers aware that it is annoying to other people who don't smoke, and it is, ... pushing smoking out of areas where people are in a confined space.

Peer pressure has forced respect for the rights of those people who not only don't smoke, but who want to breathe clean air and don't want to have to hang their clothes out to air every time they have been to a public place.

If we understand the power of peer pressure, it can be used in other ways to make the world a better place.

Hank Hogan, former publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, lives in Independence Township. He works as a Realtor on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Historic automobiles are the stars of old-time movies

y collection of maxims and quotable quotes makes enjoyable reading. But they have to be rewritten and updated often.

"You can't go back," advises one of the hundreds of little quotations I've collected over the years. It's a maxim that's only half true. We live in an age where just about anything is possible ...including going back. Go ahead, turn on the History Channel, if you don't believe me.

In this technology-transformed century now drawing to a rapid close, the art of recording history and replaying it is as close as your television set. We've moved from still and silent photography to stereo videotape, and one need not be a professional with special equipment to use it. Turn on the History channel. There are more than 10 decades of film production on

Long-dead movie stars can still entertain you in films made at the height of their careers. Old programs, old movies. With cable or satellite, there are hundreds of channels filled with re-runs

But for me, there are times when my interest in an old movie or documentary isn't in the story or the plots; it's in the backgrounds. Even in watching an old silent Keystone Kops classic car chase, the real interest isn't in who's chasing who. It's in the streetscapes behind the action, the trolley cars and pre-World War I street scenes, buildings and automobiles put indelibly on film by the filmmakers.

And the cars, ah those glorious automobiles. Hollywood, especially, played great viewing games with the cars they used.

All of the cars in those old films are so shiny and new: Buster Keaton driving a custom-built Model T roadster to escape from villains in an open Moon touring car is a silent nirvana. Robert Mitchum as a trenchcoat-clad private eye tooling around in a pris-



A.J. MALTA

tine 1939 Plymouth convertible. (Why did all the private eyes in those '30s and early '40s Film Noire classics drive '39 Plymouths? Answer: It was probably the same car.). I delight in watching for that same 1947 DeSoto Checker cab that was in just about every post-World War II New York city street scene ever filmed — look for it this Christmas when TV re-runs "Miracle on 34th Street." I can remember watching Dick Powell hand-pumping something under the left side of the dashboard before start-

ing the motor on a 1941 Packard in one film. It was realism. My uncle had a '41 Packard — it had a hand-operated oil-pump that had to be flexed a few times to oil the valves before starting the engine.

Some questions have always intrigued me: Why did Hollywood insist that any actor who stopped a car at night leave the headlights on? Didn't they know that leaving the headlights on in those old six-volt autos would drain the battery quickly? And every actor or actress entered or exited a car by sliding all the way across the front seat. Didn't anybody back then ever use the driver-side door?

Except for watching it in films, there are few of us around who really know how to use a front crank to start a car. It was an experience. But I'm not that old, folks (although I have had the unique experience of starting an antique Model T that way back in the '60s). However, I did have to use

that method of starting my own 1956 MGA roadster several times. (Those British cars had notoriously unreliable electrical systems so the crank was still available for emergency use. That car had a slot in the front bumper just for that purpose, and the crank was mounted with the spare tire.) It's not a memory that I've ever seen captured successfully on film. though. I'm told the Model T would sort of surge forward when first crank-started, like a horse nuzzling up to its owner. If the crankspin from a backfire didn't break your arm, you could sprain a leg trying to stop the car from moving over you.

Stepping back in history, I'll resort to another from my quotable quotes collection: "History? There's so much more of it around these days than when I was a youngster."

A.J. Malta, who teaches journalism at Wayne State University in Detroit, fills in as a copy editor at the Clarkston Eccentric.

High school test is a success—it's doing what it's supposed to

ast year 87,584 high schoolers took the first-ever Michigan High School Proficiency Test. An event of this magnitude inevitably will attract the attention of the everalert members of the Michigan Legislature.

Responding to the usual chorus of complaints whenever anybody tries to do something new with the schools, a special House subcommittee on the HSPT spent several months holding hearings to review a slew of proposals to tinker with the tests.

Some make perfect sense, such as requiring the Department of Education to provide detailed feedback to students, parents and schools and including MEAP and HSPT test scores in annual school improvement plans. Others are more problematic, such as replacing the terms "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" with numerical scores that may prove entirely meaningless without context.

The subcommittee has finished its work and reported to the House Education Committee, which has sent a bunch of proposals to the full House for debate this week.

In the middle of all this, I received a letter from Dorothy Beardmore, a Rochester resident who serves as a member of the State Board of Education. She is a standing monument to the notion that able people who volunteer their time and emergy to a public purpose are the essential ingredient in a democracy. I suppose over the years I've received six or seven letters from Mrs. Beardmore, each thorough, well-informed and persuasively put — just like her service on the state board.

She begins: "Both the public and the media seem to have forgotten why the HSPT was developed in the first place so they overlook that it is doing exactly what it was expected to do. The HSPT demonstrates that most Michigan students are doing well in these essential areas of learning."

Mrs. Beardmore then goes on to show that of the 87,584 graduates of the Michigan class of 1997, from a third to half of them met the very high standards for endorsement (of diplomas). Only 6 to 11 percent were in the lowest category. The rest were doing well, but not yet at the

proficiency level

"For a first effort with such a rigorous assessment," Mrs. Beardmort concludes, "Michigan students, educators and parents should be pleased, even more so since we already know that the Class of '98 results show statistically sprificant improvement over the first year. In the words, the HSPT is a success!"



PHILIP POWER

Absolutely! The most sensible method to improve schools does not require the application of rocket science.

It involves defining what kids are supposed to learn in order to be educated members of society and get a productive job (i.e., know the categories of math, science, reading and writing that are covered by the HSPT). It then includes assessing what kids actually know (i.e., taking the HSPT).

And it concludes by making the results public so students, parents, teachers and administrators can improve teaching methods, change books and so forth.

As Mrs. Beardmore puts it, "It identifies strengths and weaknesses in curriculum, instructional practices and student (and family) acceptance of educational standards to meet high standards."

Certainly the HSPT has provoked some (overblown by the media) criticism: Liberals don't like it that some kids will score badly; conservatives will whine that students are not assessed for familiarity with the Bible; some parents have tried to get their kids not to take the test for fear the scores will deprive their little geniuses their God-given right to attend Harvard or Vassar Some representatives will try to eliminate the HSPT for any number of trumped-up rationalizations.

But the evidence so far is compelling. The High School Proficiency Test is doing exactly what it was intended to do. Any tinkering the House adopts should be around the edges, not at the core of an important and useful part of the school reform effort.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

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With construction expected to wind down in November, many communities still have ongoing road projects including:

■ Beverly Hills — The intersection of 13 Mile and Ever-green is being reconstructed. The work is expected to be completed this week.

■ Birmingham — Adams between the northern city limits and Madison Avenue, is being resurfaced. The project is expected to be completed this route northbound traffic along

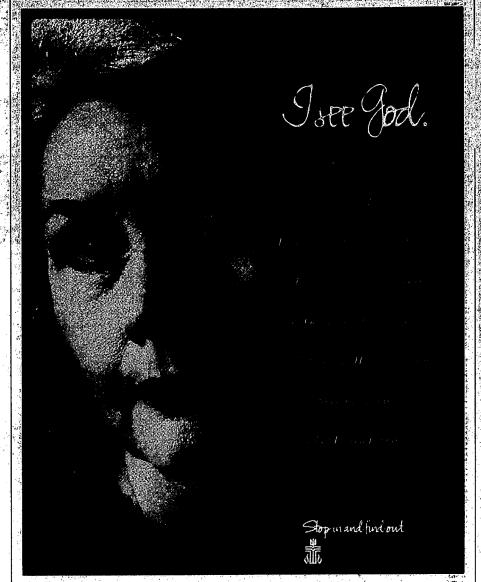
Woodward and southbound traffic is reduced to one lane.

- Bloomfield Township Squirrel Road, between Long Lake and Westview, is being resurfaced and reconstructed at the north end. A detour will route drivers along Adams and Square Lake roads until the roadway reopens in mid-November.
- Farmington Grand River will be widened to include a left turn lane and traffic signal at the Shiawassee intersection. Shiawassee, from Grand River to Farmington Road, will be closed during construction which should be completed this month. M-5 is reduced to one lane in each direction at Farmington road until Oct. 16.
- Farmington Hills Expansion of the Haggerty Connector (M-5) has closed 14 Mile Road, between Haggerty and Welch until October 1998. A detour routes drivers along 13 Mile. Paving and drainage improvements at the east end of the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision near 8 Mile and Halsted will be completed Nov. 1.
- Independence Township White Lake Road near Andersonville Road is closed to through traffic. It is being widened to three lanes and realigned with Nelsey Road. Detours route drivers down Dixie Highway to Andersonville until the expected completion in November when the southern portion of White Lake Road will be turned into a culde-sac instead of intersecting Andersonville. Paving of the approach of Clement Street to Andersonville will be completed in mid-October.
- Novi Expansion of the Haggerty Connector (M-5) has closed 14 Mile Road, between Haggerty and Welch, until October 1998. The southbound lane of Haggerty Road north of 8 Mile extended. A detour routes drivers along 13 Mile.
- Orion Township Silverbell Road at M-24 will be widened to include a left-turn lane and the right turn lane on westbound Silverbell at M-24 will be extended. The projects are expected to be completed by November. The changes will help with drainage problems. Joslyn Road at Flintridge is being widened to include a center left turn lane from northbound Joslyn to westbound Flintridge. The project includes the addition of a traffic signal

- which is expected to facilitate school bus traffic. The project is expected to be completed in mid-November.

 Oxford An overlay of pavement will be added to East Street between Washington and Claspie and on W. Burdick between Polly Anne Trail and the west village limit and will be completed by the west village limit and will be completed by mid-October.
- Rochester Hills Hamlin Road is being reconstructed to a four-lane boulevard from M-58 to Crooks Road. The project, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 1998, will include the completion of the east-west link from the new M-59 ramp to various business facilities. The roadway is closed, except for local traffic, with detours across M-59 and Avon Road. A left turn lane is being added at the intersection of Auburn Road and Technology with a traffic light installed. The new light will assist residents of Chateau Avon Mobile Home Park. The gravel roadways of June and Tamm will be paved this month. The project is expected to last 30 days. Alternating traffic is being planned from a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 26 for milling for an overlay of pavement on Adams between Auburn and M-59 and nor of Avon Road. Overlay on Adams between Auburn and M-59 will cause alternating lane closures from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29, and on Adams between Hamlin an Avon from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday,
- Southfield Greenfield bridge over the Northwestern Highway (M-10) is under construction for deck replacement with southbound Greenfield closed and traffic detoured along Pembroke. Lanes are expected to reopen Oct. 30, 1997. Residential roadways east of Lahser and west of Arlington between Winchester and 11 Mile are undergoing spot concrete replacement to be completed by Oct. 31. Ten Mile, between Beech and Inkster roads. will be paved due to deterioration and Holy Sepulchre Archdiocesan Cemetery, between Inkster and Telegraph, will be given a new approach. The pro-ject is expected to be completed by mid-November.
- Springfield Township Dixie Highway at Cedar Crest Academy is being widened to include a center turn lane. The project is expected to be completed in mid-November.
- Adams, between the northern city limits and Madison Avenue is being resurfaced and is slated to finish this week. Northbound traffic will be detoured along Woodward and southbound traf-fic will be reduced to one lane.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, detours are unknown or not planned. Source: Local, county, city and village road officials.





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KAREN HERMES-SMITH

'Que sera sera' was our motto for the weekend

ot knowing where they were going nor caring what their fate might be..."

My 13-year-old son recited that line from Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry, a book he's reading for school, as we sped west on 96 early Saturday morning, the sun just rising behind

The line fit perfectly. Like the heroes in Call it Courage, we also didn't know where we were going or what our fate might be.

About six weeks ago, my husband and I set Oct. 11-12 aside for a family getaway. We decided to pack an overnight bag, hop in the car and travel to a part of Michigan we had never seen, timing the weekend with what we hoped would be the peak of the color season. As we took off Saturday morning we truly didn't know where we would wind up.

We steered the car toward Saugatuck near Holland on the state's southwest coast because friends told me recently it was a nice place to visit, and it was one of the few Michigan tourist towns we hadn't vet seen. But we weren't certain we'd make it there. We were simply going to let the weekend unfold as it did.

By 10 a.m. we arrived in Holland. We had intended to stop at an outlet mall or an antique barn or anything

Please see WEEKEND, A14

Student-run eatery on cutting edge

■ Fresh and futuristic describe the food that will be served by students at Northwest Inn in Springfield Township when it opens next Wednesday.



BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

Talk about ambiance. This fine dining stablishment Springfield Township

borders a sheep farm, boasts two award-winning chefs in crisp white uniforms and gets fresh lettuce from a hydroponics unit down the

Though the environment at the Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Inn restaurant sounds like it was created by Elmer Fudd, Julia Child and Mr. Wizard, loyal patrons have already begun phoning the school in anticipation of the elegant eatery's reopening Wednesday.

Northwest Inn chefs Deb Trudeau and John McCormick said in a recent interview that they, along with chef Nancy Tilley and their culinary students, aim to boost the fine dining experience in the OTC's Northwest Campus building as part of the instructional process. And in every aspect of their restaurant industry practices, they like to remain at the cutting edge.

Our focus this year is going to be technology and the works within the (school) building," Trudeau said. "For instance, we're working closely with the horticulture department. They're doing hydroponics (the growing of plants in artificial nutrient solutions) and they're providing us with fresh herbs and tender lettuces as a result. We're also working with our agriscience program, and they're growing fish for us which will be on our menu."

According to Donna Papatheodoropoulos, the horticulture instructor who oversees a greenhouse of hydro-



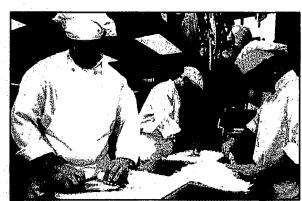
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Fresh catch: Teacher Tom Smith catches some African perch being raised by students at OTC Northwest for serving on the menu at the school's restaurant.

ponics units this year, OTC's restaurant will gain more than school-grown herbs and lettuce. Papatheodoropoulos said she and her students expect to provide the Northwest Inn with artificially grown cucumbers, tomatoes, green onions, Italian rapini (broccoli), radishes. carrots "and a lot of things you wouldn't normally think of as hydroponically grown."

The instructor pointed out that "this technology is the way food growing is going to go. NASA is looking into it and the U.S. military already uses hydroponics on subs." Papatheodoropoulos said hydroponics "is a very good way to teach botany. There's no

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Kitchen crew: Culinary students (from left) Jeremy Hogan, Dan Helwig and Cory Wheeler dice and slice at the Northwest:







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John Denver brought sunshine to Clarkston SCAMP

singer John Denver is dead. Killed in a plane crash off the Pacific coast.

Many my age will remember him fondly as a post-hippies troubadour with a penchant for the mountains. While others-the jokesters with no sentiment - will fixate on his wholesome image, juxtaposed against his recent, unfortunate troubles with our drunken driving laws.

As for me, I will remember the kind and wonderful man who took time out of his concert tour one afternoon to sing with the simple, though sometimes lonely, children who make up Clark ston's SCAMP - a special camp for kids with disabilities.

It was a gray, cloudy day over 10 years ago when Denver made his sur-prise visit to SCAMP at Sashabaw Junior High School on Maybee Road, where SCAMP is housed during the

Pine Knob Music Theater, he had agreed to a baseball game between local amateurs, himself, and his staff on the junior high's field, when he learned of

the young singers inside. Gathered in a loose circle of wheelchairs, communication boards, crutches and misshapen bodies, the SCAMPers were winding down their busy day with music time when Denver

My experience tells me that music brings the greatest of pleasures into the lives of the disabled. But to sing when one can scarcely speak, that is the highest challenge!
The SCAMPers brought to their

effort, and to Denver, all the heart they

(I know of what I write, for my own SCAMPer has all these years devoted her plentiful free time to her stereo and the magic that it produces. Aged 7 that



CAROLYN WALKER

summer, she watched as wide-eved and enthralled as her fellow campers when magic walked into their presence, smiling, bespectacled and wearing a base-ball cap.)

As only a serendipitous twist of fate could have had it, the SCAMPers had spent that summer learning to sing and sign" the words, in the language of the deaf, to Denver's popular "Sunshine On

And so they commenced for him, with gentle voices that weren't quite sure of themselves: Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy. And their thin, palsied fingers danced in the air.

I will never forget the look on Denver's face as he sat among them, mistyeyed and obviously moved, mouthing the words along with the SCAMPers and attempting the hand motions, while this group of children and young adults poured their own kind of passion into

When they finished. Denver took the time to speak with them and he even allowed one obviously infatuated teen the chance to awkwardly embrace him in front of the others.

I have seen the hugs of the handicapped frighten other men.

And I have told you before that I have learned to collect certain moments. To file them away in my memory, only to

haul them out later and to write of them as I am moved.

Today I am moved to write of our SCAMPers moments with John Denver. Of a certain day during a certain summer when celebrity met innocence and compassion met loneliness and an exchange of deep, genuine pleasure took

Today I am moved to write of a certain day when a solitary man in a base-ball cap walked into what could only have been for him a "theater of the unknown" and met his creation, nay embraced it, in the hearts of our own.

John Denver, on behalf of those SCAMPers and their families, I salute

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 16 **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY** WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library. Speaker: Nancy Galbraith from The Health Food Connection in Waterford. Topic:

Alternative and Natural Healing for Women. All interested persons welcome. 394-0406.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17 DANCE FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davis burg. Dance to the music of disc jockey Matt Wolfe. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. 634-9570.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCT.

"SNAPSHOTS AND PORTRAITS" 6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Mt. Zion Performing Arts Center, 4453 Clintonville (off Maybee Road) Waterford. A two-act play about the family. \$25 per person; tables of eight for \$200. For more information, call Debbie McClure at (248) 391-6166.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY

1:30 - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Ages 7-11 will explore myths and legends about the Michigan black bear and learn the methods scientists use to study bears. Cost: \$7 per child. Registration and/or prepayment required. (248) 625-

VEGAS NIGHT

7 p.m. to midnight, American Legion Post No. 377. Dice games, black jack, roulette wheel. \$5 per

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SUNDAY, OCT. 19 TRUTH ABOUT AUTUMN

2 - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Fall in Michigan is a blaze of color, but who considers how and why those colors appear? Wear comfortable shoes and learn the truth about autumn. Hikers should be able to walk at least two miles. Cost: \$1/person. Registration and/or prepayment required. (248) 625-

MONDAY, OCT. 20 WHAT MAKES YOU TICK

6:30 - 9 p.m., Independence

Township Library. Diane Morrison, professional trainer and motivational speaker, will facilitate the free evening of explo-ration and self-discovery where participants will have an opportunity to identify the elements that go into making each one unique. Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. To register, call the library at 625-2212.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21 **PAMPERED CHEF BENEFIT**

7 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church. Hosted by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. Pampered Chef offers unique tools for the kitchen. Anyone unable to attend may place an order with one of the CAYA board members. By placing orders between now and Nov. 4, Pampered Chef will donate a portion of the proceeds to CAYA. Since food will be served, an attendance count would be helpful. Call 625-9007 to RSVP or for more information

HELPING KIDS HELP THEMSELVES

9 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Parent Network offers tips on how parents can play a role in prevention of child sexual assault. Speaker: Kathie Patrick, director of community education, Haven. For additional information, call Susette Hart at 625-4855.

Weekend

else that caught our interest along the way, but we left so early that nothing was open. We parked our car along Holland's main street just as the shopkeepers were undoing their locks. The street was empty of people, a stark contrast to the last time we saw it in the midst of the Tulip Festival when we fought the crowds for a glimpse of the dancers in wooden shoes. The kids immediately spied a bulk candy shop, and each of us loaded a small bag of goodies for the weekend.

Next we stumbled upon a drug store that had just opened up four or five boxes of Beanie Babies. Each of the kids bought one they knew to be retired and projected by a book to be worth \$1,000 to \$2,000 one day. We also browsed through a

coin shop, a Christian music store, a book store and a tov store, finishing our shopping in Holland in about an hour. A store clerk there told us to go to Saugatuck when I asked if there were any other nice towns nearby to shop in. Since we now had another endorsement, we decided to head that wav.

On our way out of Holland we took a wrong turn and stumbled upon a farmer's market where we bought fresh strawberries, apples, tomatoes, cucumbers and a tiny pumpkin.

By the time we got to the lake-side town of Saugatuck, we had to circle around several times before finding a parking space. The eclectic collection of one-ofa-kind shops held my attention, but the kids were getting tired of shopping. And they were hungry. I managed to buy a jar of blue-berry spread from a little store before we got back into the van to hunt for a fast-food restau-rant. Though Saugatuck had plenty of cafes, including an outdoor one serving delicious-looking French fries, we figured the bill from a fast-food restaurant would be more in our price range for lunch.

On our way out of the Burger King north of Saugatuck, we saw a sign for the Saugatuck State Park and took an immediate left. turn. There we listened to the rhythmic crashing of Liake Michigan waves, climbed dunes, drew funny faces in the sand, collected stones and soaked in the warm rays of an Indian Summer Saturday.

That evening, back in Holland, That evening, back in Holland, we found one of the last rooms svailable. Since it had no pool to entertain the little, we stanned the brochius section in the coby. Experimentally section in the coby section in the coby section. was leaving gave us his unpunched card for free rides.

The next morning, intrigued by entries I found in Hollandarea tourist literature the night before, we headed out to the Poll Museum of Transportation in Holland, the S.S. Keewatin in Douglas and Devil's Soupbowl west of Allegan. Both museums, including the S.S. Keewatin, a restored 1907 passenger ship, with Great Lakes artifacts aboard, were closed.

We had tried to call ahead to get the hours, but no one

answered either phone. When I mentioned to the motel clerk at the front desk that it was odd neither museum had a recording listing its hours, she laughed. Apparently that part of the state hasn't caught up with modern technology yet.

On our way to Devil's Soupbowl, we tracked down Crane's Pie Pantry, which promised in the Saugatuck/Douglas visitor's guide "homemade food and fruit pies served in an antique atmo-sphere." We arrived 15 minutes before their 11 a.m. opening, and

already a long line had formed. Since all we wanted was a whole peach pie to go, a lady in line next to us suggested we sneak in through the exit door after the place opened and go straight to the counter. We did, and we got our peach pie in no time.

Devil's Soupbowl was not what we expected. Though the literature I read touted it as a huge rock depression 900 feet wide by 108 feet deep, it looked like nothing more to us than a small valley in the forest. We drove to a lake we saw near Devil's Soup-

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bowl, parked and ate peanut butter sandwiches and peach pie on the shore while watching canoeists paddle around the

Not knowing what to do next, we called a dune ride place we had seen on the way to Devil's Soupbowl for their rates. That out of the question, we decided to have our own "dune rides" through the back roads of Yankee Springs State Park, where Devil's Soupbowl is located. The younger kids took turns steering the van while sitting on Dad's

lap, and the oldest drove the van himself with Dad sitting in the passenger seat with one foot poised to slam on the brake

Not knowing where we were going, our fate turned out to be pretty good. We wound up with retired Beanie Babies, free gokart races, delicious peach pie, and, best of all, good memories of a weekend together as a family.

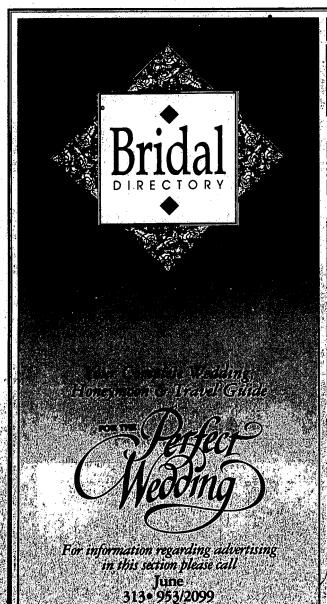
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mystery to what's hiding under the dirt because there is no dirt."

Other OTC departments are working with the culinary arts department, too. The school's printing class creates the restaurant's menus, newsletters and business forms. The floral department provides stylish arrangements for the Inn's white-linen-topped tables. And the marketing and equipment repair departments also lend a hand to the enterprise during the school year.

Interdisciplinary teamwork and technology will play a role in keeping the Northwest Inn on the fine dining fast track, McCormick said. "Today I loaded a new software program that was specifically developed for the industry for management of all purchasing, all inventories and all recipe handling," the chef said. "It's state-of-the-art. We're also in the process of purchasing a computerized hardware system that will replace the cash register-type of system that you've seen here in the past. It's a touch-screen system that will interface with our software, and when we get it, we'll be only the fourth or fifth operation in the state that has this system."

However, if the \$5 entrees at the Northwest Inn taste delicious, it's probably because of the academic training of teachers and students who work in the school's culinary arts pro-

Trudeau was recently named "Chef of the Year" for the Flint/Saginaw chapter of the American Culinary Federation. During the same time period, McCormick won the title for the Detroit/Southeast Michigan chapter. They expect the same excellence from their students.

"This is work," Trudeau said of the two-year OTC program. "It's

math, science, geography, biology, chemistry and meteorology is even involved."

McCormick agreed with his colleague. "We're training people here for industry so anything lower than a "C," they flunk. How would you like to have a doctor operating on you who got

Good food, no-nonsense chefs and some pretty fine sheep at that.

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The Northwest Inn is located at the Oakland Technical Center - Northwest Campus on Big Lake Road near Dixie Highway The inn opens to the public 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22. Regular hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Reservations are requested only for groups. Call 625-5202 for more information.

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Break time: Kindergartner Justin Mitchell (front) and fifth-grader Jordan Benoit (back), both of Clarkston, pause for a photo during the recent mural-painting session at St. Stephen Lutheran School.



Artist at work: Michael Jasso of Clarkston (above), a fourth-grader at St. Stephen Lutheran School, helps paint a Whaling Wall similar to the life-sized whale murals painted by Wyland, the well-known environmental artist. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade studied Wyland during an art awareness program at the Waterford school. The program was timed with Wyland's visit to Joe Louis Arena, where he painted the latest of his life-sized murals. The artist expects to have 100 completed all over the world by the year 2011.

Land conservancy to hold annual meeting

The Independence Land Conservancy will hold its annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Independence Township Hall Annex Building

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The meeting will feature an update on the work of the ILC. election of board members, a fea ture presentation, and a tour of an ILC-protected property.

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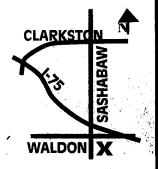
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Who can join a credit union? While everyone can join a credit union, not everyone can join every credit union. Most credit unions are associated with the workplace but others are affiliated with professional, civic, fraternal, or cooperative groups, with churches, or with labor unions. How can you find

a credit union? Check with the

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Banks attack credit unions and consumers

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On another front, things couldn't be worse. Bankers are joining lawyers in their continuing loss of public esteem. Bankers seem to be in a contest to come up with the newest, highest and most creative service charge. Bank customers are being charged a fee to use an ATM, visit a teller or telephone the bank. Even the comic strips are filled with jokes about bank robbery — only this time it is the bank robbing its customers with high fees.

Then there is the bank attack on credit unions. Of course, banks have always attacked credit unions. Ever since the 1930's when most credit unions were still making \$10 loans out of cigar boxes, banks have tried to destroy their small competitors.

Credit unions are different than banks. Credit unions are member-owned, democratically controlled, not-for-profit financial cooperatives. Banks exist to make profits from their customers and give the profits to their stockholders. Credit unions exist to provide services to their members.

Looking at the relative strengths, one would think banks shouldn't care much about credit unions. Banks hold sixteen times the assets held by credit unions. In fact, if you add up the assets of all 12,000 American credit unions combined, they would barely top the assets of just one large bank. Last year alone, the banking industry grew as much as all of the credit unions together had grown over the last hundred years.

But that didn't stop the banks from launching more than a score of lawsuits from Maine to Texas in an attempt to squash credit unions. The banks lost every lawsuit but had plenty of money to appeal and eventually found one federal appeals judge who agreed with them. That judge issued an injunction overturning established federal regulations allowing employees of small businesses to join credit unions. If that injunction stands, credit union membership will be restricted to people who work for large corporations at a time when most Americans work for small businesses and job growth is coming from small business.

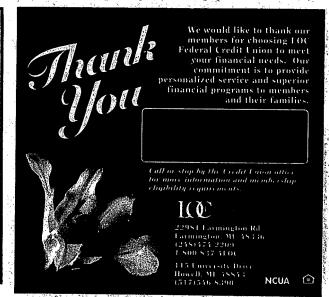
Why should people worry about being allowed to join a credit union? It's a matter of dolars and sense. Study after study has confirmed that — as a result of their not-for-profit structure — credit unions charge less for loans, pay more on savings and have lower service fees than do banks.

Banks will claim that's unfair because "credit unions don't pay taxes." Let the record show that credit unions do pay taxes. They pay payroll taxes, property taxes, federal excise taxes, state and federal unemployment taxes and more. The tax that they don't pay is the federal tax on profits. That is because credit unions are non-profit financial cooperatives. Bankers know this fact but choose to ignore it for propaganda purposes.

The real reason credit unions offer a better deal for consumers is that they are more efficient, don't pay such high salaries to top executives, don't pay their board of directors at all and—most important—don't need to make a profit. The battle between banks and credit unions is really a battle between banks and consumers.

If the banks get their way, who benefits? A handful of bank stockholders will get even higher dividends. Who loses? Millions of Americans will be denied the option to join a credit union if they wish.

The legal issue is currently being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, which is expected to rule next Spring. Meanwhile, Congress is also taking up the issue.



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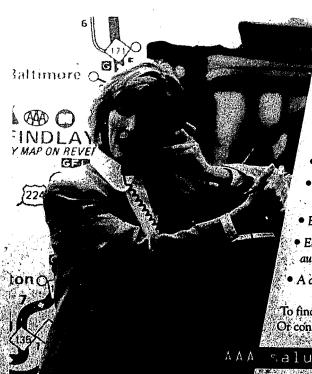
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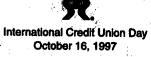
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How to avoid ATM surcharges. Five ways to join a credit union

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ATM surcharges arrived in Michigan last October and have spread rapidly since then. Even he second largest bank in Michigan, which had proudly proclaimed last Fall that it wouldn't impose ATM surcharges, has since quietly done so. Surcharges have certainly stripped some of the fun out of using those convenient ATM

But are you doomed to pay

those surcharging fees? Not at ___ matter which ATM you choose. all. With a little care and planning, you can avoid most - and maybe all -- ATM surcharges.

First of all, get a list of non-surcharging ATMs. The Michigan Credit Union League is developing a statewide direc-tory which should be published soon but many credit unions and small banks will have lists available for their own areas. As a general rule, look for ATMs owned by credit unions or small banks. 99% of Michigan credit unions have refused to impose an ATM surcharge and many small banks are doing likewise.

Unless you travel a lot, you don't need to know how to find a hundred non-surcharging ATMs. Just find a few near where you live, near where you work and on your normal travel routes.

Having the list of non-charging ATMs is a good start, but few more tips may prove helpful. For instance, only cash withdrawals are currently being sur-charged. If you need to make a deposit or transfer, it doesn't

Other ways to use ATMs economically include:

•Take advantage of "free" transactions through local mer-chants - especially grocery stores - that allow you to "withdraw" funds over your purchase price when you make a purchase with your ATM card.

•Plan your withdrawals more carefully - make fewer transactions for larger amounts. I used to take out \$60 or \$80 several times a month. Now I take \$200-\$300 once a month.

·Conserve your available cash by using checks or debit cards whenever possible. You can use charge cards too but be careful of running up high balances on your charge cards that vou will have a hard time paying off when the bill arrives.

•Examine your receipts and statements carefully. Surcharges on withdrawals may be easily overlooked. Surcharges aren't large but if you forget to enter two or three \$1.50 charges each month, your checkbook will soon be out of balance.

If you already belong to a credit union, you know about the exceptional financial service and value you find there. If you or your friends and family don't belong to a credit union, but would like to, here's how to find

a credit union to join:

1. Ask the boss. Often you'll find that the company where you work offers access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of part or all of your paycheck to the credit union. This service helps you save regularly, make efficient deposits to your checking account and even make loan payments.

2. Poll your family members. If your employer doesn't sponsor a credit union, perhaps your spouse's employer does. Or a parent, brother, sister or child might work at a company offer-

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ing a credit union. Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join the credit union also. Different credit unions may define "family;" differently though, At some, mem-bers of your immediate family spouse, parents, and children -are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, like

coutins, uncles, and aunts. Full-family membership makes it possible to introduce your children to prudent money management using credit union services at an early age. Sharing a credit union account with your spouse makes household money management practical and convenient.

3. Quiz the neighbors. Many credit unions have a "communitv" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography

rather than by employment some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may ioin,

4. Read the yellow pages. Look in the Yellow Pages under "Credit Unions:" You may be surprised to find some credit unions near where you live or work. Call to see if you are eligible to join. Sometimes a credit union that originally served only employees of one company has since extended its field of mem-

bership to other companies. 5. Call 800-474-JOIN. The Michigan Credit Union League offers a service to help you find a credit union by calling (800) 474-JOIN. You'll hear an electronic message that asks for some information that will help find a convenient credit union you are eligible to join.

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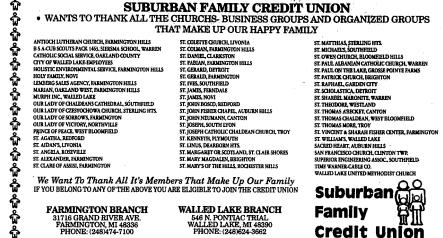
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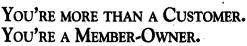
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Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said he has introduced bills to deregulate the generation of electricity with the support of Attorney General Frank Kelley.

His bill will phase in utility restructuring over three years beginning in 1998 and create an "Independent System Operator to oversee reliable operation of transmission facilities. It also continues low-income assistance programs.

Alley's bill does not provide for "securitization" under which utilities can recoup investments they might lose in a competitive market. "The utility's shareholders and management should be held responsible for their poor investment or management decisions," he said.

"There's no guarantee there will be rate cuts for anyone,"

said Donald Wightman, president of the Utility Workers Union of America at a recent rally on the State Capitol steps in Lansing.

Wightman warned that moving too quickly toward deregula-tion could force utilities to cut jobs, leaving fewer workers to deal with power outages and

other emergencies. Dave Waymire, a spokesman for The Customer Coalition, said Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison "are charging businesses, schools and families far more than utilities in surrounding

Average Michigan rate is 7.2 cents per kilowatt hour compared to 5.3 cents in Wisconsin, 5.3 cents in Indiana and 6.3

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Mediation group to hold banquet

host its first Volunteer Recognition and Awards Banquet Oct. 17 at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills.

Richard A. Bandstra, chief judge pro tem of the Michigan Court of Appeals, will address the attendees following dinner.

Bandstra was the author of the legislation that established community mediation in Michigan. Judge Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, will also be pre-

Oakland Mediation Center is a non-profit corporation that provides community mediation services and mediation skills training to Oakland County residents.

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These volunteers represent diverse professions and occupations, religious and ethnic groups, and races. Each media-tor must complete 40 hours of mediation training approved by the state court administrative officer or its equivalent before facilitating a dispute.

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Contracts, education result from trade mission

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Oakland County businessman Ed Myles used to dread sending his company's technical service employees to work in Canada. Without exception, the workers were detained when they stated the nature of their business repairing test equipment that. Troy-based Control Power-Reliance makes and supplies.

One trip resulted in the confis-cation of some of the company's instrumentation, not to mention three-hour delays on both sides

"You could probably lie about it...but, if you told the truth, a road block immediately went up," said Myles, who is the pres-ident of Control Power Reliance. Customs officials probably suspected an attempt to recruit Canadian laborers, he said.

Myles no longer worries about delays. In fact, as of last week, other similar barriers to succes ful venturing in the country fell away for eight other Oakland County companies.

Joining Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard, representatives from the companies participated in a two-day trade mission in Toron-

Although the forum primarily sought to help county businesses make potential industry contacts by pre-arranging one-hour meetings with compatible firms, a series of presentations lent an educational component to the program.

Myles, for example, discovered that he must contact the American consulate prior to the trips to avert such delays. "They also gave us a nice, broad perspective on the Canadian economy and, more specifically, of growth in certain areas," Myles said.

Approximately \$1 billion in trade occurs between Canada and the United States each day, most of which is export from the United States. With a large percentage of the trade coming from Michigan, Oakland County is considered one of the country's strongest trading areas.

Among the other topics addressed by the forum's speakers were the legalities of international joint ventures, government resources for American companies and Canadian tax

Following the presentations, each participating company advanced through a series of 14 meetings with potential business

Secrecy bill clears House committee

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Local governments could keep their own environmental audits secret under hills that cleared the House Conservation Com-

The panel on Oct. 8 rejected. on an 8-9 vote, an amendment to make governments' audits subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The change was sought by Rep. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor and the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

We believe that governmental bodies should not be allowed to claim privilege (to information that would show evidence of noncompliance with state, federal or local laws, as well as permits, consent agreements or orders)
under this act," said Flora
McRae, LWV president.
"The agreement on this bill is

so tenuous that it might come apart," said Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, explaining his no vote

The committee then gave 17-0 approval to two bills designed to speed up business and environ-mental audits.

House Bill 5092 would require an audit to be completed in less than, six months unless a waiver were granted by the director of the Department of Environmen-

The bills also would enlarge the list of documents excluded from the privileged list. Under the Natural Resources

and Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Act. information obtained through a voluntary environ-mental audit is considered "priv-ileged" and may be kept secret. The bills are sponsored by Alley and Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit.

Meanwhile, Patterson had an opportunity to join Blanchard in speaking with several Canadian government officials about the potential benefits of conducting business with the county, Blan-chard's contacts are the result of

ha three years of service as an ambigued or to Canada. Oakland County is getting a fair amount of international recognition," Patterson said. But by heightening exposure this year, Patterson and others hope to benefit from benefit from Canada's presently booming economy. "This a good time to throw a few more in the fire," said Patterson. We want to capitalize on their rebound."

Several days after the meetings, Myles believes four of the contacts he made during the mission have potential, two as customers and two as representatives in Canada.

"It was a matchmaking pro-cess...that gives us an opportunity for another base of products. Here we are so tied to the auto industry," he said. Cultivating business in Canada, which has a sizable manufacturing base in snow equipment, trains and aircraft, sets up a safety net for the company, he said.

However, Myles and other local business folks most likely would not have made the costly and time-consuming trek to Canada alone.

"The reason we went was to identify new markets," said Gary Bringat, vice president of sales at CSI, a Troy-based company that models factory manufacturing systems on computers. But when you look at a company finding new opportunities in another country it is quite cost-

Travel and time costs aside, it's even less likely Brincat—on his own—could have identified and arranged to meet with 14 medium-sized, manufacturing companies that need his firm's services but are unable to afford the expensive technology required to perform it.

Brincat walked away from the meetings hopeful that nine of the companies would outsource work to CSI, a 12-year-old company with 75 percent of their business coming from outside contracts

Another company, Ferndale-based Flynn Machine Products "got kissed on the first date" and came home with three, solid business contracts, Patterson

"I think it's very powerful to have some extensions beyond your own economy," Brincat said. "Although the economy is very strong here, you kind of have to plan for the future when times are good. This is some really good insight — to try to make progress when things are good and not bad."



Powerful connections: Gary Brincat, vice president of sales at CSI in Troy, made several potentially valuable business contacts at last week's trade mission between Canada and Oakland County. Former Gov.. James Blanchard and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson were responsible for arranging the meetings.



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Public lake access concerns Crissman

By Tim Richard Staff Writer

State Rep. Penny Crissman is resuming the years-long battle of Oakland County lakefront property owners to keep public boat launches off their waters.

"This is my fifth year," the Rochester Republican told the House Conservation Committee Oct. 8. "They (Department of Natural Resources) just come in like

"It is not my intention — and never has been - to prohibit lake access to the public," she said. "The boating industry has been very harsh, 'anti' my bill. They say, '9,000 boaters would not be notified.'"

Jim Marlowe, an Orion Township association representative, said, "We're basically sick and tired of, every other year, being on the hit list. We strongly feel we should be part of this formula."

Crissman's formula is to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to make it more difficult for DNR to acquire and develop public launches. Her bill would require that

■ Hold a public hearing in the county where the site is proposed, assuring local owners a chance to dominate the hearing. Hence the industry's charge that boat

ance of testimony.

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Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said the committee would take more testi-

opposed," he said. Favoring the bill were the village of Lake Orion and Addison Township, he said.

Virginia Mouch, an owner on Torch Lake in Antrim County, said DNR bought residential property for another launch when already there are two state launches, three commercial launches and two township launches on that lake. One of the commercial launches was for sale and could have been bought by DNR, she said.

"DNR violated the zoning. Their project would have required dredging. Had (the Crissman) bill been in place, at a minimum, DNR would have had to show the

impact of dredging," Mouch said. She cited an April 1995 report by Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, that recommended requiring DNR to abide by local zoning, though it admitted DNR contends townships would "zone out" boat

Refer to House Bill 4363 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. Regular meeting time for the House Conservation Committee is 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in 425-426 Capitol Building.

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Sponsored by Rep. John Llewellyn, R. Fremont, House Bill 4262 would apply to Class E vessels — 18 feet or less carrying six or fewer passenger six or fewer passengers.

If enacted, the bill would require operators who leased a boat to accept such inherent risks as capsizing, striking objects above or beneath the water, or loss of control due to current or other water conditions.

Liveries must issue warnings of hazards and speed limits and be responsible for defective equipment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The House Tourism Committee reported out a bill to prohibit school districts

from starting classes prior to Labor Day.

Sponsored by House majority leader Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond, the bill was long sought by the tourism industry, which argued that its big summer season was chopped short by late August school openings

The Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan Education Association opposed the bill.

The bill now is on the House calendar and could be taken up at any time. Refer to House Bill 4190 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol. Lans-

CAPITAL CAPSULES

Paper v. plastic

Lawmakers are still struggling with what kinds of bags to require for organic materials on their way to a solid waste land-

Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, is sponsor of House Bill 4730 to prohibit the use of plastic bags for yard clippings. Profit argues that without air, clippings rot and stink.

"The law today is the worst of all circumstances," he told the House Conservation Committee. Profit basically wants paper bags used for yard wastes.

The panel is pondering an amendment to allow biodegradable material, providing that this section "sunset" after two years to see if that solution is

working.

John McCabe of the Department of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division said there are polymers (a kind of plastic) that are biodegradable and could be used for yard waste

bags.
"We would prefer the bill without the amendment," McCabe said. "Paper bags go away at the rate of six months to one and a half years, depending on how the pile is managed. Cornstarch bags probably go away even

Profit also said he would prefer the bill without the amendment but would accept the amendment to save the bill.

In a letter to the committee, DEQ officials saw enforcement problems with Profit's bill. It "does not prohibit composing facilities from accepting yard clippings delivered in plastic bags. The department does not have the resources to monitor whether individual households whether individual households are setting out yard clippings in plastic bags, the only practice expressly prohibited by the proposed legislation," DEQ said.

Alley gave Profit and other lawmakers a week to see if they can agree on an amendment.

Poll workers

Students age 16-17 would be allowed to work as election inspectors if a House-passed-bill clear the Senate and becomes

The House vote was 89-11 with 10 absent.

Among area lawmakers, the only no vote was cast by Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham

"The young people who serve as election inspectors are certainly more likely to return to the polls as active voters when they turn 18," said the sponsor, Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance.

The bill requires students to receive permission from their schools if the election falls on a school day. A student may work only where three other inspectors are of adult age. The student may not serve as poll chair-

The bill was supported by the Department of State, Municipal Clerks, County Clerks and

Township Clerks associations. Refer to House Bill 4951 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

House bills

■ In response to the June 13 limousine crash that injured three members of the Detroit Red Wings, Reps. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, who also represents Orion, Oxford and Addison townships, and John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, sponsored bills to increase penalties for driving on a suspended license. House Bills 5122-3 would make the offense a 15year prison sentence if death results and a five-year term for serious injury. Each year 5 percent of Michigan drivers have their licenses suspended or Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union

Lake, sponsored House Bill 5134 to give income tax breaks to those unable to afford health insurance. It will allow taxpayers to deduct medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, mirroring federal tax law.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dear-born Heights, has introduced a bill requiring the state Department of Education to develop a requirement for new teachers that they be able to recognize and deal with reading disorders. "Too often, reading problems are not diagnosed because teachers are not adequately trained," said Brown, a member of the House. **Education Committee**

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The House of Representatives has set up a web site for job post-ings, research, budget and revenue information:

www.house.state.mi.us.



Group preserves Oakland County's pastoral scenes

BY BECKY BURNS STAFF WRITER

It was a perfect day for a nature walk. The sun was shining and a cool breeze offered some respite from the unseasonable heat as a dozen or so people hiked through the woods in Oakland Township.

Oakland Township.

They followed each other's lead down firt paths, over silt barriers and through the brush along Paint Creek on Oct. 4, stopping to admire a patch of big, blue stem prairie grass, or marvel at a mushroom-like fungus the size of a soccer ball.

the size of a soccer ban.

The 67 acres they were on is privately owned. But the group — the Oakland Land Conservancy — has made sure it will never be developed. The landowners, who live adjacent to the property, designated it a conservation easement, protecting it from future development.

The Rochester-based conservancy is a not for-profit group with a mission to "protect Oakland County's significant natural areas and open spaces." Board president Lorna McEwen defines that as "an area that has a significant ecological feature, which has remained the way it is since Michigan became a state, or since early settlers first visited. It could be a woodland, It could be a fen

or a marsh. It could be a prairie."
With only a fraction of the county's original natural land left as such, the conservancy acts on requests from landowners and neighbors who want to keep certain tracts pristine. It also uses the Michigan Natural Features

Inventory, which lists 37 sites in Oakland County that have undisturbed presettlement characteristics or unusual species, as a basis for projects.

"One of the reasons the Oakland Land Conservancy came together was to try to preserve some more of those pieces;" said McEwen, a West Bloomfield community activist:

The conservancy acquires land for protection in two ways: by accepting donations of actual property or by securing conservation easements, which allow the landowner to maintain property rights but put a condition on the deed that prohibits any future development. With an annual operating budget of about \$5,000, via donations and dues from its 60 members, the conservancy doesn't have the money to buy parcels of land, said executive director Alice Tomboulian, a former Oakland Township state representative.

Founded on Earth Day in April 1990, the conservancy is an outgrowth of the now inactive Oakland Parks Foundation. In the past two years, it has received donations of three properties: one mile of land on both sides of the Clinton River in Rochester Hills, eight acres on Allan Lake, in the Rattalee Lake Wetlands in Rose Township and 10.5 acres on Voorheis Lake in Orion Township. It also has acquired two conservation easements along Paint Creek, a two-acre parcel in Orion Township, and the land that members recently hiked through in Oakland Township.

Once the conservancy acquires land, members work to maintain it for "education, scientific and aesthetic purposes," Tomboulian said. Some of the land is open to the public, while other parcels, like the Oakland Township easement, are not. The group hopes to soon receive donations of land or conservation easements in Springfield and Milford townships and along the Clinton River in Rochester Hills, Tomboulian said.

People donate property or easements for a variety of reasons. "One reason is they simply like the land and they want to protect it. Another reason that ties in very nicely is they will get a tax benefit for making a donation," she said.

The group is working on putting together a landowner registry of significant natural land in the county. "All it means is if they're thinking of selling it to let us know," and pledge to refrain from disturbing its pristine features, McEwen said.

The Oakland Land Conservancy is one of about 30 local conservancies in the state. McEwen is on the board of the West Bloomfield Land Conservancy. A third conservancy group in the county is in Independence Township and also covers adjoining Springfield Township.

For more information on the Oakland Land Conservancy, call (248) 652-4903, or write the group at 798 W. Gunn Road, Rochester, MI 48306.



PHOTO BY RILL HANSEN

Taking a hike: Oakland Land Conservancy members trek through an Oakland Township conservation easement toward Paint Creek.

Solid waste committee members named

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners appointed 14 members to the Solid Waste Planning Committee at the Oct.

9 board meeting.

The board unanimously supported the recommendations of the general government committee, chaired by Commissioner Kay Schmid (R-Novi, Northville). The appointments are for two-year terms that extend through Oct. 11, 1999. Committee members will make recommendations relative to updating Oakland County's Solid Waste Management, Plan, which will be released for public comment in 1998.

Commissioner Dennis Powers (R- Milford) was reappointed as the elected county government representative to serve on the committee. Commissioner Eugene Kaczmar (D-Madison Heights) was reappointed as the alternate elected county government representative.

The 14 members of the Solid Waste Planning Committee were appointed as follows:

Solid waste management industry: Robert Leininger, Yale Levin, Thomas Waffen, Mike Csapa.

Elected county government official: Dennis Powers.

Elected township official:
Jill Bastian.

Industrial waste generators:

Samuel Seabright.

Environmental interest groups: Timothy Carpenter,

Dawn Furlong.

■ Elected city government official; Nancy Bates.

cial: Nancy Bates.

SEMCOG representative official: Ardath Regan.

A Loyola Koch and Mary
Ann Ryan.

It is anticipated that the committee, will meet monthly while the Solid Waste Management Plan is under development. After considering public input on the draff plan, the committee will submit recommendations to the board of commissioners.

The board will submit its plan to the county's 61 municipalities for local approval. In accordance with Hublic Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, when at least 67 percent (or 41) of the municipalities approve the plan, it will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for approval! The new Salid Waste Management Plan is anticipated to have final approval in 1999.





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OU to raise profi

BY TIM RICHARD

Some 250 business and community leaders will be called this by Oakland University officials this month to serve on nine task forces planning a learner centered, technologyenriched" future.

Creating the Future, as the groups will be called, will look for ways to integrate liberal and professional education, raise OU's profile, tap local expertise and build friends off campus, said President Gary Russi. "We're selling a product -

education. We're not in a race for dollars," said OU board chair Rex E. Schlaybaugh Jr. of Birm-ingham. He noted OU has been rated one of the nation's 100 best buys" in higher education.

Russi will ask the task forces to meet four times between January and June and deliver a set of recommendations in June "at a gala event.

Each task force will have 15 to 30 volunteer members and focus on the question: "How can we be a leader in the 21st Century?"

The board will review recom-mendations during the fall

months of 1998, according to Russi's timetable

Six task forces will be oriented toward six OU colleges and schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science,

Health Sciences, and Nursing. Three others will focus on Information Systems and the

Library, Student Affairs, and Marketing. "Will students be represent-ed?" asked Bridget Green, stu-dent liaison to the OU board of trustees. trustees.

"One or two students per task force," said Russi. Members will be picked through a "consultation process" by advisory committees in each college.

An outsider will chair each task force with a senior management official from the university as facilitator.

The town-gown process was announced at the Oct. 9 meeting shortly after Russi announced OU this fall has a record head count of 14,379 students, up 3 percent — "a remarkable accomplishment. We did better in terms of market share at both

the undergraduate and graduate level. Our student housing is at

100 percent of capacity."
Trustees cheered on Russi.
"A fine way to look forward,"
said James A. Sharp Jr. of

Detroit.,
"As a former student," said
David Doyle of Okemos, "I've seen more activity here in the last year than in the four years I

was here in the 1970s."

"A great next step" toward "a stronger and pro-active institution, "said Davis Fischer of Strutcher. Birmingham.

"A great moment in OU's 40-year history," said Dennis K. Pawley of Clarkston. Already OU has taken 978 steps toward implementing its 1995-2005 strategic plan, Russi said.



Task forces: President Gary Russi (right) announces as new task force called Creating the Future, with the approval of trustee Rex Schlaybaugh of Birmingham.

University adopts student card system

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Students at Oakland University next year will have a single card that will serve as:

- A library card. ■ A recreation center access
- card.
- A food service card.A telephone card. A bank card.

And in the future, it may become a building security, vending and laundry machine

The OU board signed a \$181,000 deal with AT&T to provide the system, including card readers, cameras, central computer and so on.

It will make a \$35,000 commission from Michigan State University's Federal Credit Union on banking services.

OU has yet to pick a long-distance telephone provider.

Cards will be issued free to students, though there will be a \$10 charge for lost cards.

"The ID card system is expected to cost \$320,000 to install and operate the first year," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice presi-dent for student affairs. "This initial expense will be partially offset by commissions from the credit union and long-distance telephone company.

"As card use becomes widespread, university financial support may be reduced as a result of increased commissions from banking services and long-distance card use," she added.

Trustees approved the contract 7-0 on Oct. 9.

The ID card, in the planning stages for two years, will display each student's name, photo, library bar code and the univer-

Repairs

its contract with Inland Waters Pollution Control Inc. to repair flood damage in Vandenberg Hall. OU officials said an improperly soldered pipe joint in the third floor mechanical room failed under pressure in the wee hours of Aug. 14.

Water flooded the mechanical room floor, which is over a kitchen, and cascaded through second floor halls, offices and classrooms, damaging ceiling and floor tiles, walls and carpet-ing. Insurance will cover all but a \$50,000 deductible

The university housing office ported it awarded a contract for \$157,800 to Schereibber Corp. to re-roof Hamlin Hall. Work was completed Aug. 29.

Charter changes

The board revised the charters it issued to two public school academies to reflect a state Supreme Court decision uphold-

ing the constitutionality of PSAs.
Affected are the Elbert Thomas Clark and Nsoroma institutes. Trustee David Doyle of Okemos said the changes are needed to help the PSAs obtain financing.

The academies were incorporated under a section of the statute that no longer is applica-

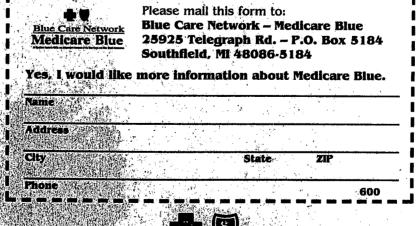
In related action, the board delegated to President Gary Russi power to administer contracts between OU and the PSAs with the proviso that he may not increase OU's financial obligations without board approval.

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Farmington Hills

OU enrollment tops 14,000

Oakland University marks its highest enrollment total ever, in a fourth consecutive year of increases: 14,379 students are enrolled this fall term.

The head count is up 3 percent compared to last fall's enrollment of 13,956.

The university introduced four degree programs this year: A Ph.d in applied mathematical sciences, a master of accounting, master of biology, a master of science in software engineering and a certificate program in electronic network management.





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Wolves explode for 58 points in rout



Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson thinks his Wolves are finally getting comfortable with the offense. The 58 points Clarkston laid on Troy Athens Friday night certainly must have made believers out of the Red Hawks.

BY BRAD KADRICH

he Clarkston Wolves would probably like to get Troy Athens on their football schedule a little

Clarkston erupted for 23 second-quarter points, then added four touchdowns in the second half, and pounded the Red Hawks, 58-24, in an Oakland Activities Association Division I game at Clarkston Friday. Last year, the Wolves blasted Athens 45-0 on their way to an

unbeaten regular season.
Six different Wolves scored touchdowns, and Mike Underwood added a blocked kick in the end zone for a safety, as the Wolves (5-1, 3-0 OAA I) won their fifth straight game.

"Our offense is really starting to gel." Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. 'It's a pretty complex offense, and the kids are starting to get the hang of it

No kidding. Senior tailback Brad Phalen, who is having another outstanding season, ripped off touchdown runs of 71, 23 and 27 yards, while Dane threw two touchdown passes for the Wolves, who built a 30-8 halftime lead and cruised until giving up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Richardson said Phalen was particularly good against the Red Hawks.

"Brad Phalen was phenomenal," the coach said. "He made some cuts that were just unbelievable."

Phalen got the Wolves started with his longest scoring run of the day, the 71-yarder that put Clarkston up 7-0. The Wolves then broke open a close

Up Next

This week's opponent; Clark'ston travels to Rochester High School to play the Falcons in an Oakland Activities Association

Division I contest at 7p.m. Friday.
Last year: Clarkston beat
Rochester, 35-12, getting three
third-quarter touchdowns in the
process. Dane Fife went 10-of-17
for 141 yards, while Brad Phalen
rushed 24 times for 193 yards and

wo touchdowns This year: Rochester is coming off a 24-21 loss to undefeated Troy, a game in which the Falcons held the lead until the final 18 seconds of the third quarter Clarkston is coming off a 58-24 pasting of Troy Athens

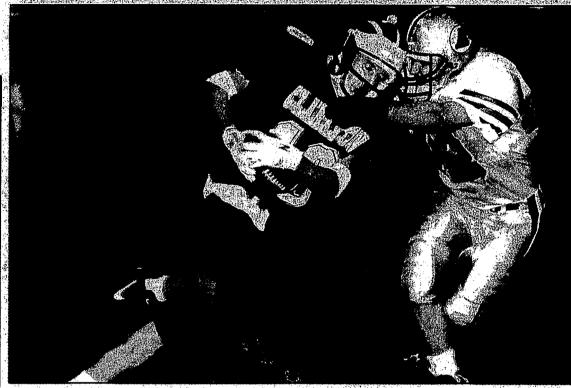
Playoff update: Clarkston has moved up to fourth in Class AA Region 2 with 84.333 computer points; Monroe, Brighton and Ann Arbor Huron are ahead of the

game with three second-quarter touch-

Senior wideout Mike Maitrott pulled in a 10-yard pass from Fife, and Phalen got his second score of the game, a 23yard run, to give Clarkston a 21-0 lead,

and Underwood's safety made it 23-0.

Dustin Weber threw the first of his two touchdown passes for Athens, and the two-point conversion made it 23-8. But Fife found Eric Poley on a 33-yard



Ball Hawking: Clarkston's Erich Poley comes down with a catch despite the best efforts of the Red Hawks' Vinnie Harambasic during Friday's prep football game between the Wolves and Athens. Clarkston pounded the Red Hawks 58-24.

Phalen (27-vard run) and Tim Loveless (3-yard run) added third-quarter touchdowns. Both teams then scored

scoring strike to close out the first-half twice in the fourth. Clarkston on a 16yard run from Brent Duell and a 30yard run from Eric Jenks.

The touchdowns from Jenks and Duell made Richardson happy.

"It was one of those games where everyone gets to play," Richardson said. "Kids who toil hard all week but don't play that much got a chance to see some good things happen."

Great support: The Clarkstongirls' cross country team didn't run in Friday's Oxford Invitational, butthey were there to support the boys' team, which finished second in the team standings.



Sophs lead Wolves at Oxford

Clarkston gets 5 medals in 2nd-place finish

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

he Clarkston Wolves couldn't have asked for a better day or better support for Friday's Oxford Invitational cross country meet at Oxford Hills Golf and

And they couldn't have asked for a better

The Wolves got medals from their top five runners, and youth again served as the Wolves sped to a second-place finish.

Clarkston's 84 points was well behind the 34 scored by team champion Lakeland, and edged third-place Lake Orion, which finished with 98 points.

The girls did not participate in the meet,

choosing instead to rest for Thursday's league meet. The girls were, however, in attendance as cheerleaders.

Dave Sage led the way with an eighth-

place finish, and he was followed pretty closely by Matt Haver in 11th place Sage

ran the hilly course in 16:50.2, while Haver, sped through it in 17:02.56.

Clarkston's other finishers were Kevin, Breen, who was 16th in 17:23.7; Christweber, who was 16th in 17:46 and finished 24th, and Dan Burke, who was right behind Weber in 25th place, with a time of 17:50.5.

All five are sophomores:

"We ran very very well?" Clarkston coach Mike Taylor said "I was a little worried because we didn't have school. I told the kids what I wanted them to do (before



Off and running: Clarkston's Matt Haver finished 11th overall at Friday's Oxford Invitational, helping the Wolves to a second-place team finish.

Surprising kickers ready for districts

larkston's soccer improved significantly from last season, and will finish in second place in the Oakland Activities Association Division II race.

But there may be greater achieve-

The Wolves will likely be the favorites in next week's district tournament, which begins Monday at Clarkston when the Wolves host Walled Lake Western. While Western has struggled during the regular season, they play a difficult sched-ule, which includes games against Livonia Stevenson and Livonia

"That's the type of team which scares me, because you know they've played quality opponents," said Clarkston head coach Dan Fitzger-ald, who scouted the Wolves' first We're not going to look past them.

Clarkston (9-3-4 overall, 7-2-2) is coming off a 5-1 victory over Waterford Mott Tuesday night behind a four-goal second half. Senior mid-fielder Mike Gabriel scored on a free kick five minutes into the second half to give the Wolves the lead. Shawn Verlinden added two goals from inside the penalty box later in the half, and sophomore Mike Licata finished off the scoring.

Junior forward Mike Lenhardt had given Clarkston an early lead, but Mott converted on one of their very few legitimate scoring chances just before halftime.

The win was Clarkston's second of the year against the Corsairs, and Fitzgerald hopes his team gets a third shot against the Waterford school. The winner of the Clarkston-Walled Lake Western game will face the Corsairs in the district semifi-nals Wednesday. The other half of the bracket will pit Walled Lake Central against West Bloomfield (1, 1); To advance in the state playoffs.

To advance in the state playons, Fitzgerald feels his team needs to better defend set plays, particularly corner kicks, which is where they have given up a good percentage of their goals in recent games. He also expects the Wolves to "play quicker," which means a limited number of touches per player, without always relying on long balls down the field.

"The guys need to make quicker decisions," Fitzgerald said. "Some-

■ 'That's the type of team that scares me, because you know they've played quality opponents. We're not going to look past them.

> Dan Fitzgerald -Clarkston soccer coach

times they either hang onto it too long or wildly kick it down the field."

But overall, it has been a very successful regular season for Clarkston, which had a chance to win the divi-sion until falling to Lake Orion nearly two weeks ago. The Wolves may have surprised some folks around the area this year with their record, and Fitzgerald feels second place is where his team deserved to

I had thought," he said. "We played very well (in the 4-2 loss Oct. 6), but they may just be a better team. They have so many offensive weapons.

"I am pleased, though, that generally we took care of business in games we were supposed to win."

The Wolves have weapons them-selves, including Gabriel and Verlinden with scoring and playmaking, and Rean Turner in goal. Of course, it is no surprise those three individuals stand out, since they are the squad's captains.

Fitzgerald plans to stick with his plan to keep Gabriel at midfield after the senior started the season at sweeper. He continues to make plays in the middle of the field and creates scoring chances for himself

and his teammates.

Turner has faced significantly fewer shots this season due to the improvement in Clarkston's defense, and Fitzgerald said that has forced the senior goalie to adjust his game. It can be difficult for a goalie to stay sharp when he has not been forced. to work much, but Turner has adapted well as the season has progressed.

the action is at the other end," Fitzgerald said, "But (Turner) has made some big stops for us."

The Clarkston coach also praised The Clarkston coach also praised the work of forward Tom Dews, who has become a legitimate scoring threat this season....

See HARRIERS, B4

Wolves capture title, Haggard to state

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

The Clarkston Wolves got one performance they expected at Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association Division I golf meet, another they didn't and a result that was a big surprise: an OAA I title.

Bob Schultz fired a 73 to earn medalist honors, and the Wolves carded a 310 total, two strokes better than Rochester Adams, to win the second league meet of the season.

That victory, coupled with Clarkston's finish in the first league tournament and four dual-meet wins, gave the Wolves the OAA I championship with 34 points, six ahead of runner-up Troy Rochester Adams finished third and Lake Orion was

Schultz's 73 wasn't a surprise, since he has been Clarkston's steadiest golfer this season. But Dave Benner, who has lingered between the fifth and sixth spots in Clarkston's rotation all season, shot a stunning 77 on the par-71 Bald Mountain course, a score that really provided the impe-tus for Clarkston's win.

"I don't want to take anything away from Schultz's 73, because he had an excellent round," Clarkston coach Jim Chamberlain said. "But Benner shot a 77. That as much ag anything allowed us to

Bryan Haggard shot a 79

an 81, about what Chamberlain expected of them.

"That's where I've come to expect them to be," Chamberlain said. "When you have a guy shoot 73, if you can get the other guys to average around 80, you're right there. Our other three averaged 79."

Schultz's performance almost certainly nailed down the top spot on the all-OAA I team. Haggard also has a shot

at making the team.

The Wolves may have cemented their title with Tuesday's performance, but they laid the groundwork dur-ing the dual meet season, despite a rare home loss to Troy.

The Wolves made up for it, taking their show on the road and posting impressive wins over both West Bloomfield and Rochester.

"Where we forged ahead was because of our duals, Chamberlain said. "I wouldn't have picked it to end up this

Clarkston fourth regional: Bryan Haggard is going to state, but his teammates will stay home after Clarkston's fourth-place finish at the regional at Pontiac.

Haggard shot a 77, but the Wolves only managed a 331 that was 11 strokes out of state contention and 21 shots behind regional champion Grand Blanc.

"Bryan earned a spot at state," Chamberlain said. "So he's still practicing.'

400 club with easy win

The Oxford Wildcats made coach Ian Smith's 400th win an

Oxford coach reaches

Senior guard Jenny White tossed in 18 points and senior forward Sarah Courtright added 15 and the visiting Wildcats breezed to a 66-26 win at Mt. Morris Tuesday, making Smith the sixth coach in state history to win 400 games.

BY FRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

White dished out eight assists, and senior center Megan Hope had her best game of the season, scoring 10 points, grabbing eight religiounds and blocking nine

Oxford put the Panthers down early and kept them down, outcoming Mt. Morris 19-5 in the first quarter and putting the game away with a 20-3 secondter advantage

The Wildcats hit just three 3pointers (White had two and Kelii Davidson had the other), made 13-of-19 free throws in putting up the easy win.

Kim Welter chipped in eight points, Davidson finished with six and Beth Drake scored four.

Thursday — Oxford 90, LakeVille 22: The Wildcats scored the game's first 20 points

and rolled to the easy win over the visiting Falcons.

Courtright and White combined for 16 of those 20 points, nine of them from Courtright, and LakeVille was never in the

Lakeville scored its first point on a free throw by Bobbi Jo Ter-wiliger, and the Wildcats rattled off the next 21 points, including three 3-pointers and 13 points from White, to take a 41-1 lead. LakeVille's first field goal came with 4:28 left in the second quar-

White finished with 31 points, seven rebounds, eight assists and nine steals. Courtright finished with 22 points, six assists and five steals



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Wolves' composure helps beat Adams

Clarkston basketball coach Ann Serra is getting ready for her wedding, which is set for Saturday, so she could be excused for having a few nerves.

But it was Serra's team that played like a nervous bride, displaying jitters early before settling down for a 53-49 Oakland Activities Association Division I basketball win over Rochester

The Highlanders kept creating trouble for the Wolves, but Clarkston responded every time, either in the paint or at the free throw line, to hold on for the

"We've had a lot of close games, and it's starting to show," said Serra. "They kept their composure and made their free throws when they had to. They missed them earlier, but they made them when they had

Tiffany Honey sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with 2.3 seconds remaining. The first one touched every part of the rim before dropping through, but the second one was nothing but net as Clarkston (10-2 over-all, 4-2 OAA II) held off several comebacks by the Highlanders (3-8, 1-3).

For awhile, it didn't look like the Wolves would need to stave off Adams. Clarkston opened the third quarter with an eight-point lead, and finished it up by six. But in between.

Adams' Kim Benedict heated up at the start of the second half. She hit a 3-pointer that pulled Adams within 25-20.

After a layup from Clarkston's Lori Wild, Benedict buried another 3-pointer and Tracy Danielson converted a threepoint play to pull the High-landers within a point, 27-26.

But the Wolves, as they did all night, answered by going inside. Georgia Senkyr hit a layup, Jenny Bauer took a pretty feed from Deana Kanipe on the fast break and scored, and Senkyr drove the length of the court to give Clarkston a 33-26 lead.

Kanipe hit a 3-pointer, and Honey hit two free throws after being fouled by Jessi Pries on a half-court shot at the buzzer, and Clarkston began the final eight minutes with a 42-36 lead.

Adams came right back on two free throws by Danielson and a hook shot from Dianna Sorenti-

Wild and Corinne McIntyre scored inside for Clarkston and, after Adams had pulled within two on two free throws from Sorentino, Wild converted another three-point play from the paint, and Clarkston led 49-44.

Kelly McCoy made it 49-48 with a baseline jumper and a pair of free throws, and Pries tied it with 1:13 remaining on a free throw after being fouled by Honey.

But the Wolves held the Highlanders off with a late parade to the free throw line.

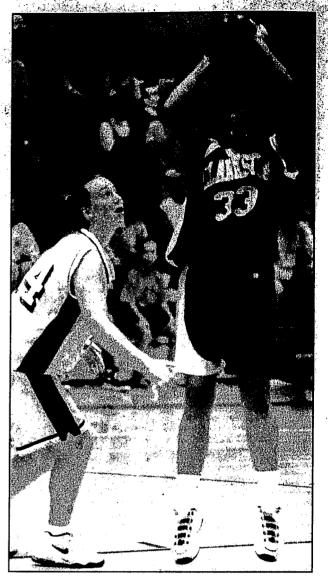
Kanipe was fouled twice in the final 30 seconds, and split her free throws both times to make it 51-49, and Honey sealed the

"We always rely on the post," said Wild, who finished with 17 points and controlled the middle when she was in the lineup. "We have good guards who can penetrate and get us the ball."

The other reason for the win: Aimee Giroux's defense on Benedict, Adams' top outside shooter. After Benedict hit her third 3pointer of the third quarter with about 3:30 left. Serra put Giroux on her, and the senior came through

"Aimee always plays good defense for me," Serra said. "I told her not to give Benedict anything. That's what Aimee

The Wolves are at Birming-ham Seaholm, Serra's former school, tonight for a 7 p.m. tipoff. Clarkston is home against Bloomfield Hills Lahser Tuesday. That game is also slated for a 7 p.m. start.



Wild thing: Clarkston's Lori Wild (33) controls the ball in the paint during the Wolves' 53-49 win over Rochester Adams Tuesday night. That's Adams' Jessi

Dragons finally get a hoop laugher, 57-38

BY JEFF THEISEN STAFF WRITER

After a string of tough and close games for the Lake Orion girls basketball team, they were able to assume a commanding lead and not have to sweat out another game, winning, 57-38, over Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Dragons' win was an Oak-

sion III victory that lifted their overall record 8-4, 4-1 in division

The scoring was well spread out with 10 different Dragons scoring and everyone playing in

"It was fun to relax for once and have everyone play," Lake

Orion coach Eve Claar said. "At this point it starts to wear on you because it looks like a long

Jennifer Johnson led all scorers with 17 points and led in rebounding with 12. Libby Nelson was high in assists with eight and Mel Cunningham recorded a team-high five steals.

The Dragons took an early 8-2 lead and built on it for a 14-6 lead after one quarter, with six different girls scoring for the

Johnson took over in the second quarter scoring nine of the team's 18 points.

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Latest win allows Oxford's Smith to join 400-win club

Ian Smith sits back and smiles vryly when he recalls his hum-

ble beginnings.
Smith, the long-time Oxford Wildcat coach, can afford that the sixth coach in Michigan girls' basketball history to win 400 games. Halfway through his 23rd year as Oxford's head guy, Smith. 53. knows things are much better now than they were when he was a rookie coach/teacher coming out of Wayne State University in 1973.

It seems like so long ago. . .

The beginning Smith was a tall kid in a Gary, Ind., high school, a 6-foot-3 athlete who played other sports, but whose athletic world revolved around basketball in state that was hoops-crazy. He played on a team that finished second in its

league his senior season, then won the sectionals before falling to a "real good Gary" team in the regional tournament.

Smith was a self-described "average" player on a team that featured a center who went on to the University of Houston and played with Elvin Hayes; a power forward who went to Indiana University on a football scholarship and eventually played with the National Foot-ball League's Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers; and two other starters who played ball at small colleges in Indiana.

"Our high school team was pretty tough," Smith recalled. "I was an average player on a pretty good team.

Smith kicked around for awhile, spending two years working in the steel mills "which everybody does," he said - and two years in the Navy. He was headed for Vietnam, his ship testing its seaworthiness in the Caribbean, when a basketball opportunity arose. Smith was given an office job, and one day received a visit from the

coach of a military team.

"He asked me how tall I was, and I said 'about 6-5,'" Smith said. "He asked if I'd like to try out for his team, and I told him I was headed to the Intrepid going to Vietnam. He told me, 'If you make this team you won't go to Vietnam.' I was like, 'Point me to the gym

Smith made the team, and his orders — and perhaps his life — were changed. He never saw ship duty, and spent two years working in an office in Norfolk, Va., along with playing basket-ball, volleyball, football and softball. The only time he saw a ship was on visits to them.

Smith, a versatile athlete in his own right, played with other good athletes, and a lot of them.

"Our football team had three or four college athletes, and our quarterback went to North Carolina. He had a great arm," Smith said, "Our softball team had an all-Navy pitcher who could throw 100-plus miles an hour from 45 feet. He was unhit-

After the service, Smith hit the recreational basketball circuit, and again drew the atten-



Long time coming: Wildcat girls' basketball coach Ian Smith, who is in his 23rd year at Oxford, notched his 400th victory in a 66-26 win over Mt. Morris Tuesday

tion of someone who would change his life.

"A guy saw me playing and asked if I'd ever played college ball, and I said no," Smith said.
"He said, 'I have a couple of friends who are college coaches. I could put in a word for you."

One college was in Valdosta,

Ga. The other was Wayne State University in Detroit. The course

Career change

Meanwhile, Smith, working the steel mills back in Gary, was asked by a friend to start coaching. Nothing major, some CYO ball, maybe some Little League

And Smith, entrenched in a career he loathed and looking for a way out, realized how much coaching would mean to him. It was the genesis of the rest of his

"I just really loved working with kids," Smith said. "I told myself I was in the wrong business, I hate what I'm doing and I want to get into coaching

Seeking some guidance, Smith, who had lost his father

during high school, turned to the paternal influence in his life: Uncle William Neil. Neil, a history professor at the Indiana University Northwest Campus, had succinct advice for his

"He told me, 'If you're going to be a teacher and a coach, you're going to have to go back to college and get an education,"
Smith recalled. "When this (offer to put in a good word at a couple of colleges) came up, I decided to

make this career change."

The only decision left: Valdos ta or Wayne State. Again, Smith

sought out his uncle's advice.
"We were pretty close (before his father died), so I guess I turned to him as my father figure," Smith said. "He was a big influence on my decision to go back to school. He told me Wayne State was the better school academically."

So Smith packed up, took advantage of his GI Bill, and headed to Detroit. "I decided after all these other jobs - two years in the Navy, two years in

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Welcoming hands: Detroit Pistons' mascot Hooper gets a raucous welcome from students at Clarkston Elementary School before Tuesday's "Jam Session," in the school gym. Hooper came out with the Pistons' director of camps and clinics, Steve Moreland, to talk to kids about the importance of school, the decisions they'll make in the future, and other life choices. The "Jam Session" precedes the clinic the Pistons run to teach basketball fundamentals to children.



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the steel mill, two years working for a wholesaler — to be a teacher and a coach. So when I went to college, I was a 25-year-old

A Wildcat - for life?

At Wayne State, Smith met and played basketball with Walt Studinger, who would become the boys' varsity basketball coach at Oxford High School. The two finished school and Studinger took a job in Clawson. Smith soon followed, doing his student teaching in Clawson. In 1974, Studinger interviewed for, and was given, the boys' varsity basketball head coaching position in Oxford.

One of the things he wanted was to bring his own junior varsity coach: Smith. The school agreed, setting up the team of Studinger-Smith that would carry both boys and girls basketball for the next several years.

At the end of that first year, athletic director Lee Nofts asked Studinger-Smith how they'd feel adding the girls' program to their duties. After some discussion, the pair agreed: Studinger would keep the varsity boys' job and serve as Smith's JV girls' coach; Smith would take the varsity girls' spot, and keep the JV spot under Studinger.

"We agreed at that time to flip-flop," Smith said. "We did that for a few years, and then he dropped out of JV girls because it was too much with the boys. I continued with the JV boys for about seven years. Then I got out of the boys and he continued

After the first three years. Smith could have been forgiven for regretting his decision. The Wildcats, coming off their first three organized seasons with three different coaches, lost 40 times in Smith's first 59 games.

the race), and I guess they follow

Sage wasn't happy with the

instructions pretty well.'

Harriers from page B1

"The first three years were pretty bleak," Smith admitted. "That first year we had hardworking kids, but they weren't very skilled."

That first team went 8-11, with Smith starting four seniors and a junior. The second season was almost identical: an 8-12 record with five seniors starting.

Smith put into motion a youth movement that would eventually establish Oxford's reputation as one of the state's top programs. In his third season, Smith started two freshmen, two sophomores and a junior. The team went 3-17, but many of the games were close.

"I just said, "This is ridiculous. We're never going to get anywhere doing this," Smith said. "We had a real good crop of young kids coming up."

The problem: Oxford didn't have a junior high school program for girls. So Smith encouraged a couple of the better young players to go out for the boys team. The surprise: a couple of them were starters on that boys' team.

"There were some angry dads watching their boys on the bench with two girls starting," Smith said with a smile. "We had girls' basketball in the junior high the next year, by the way.

The following season, 1978, the Wildcats went 17-5. "We never looked back after that.'

Seasons of success

Since then, the Wildcats have won 12 district titles, reached the state quarterfinals five different times and reached the Final Four twice. They've won or shared nine league championships, and won the first two Oxford Invitationals. They've won 14 games every year except 1993 (10-11), Smith's only losing

"I didn't have a good race (Friday)," Sage said. "I just couldn't

get it going. I felt real tight

Still, it was a convincing per-

before the race.'

season since those first three.

Most of Oxford's most epic battles, especially since moving into the Flint Metro League, have come with Lapeer East. The last 11 FML championships have been won or shared by the Eagles and Wildcats. And most of the games between the two schools have been basketball

In his time, Smith has seen quality players come and go. He es to name the best ones, since he's engrossed at the moment in the senior seasons of stars Jenny White and Sarah Courtright.

"I don't even think about those kinds of things," Smith said. "It would be very hard for me to pick out players, because I'm so familiar right now with Jenny and Sarah.'

His players remember him the same way. Patti (Earnheart) Allen played for Smith in the late 1980s, one of the most prosperous periods in Smith's career. 'He's the best coach I've ever had," said Allen, who also played volleyball and softball and ran track. "Everyone I knew looked up to him. He definitely knew what he was doing. He's just a great person.'

All good things must come to an end, and Smith knows his coaching career is winding down.

"Everybody said I was going to stay until Jenny and Sarah (Courtright) graduate," Smith said. "That's not the case."

Smith's goal is to retire from teaching when he hits 55, and he'll evaluate his desire to continue coaching then.

"I have to decide if I want to make a break at that time, Smith said. "As long as I'm enjoying it, and the kids are still working hard, and I like coming to the gym every day. . .

his team felt it had something to

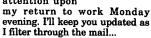
"I think they know we lost a meet we shouldn't have lost,"

make up for.

Cleaning up the vacation mess

Boy, oh boy! Take or one short week off work and the mail and phone calls just pile

up. Tournaments results, successhunter reports, training workshops and much more was awaiting my attention upon



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Successful hunters

• Oxford's Chad Wedge wasted little time filling his first archery deer license. The 1997 season was just hours old when the 15year-old arrowed a dandy 7point with a 16-inch spread. Wedge was hunting from a tree stand on private property over-looking a corn field in northern Oakland County.

 Will Walker, of Bloomfield Hills, shot a 328-pound black bear on Saturday, Oct. 4. Walker was hunting behind hounds in Houghton County. On Friday, Oct. 10, Will's father Bill shot a 175-pound bear, also

Houghton County.
• Livonia's Mark Kyle arrowed a 4-point buck at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2. Kyle was hunting from a tree stand on state land in Emmet County.

• Mark Goodell got a late start

on opening day of the archery deer season and arrived at his tree stand "well after sunrise." His tardiness didn't seem to matter as the Rochester Hills archer shot a spike horn at 10

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Fishing results

The top eight anglers from

eight local bass clubs met on the Detroit River late last month to compete for bragging rights in the Michigan Bass Invitational. Each club entered four, two-man teams. The total weight from all four teams was entered as the club weight and the club with the most total weight was crowned champion.

There were no cash prizes for the winners. The tournament was for bragging rights only.

When the fish were finally all weighed the Michigan Bass'n Gals were whooping it up as they won the tournament with a team total of 62.4 pounds. Oakland County Bass Anglers finished second with 59.8 pounds followed by Wayne County Bass Anglers (59.4), Oakland County Bassmasters (53.4), Metro Bass Anglers (48.7), Tri-City In-Fishermen (46.3), Clinton Valley Bass Anglers (38.0), and Bass'n Bums and Babes (27.5).

"This was the first time we've won it and I think we've fished in it 10 years, maybe more," said Canton's Linda Bennett, a member of the Bass'n Gals team and the 1997 Michigan Bass'n Gals Angler of the Year. "When you get a plan and work together as a team, anything can happen. We had a meeting, planned it out and had a strategy of what we wanted to do. Everybody had to catch fish and everybody did. It was a great time and a great

Bennett's partner was Ferndale's Sheri Gibson. The other members of the winning Bass'n Gals team were Patty Thompson (Romulus) and Billie Long (Dearborn Heights), Cindy Wiebelhaus (Brownstown Twp.) and Mary McTaggart (Lincoln Park), and Judy Carr (Plymouth) and Inge Rose (Dearborn Heights).

National Bass'n Gal

Canton's Mary Ashteneau wrapped up the season recently by competing in the National Bass'n Gals Classic Star World Championship. Fishing on the Coosa River in Neely Henry Lake, Alabama, Ashteneau couldn't quite find the right pattern as she finished 32nd in the 41-angler field. Ashteneau weighed two fish for a total

weight of 2.68 pounds. Arkansas Angler Diane Kegley became only the second amateur angler in the 21-year history of

the event to win the Classic Star, which is the woman's equivalent to the BASSMASTER Classic. Kegley finished with a two-day total of seven fish that weighed 17.79 pounds. Janice Creek was the only angler to weight a two-day limit of 10 fish and finished second with a total weight of 15.66 pounds.

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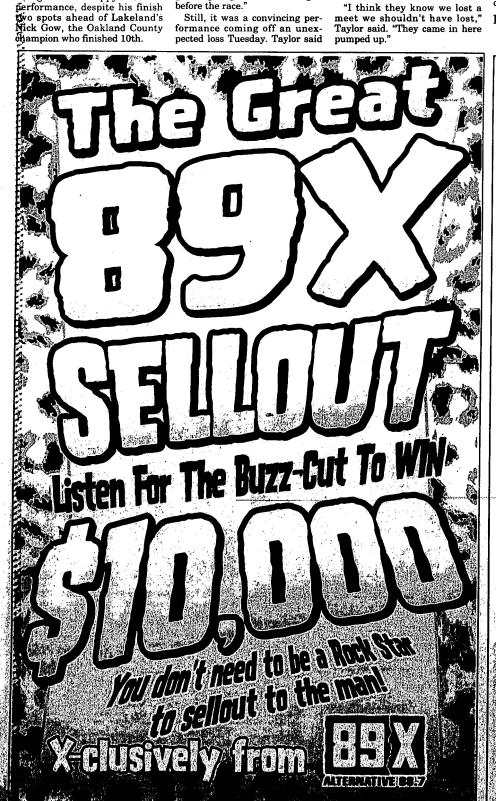
whole group of youths?
Project F.I.S.H. Workshop, scheduled for Nov. 7-9 in Jackson, is intended to show adults to organize a community youth sportfishing club.

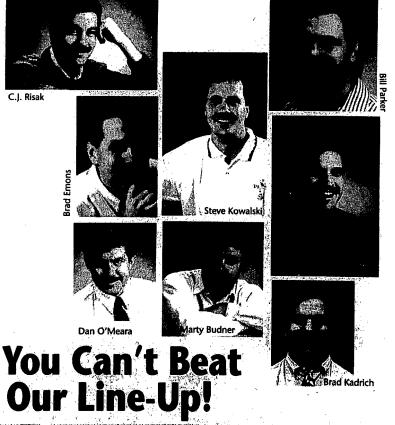
"We're looking for adults who are serious about taking time to start a program for kids in their area," said Bruce Matthews, chief of the DNR's Department of Information and Education. "Today, kids have fewer opportunities to learn how to fish and there's a great need for mentors who are enthusiastic about working with kids. The rewards are tremendous - imagine helping a young angler catch that first fish, and at the same time learn an exciting skill that will last a lifetime. For many of us, the chance to mentor today's youth in fishing is the best opportunity we have to pass on the fishin' tradition as well as say thanks to those who passed tradition on to us.

The workshop will be held at Camp McGregor and begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$60 per person and \$55 per person for a team of two or more. Fees include lodging and all teaching materials. Registration deadline is Oct. 31.

For a registration packet or more information contact Mary Jamieson and MSU at (517) 353-0308 or jamieso5@pilot.msu.edu.

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EXPLORING AUTUMN

Children ages four and five accompanied by a parent will explore the autumn season during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills, Call (248) 339-3497 for more informa-

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Adults can learn how to attract birds to their winter feeder during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

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Learn everything you want to know about owls and other nocturnal creatures during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Call (248) 738-2500 to register and for more information.

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The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26.

DEER

The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15.

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in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South

Michigan's second elk season runs Dec. 9-16 in designated areas by special permit only. GOOSE

Canada goose season runs Oct. 4-Oct. 19 in the North and Middle zones. The season runs Oct. 11-19 and Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South zone outside the five

Goose management units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in Zone I and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

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Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles) north of the Palace of Auburn Hills), Call (810) 814-9193 for more information: 🧐 🐧 🧦 🧦

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shot-gun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The range will close at 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 26. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities: Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mon-days (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays), Oct. 19-Nov. 15 the range will be open 10 a.m. tz-5 p.m. daily. Nov. 16-Dec. 22 range hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

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APPLE CIDERING

Learn how honey bees help turn apple blossoms into fruit, then make some cider on a hand-pow ered press during this program, which begins at 4 p.m. Thursday at Stony Creek. A similar program will be offered throughout the day on Sunday.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Skits, games, goodies and ghouls await first through fourth graders and their families in this program, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Indian Springs.

WILD ENCOUNTERS

An evening family program for

ages six and older in which participants will explore Halloween traditions and symbols through outdoor activities and encoun-ters with characters and live critters will be held Saturday at Stony Creek.

NATURE'S RECYCLERS

Find out how things in nature are reduced and, reused and recycled during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

WALK IN THE PARK

Enjoy the hardwood's show of colors during this naturalist-led walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

SEED TRAVELERS

Learn how plants spread their seeds during this naturalist-led walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

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Separate the facts from fiction about one of nature's most fascinating animals during this program, which begins at 3 p.m.

Sunday at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY-BEARS

Children ages 7-11 will explore the myths and legends about the black bear and learn about scientific research used in studying the bear during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Independence

TRUTH ABOUT AUTUMN

Take an extended hike and learn about fall colors during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Independence Oaks.

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK

Pumpkin carving contests, horse-drawn hay rides, trick-ortreating and much more awaits participants in this program, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 at the Metamora-Hadley State Recreation Area.

Hawks paste Panthers

An old adage among football coaches states: offense wins games, defense wins championships. If that cliche is true. the Lakes Area Hawks junior varsity football team is headed for a successful post-season

The Hawks defense rose to the occasion once again Sunday as Lakes posted a 25-0 shutout victory over the Pontiac Panthers. It was the fourth shutout of the season for the JV squad, which allowed just one first down all game and recorded a safety for the final points of the game.

"I'll take an ugly win over a pretty loss any day of the year," said JV coach Pete Lesner, whose team stands 7-0 with one game remaining in the Suburban Youth Football Conference. "I guess we were just trying to get too much at one time. Offensively, we just

never really got things going."
Still, the Hawks controlled the ball. Chris Belleperche led

the way with two touchdowns and Joe Mercier had one Adam Lesner completed two two-point conversion passes to Craig Aubry and Keith Holt ran in the other conversion. The freshmen and varsity

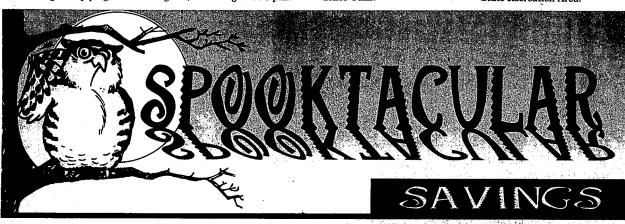
teams didn't fare as well.

Despite gaining 425 yards in total offense the Hawks varsity team couldn't keep pace with the Panthers as it dropped a 30-16 decision. Mike Schultz finished with 107 yards and two TD's on 13 carries to lead the Hawks and Dave Gandee picked up 104 yards on seven carries.

Chris Sloan paced the defense with a safety.

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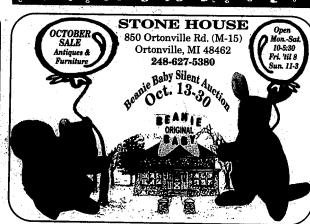
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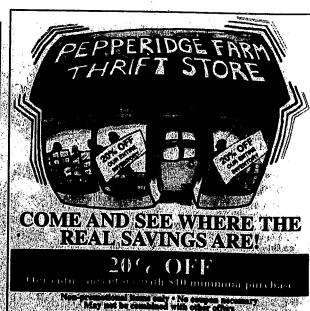
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Three-dimensional: Diana Van Fossen (left to right) Avril Gentles, and Fiona Davis per form in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama. "Three Tall Women."

Playwright

COMES TO TERMS WITH MOMIN DRAMA

FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

ince the days of Euripides, coping with the everpresent, influence; ofemothers has made for
compelling theaten.
Sophocles tale of Oedipus has,
caused more than a few restless,
nights sleep for pubescent boys.

As Freud shrewdly observed; soon-er or later, we either run from our mothers, sound like them or end up doing both. Apparently, learn-ing to cope — and affording therapy - are inevitable stops along the

way Beginning next Wednesday, Meadow Brook Theatre presents a drama derived from a famous playwright's catharsis inspired by his oppressive and unlikable mother (although she is quite lik-

able in the play).

"Three Tall/Women' appeals to anyone who has or had a mother, said Geoffrey Sherman, who directs the cast of -who else? - three tall women in Meadow. Brook's upcoming production of Edward Albee's 1994 Pulitzer

Prize winning play There's an enormous amount of love in the play," said Sherman. "Albee has achieved beace, with his

The relationship between Albeet nor denied.

■ What: 'Three Tall Women, 'a play in two acts by Edward Albee!!

■ Where: Meadow Brook Theatre:
Oakland University's Professional Theatre Company, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University's Rochester Hills.

Rochester Hills: . . . Previews: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 22-24

■ Opens: 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25-Nov. 16 ■ Performances: 8 p.m. Tuesday. Thursday: 2 p.m. Wednesday: 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday: 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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and his mother, however, was far

The cantankerous playwright has told interviewers that as an adoptive son, he never felt welcomed — or loved — by his socially ambitious mother He left the

therapy, a psychological journey in defined by how his characters coming to terms with a maternal define life by the proximity to

"Three Tall Women" is a somewhat abstract play. The realistic in first act is the superficial, impres-

first act is the superficial impressionistic painting on which layers and layers of psychological insight will be heaped in act two.

In act one a 90-something elderly lady spends time "smelling her mortality," alternately sitting in a chair or being hustled to a bathroom. Amid lucid times, she reflects on her childhood, her marriage to an extremely wealthy and elfin man, and her alienation from elfin man, and her alienation from

her son
Two: younger women attend to the contentious geriatric: an eccentric, early 50s companion and a mid 20s woman who has come to help the elderly woman straighten

out her finances and estate.

The women congregate in the older woman's opulent bedroom from Bloomingdales arranged adoptive son, he never felt welcomed—or loved—by his socially
ambitious mother. He left the
house at age 17 and never went
back, until the lest days of his
mother's life.

The set designed by Meadow
Brook's Peter Hicks, creates the
impression that the drama is floating over an omniscient black word
Appropriately

mothers life. Appropriately, throughout
The play presents a modern-day: Albee's four-decades of play writallegory as much as collective ling, his work has been largely.

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Nancy Gurwin 'Presents' quality shows

By Keely Wygonik Staff Writer

Nancy Gurwin Presents opens its 13th season at the Aaron Studio DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center Saturday, Oct. 18, with "The Sound of Music."

Although she won't be appearing in this show, Gurwin can well iden-tify with Maria, a young novice sent by the sisters to

Nancy Gurwin

take care of the Von Trapp Family, when she sings - "I have confidence...ir

"I performed on Broadway before I got married," said Gurwin, who studied theater in New York. "My husband Don said, here's some money, you have an opportunity to do a show. He thought d get it out of my system, but I didn't. I was successful."
Gurwin started a dinner theater

company, and opened with "I Do! I Do!" at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills with Phil Marcus Esser. "We were booked on off nights, Thursdays Sundays, for three months," she said.
"The run sold out, and we stayed eight months.

After that successful run she plugged into the dinner theater circuit presenting musicals and comedies at the former Vittorio's in Livonia and other

"Don has always been supportive," said Gurwin. "He was always there to help me and take care of the kids. Danny, the youngest of their five grown

children, is a professional actor. He starred with his mom in "Annie Get Your Gun" at a dinner theater in Detroit.

"As the years went by, dinner theater became less popular in the area, but by then my name was well known," said Gurwin. "People would ask me when I

was putting on my next show."

Truth be told, Gurwin said she was beginning to feel like a vagabond and longed for a home. She approached the Jewish Community Center because and

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"The Sound of Music"

When: Nancy Gurwin Presents production opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.
Additional performances 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19:8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Nov. 1:end Nov:8:2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 26. Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.

Where: Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road; West Bloomfield

- Tickets: \$18, \$15 senior citizens, \$13 students (through high school); group rates available: Call (248) 354-0545 or (248) 288-1508:
- Season Schedule: "Funny Girl" - Opens March 21

MUSIC MEMORABILIA

Exhibit recalls "A Hard Day's Night"

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Hard to believe, but John Lennon would have celebrated his 57th birthday this month. Lennon, who was murdefed in 1980 on the steps of the Dakota la New York City, probably would be sur-prised to learn of The Beatles continuing

popularity, or would he? Now, the generation which grew up with The Beatles can relive the early years with an exhibition of 32 black and white photographs through Oct. 26 at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile Road and Newburgh in Livonia

"The Beatles, Liverpool Days" brings back memories of screaming females thronging the fab four wherever they traveled. The rare photos were taken in 1964 by Astrid Kirchherr, fiancee of Stuart Sutcliffe, the Beatles' original bass player, and distinguished photojournalist Max Scheler on the set of A Hard Day's Night and at their family homes

in Liverpool: Kirchherr, an aspiring pho-tographer, spent many hours watching the struggling band play clubs in Ham-burg, Germany She dated Sutcliffe and traveled with the group until he died at age 21 from a brain bemorrhage in 1962.
"I think it's a great show and has a multi-generational appeal," said John Sonego, spokesperson for Laurel Park Place. "I'm 39 and barely remember The

Beatles The photos are cultural history. People who grew up with The Beatles can now bring their kids They be heard the music on the radio and now they can visually experience the phenomena and kind of major impact they had.

The Beatles first appeared on the music scene in the early 1960s By 1964 they had just returned from America.

they had just returned from America where they'd appeared on the Ed'Sulli-van show Their songs dominated the air waves and anyone who was anyone imitated their famous "Teddy Boy" haircuts. "Astrid save Stuart that haircut," said

Sonego. "A lot of French actors were wearing it and George Harrison walked in and said can you cut mine like that. And that was one of their first claims to fame, the mop top look."

Assigned by the German publication Stern to capture Beatlemania, Scheler asked Kirchherr, a longtime friend of the group, to introduce him. The negatives were never used and sat in storage for 30 years before Kirchherr and Scheler collaborated on the book Liverpool

"The photos are not for sale," said Sonego: They were published in Astrid's book in 1994, Only 2500 copies were made and now out of print, so this is a rare opportunity to see photos you're not going to see in other places." So far, fans from San Diego to Florida

have viewed the photographs. The images include, Lennon and Paul

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Fab four: Max Scheler took this photograph...

of The Beat-



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death.
In Albee's distinctive style, the second act provides the interior world of the elderly woman as the three women on stage appear to be parts of the same personality at different ages in her long life.

Only a short interlude of her son's presence at her bedside disrupts the tri-dimensional dissection of the older woman's life of bitter regrets, resignations and bitingly humorous anecdotes.

For a playwright whose work has been called, at times, impenetrable but fun, Albee has managed to create a work with acces sibility, universal appeal and emotional depth.

That's the kind of dramatic combination, predicts Sherman, that will eventually make the play an American classic. It wouldn't be Albee's first. The

three-time Pulitzer Prize winner has also created memorable dra-mas in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" (1962), "A Delicate Balance" (1966), and "Seascape"

Despite its universal appeal and being one of the most influential playwrights of the last 50 years, Albee couldn't find a New York producer willing to produce "Three Tall Women." The play premiered at Vienna's English Theatre before opening on Off-Broadway a year later.

ABC's of theater

For Sherman and the three female actors, working their way through "Three Tall Women" is like searching for treasure in a mine field.

With opening night in sight, the cast had gone through the play several times while still trying to cope with Albee's complex riting style," said Sherman.

"He's so specific about how a line should be delivered. He uses punctuation, italics and parenthetical directions (in the script). It's rare for a playwright to think through each line so thoroughly."

The dramatic result is that Albee has created memorable three-dimensional characters. The proverbial case of characters that everyone has met, yet characters with their own distinctive personalities.

Albee has chosen three rather minimal references for his actors: "A," "B" and "C." Perhaps Kafkaesque in tone, but the selfconfessional narrative voice in "Three Tall Women" clearly belongs in the 1990s.

Averil Gentles portrays the elderly woman, "A." Gentles has performed on Broadway in

"Showboat" with Donald O'Conner and "Jimmy Shine" with Dustin Hoffman.

The middle-aged woman, "B," is played by Diana Van Fossen, a former member of the Royal 'Shakespeare Company, who per-formed last season in Meadow Brook's acclaimed "Arcadia."

Fiona Davis, who performs the role of the young lawyer, "C," also played the same role in produc-tions at the Arizona Theatre Company and the Dallas Theatre Center. Davis' Broadway credits include the Tony Award-nominated production of "Wilder, Wilder, Wilder" and "Zoya's

In the backyard

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With recent productions of "Over the Tavern," "Appalachian

Spring" and "The Piano Lesson," Meadow Brook under the direction of Sherman is intent on convincing audiences that "we have New York-quality theater in their backyards."

"The Piano Lesson." written by August Wilson, was the first drama by an African-American author produced at Meadow

Brook in 25 years. As regional theaters pick up the slack of perpetuating American classics, Meadow Brook is determined to become a force recognized for its diversity. In these times when Broadway is more concerned with revivals and elaborate productions, Sherman believes regional theaters are keeping alive the true spirit of American theater.

"('Three Tall Women') is an example of true theatrical story-

telling," said Sherman. It's a play, most critics concede, by an author whose impressive catalog Tennessee Williams and the "theater of language" of play-wrights such as Sam Sheppard and David Mamet.

Yet most of all, Albee's "Three Tall Woman" accomplishes what Euripides, Sophocles and other wrights attempted: to make audiences more compassionate to those suffering through the "human condition."

"This play has helped me to be more empathetic for older peosaid Sherman.

ple," said Sherman.
"It offers insight to those of us who've grown up and have come to take care of elderly parents. It's about what we do to achieve

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knew they had a theater there and, with their welcoming encouragement, gave it a whirl. Since then, the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center has been Gurwin's musical home.

She opened with "Funny Girl," and it was a sell-out. "We do three shows a year," she said. "It took years of doing good stuff to build a good reputation."

Gurwin is still doing "good stuff," and encouraging a new generation of theatergoers and stars. She founded Tedd E. Bear Productions six years ago when the JCC asked her to do a kosher luncheon theater for children.

In addition to the kosher lun-cheon theater show, "Cinderella" to be presented Feb. 15 this year, Gurwin presents "Tedd E. Bear Does Broadway," every spring. 'It's a blowout musical revue,

Her children's program has grown to also include a Summer Camp of the Arts that's also held at JCC. "It's an intensive workshop of dance, and they learn the interworkings of the theater," she said. "At the end they put on a production. This year we did 'Annie,' and 'Oliver.' Next year we're doing 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'Fiddler on the Roof."

Nathan Keen, 8, who per-formed in "Pinnochio," was cast as a tea cup in Disney's "Beauty & The Beast," and toured with

"People say to me they see shows at the Fisher and Meadow Brook and that my shows are just as wonderful and fun to watch," said Gurwin. "I try to bring a professional air. I try very, very hard. This show ('Sound of Music') is beautiful to look at.'

Over the years, Gurwin said she's "made lots of mistakes, but I've gained a lot of knowledge," she said.

Her company brings "The Sound of Music," "A Chorus Line" and "Funny Girl" to the suburbs where people can enjoy them.

She casts some professionals in leading roles, the rest she finds through open auditions.

Word gets out and people

come from all over," she said. "I had a girl from Chicago who was in 'Oliver,' she stayed with relatives here during the run of the

Gurwin's ability to draw talented people is one of the things that makes her star shine. When you surround yourself with good people you excel," she

A dance audition workshop for the musical "A Chorus Line" will be offered 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 in the dance studio at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (at Drake), in West Bloomfield. "A Chorus Line" auditions are scheduled 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday? Oct. 20-21, at the Jewish Community Center, All auditionees must wear dance apparel to the auditions. The show opens Jan. 10.

Choreographer John Mattiello of Royal Oak, who chore-ographed Gurwin's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," which received great reviews last year, will also be choreographing "A Chorus Line." Michael A. Gravame is directing, and will be assisting Mattiello at the dance audition workshop.

"They want to work with the dancers before the auditions so they'll be prepared," explained Gurwin. "'Chorus Line' is a dancer's show."



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McCartney collaborating on a song, Harrison on the set of "A Hard Day's Night" surrounded by beehive-haired fans, and Ringo Starr and Kirchherr dancing together in Ringo's London

"The photos are being exhibited because of the interest in The Beatles with the anthology released last year," said Sonego. It captures them at a point when they're really young and becoming famous around the world, yet it hasn't hit them yet. They're not jaded. They're at home with their parents. It's down to earth and fun."

Kirchherr remembers her first photo session with The Beatles at a fairground in Hamburg in 1960.

"When we did our first session together, I said, just sit there and look into the camera," said Kirchherr during a recent interview. "Of course John made remarks like, what do you want me to look like?" I said, "you just be you and he understood."

After Sutcliffe's death, Kirchherr traveled to the set of "A Hard Day's Night" where she and Scheler took a series of informal shots. The photos taken during the sessions form the nucleus of the exhibit.

Kirchherr, who now lives in Germany, is no longer taking photographs but is involved with music publishing. She assisted in writing the screen play for "Backbeat," a 1994 film focusing on her relationship with Sutcliffe.Hours for the exhibition are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday Shout, a Beatles tribute band, performs sets 1-4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 18.

Theater company presents dinner show

The Mt. Zion Theatre Company of Clarkston will present its

The Mt. Zion Theatre Company of Clarkston will present its first dinner, theater production in October with four performances of a two-act play about family, "Snapshots and Portraits." Dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by show at 8 p.m. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25.

The event will be hosted at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts. 4453 Clintonville Road (Off Maybee) in Waterford Call (248) 391-6166 for tickets ask for Debbie McClure Tickets are \$25 each; tables of 8 for \$200 Tickets include admission to the play as well as dinner. The play written by Paul McClusker, includes special interests for singles, single parents, parents with rebellious kids, the aging, lonely, and all members of a typical family.

News anchor writes, performs country



This just in! Channel 4 news anchor Devin Scillian writes performs country and western music. Film tonight at 9:30 on Detroit Public Televi-

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Devin is a case in point. Prior to coming to Detroit, he worked as a newsman in Oklahoma City, where he was bitten by the C&W bug. A bittersweet convergence

occurred with the tragic bombing in Oklahoma City - he released a single and video, Broken Heartland, which for many became a cathartic expression of the tragedy. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Detroit, where he's supported many great causes with his musical talents. His appearance on Backstage Pass not only demonstrates his writing and performing abilities, it shows his commitment to metro area artists. And while none of us would want him to quit his night job (we enjoy his newscasts too much) you'll enjoy seeing another side of this local favorite.

In the world of full-time singers, the first concert ever attended by Pontiac-born rock artist Michell Penn was Pat Benetar's at Freedom Hill. Later on, Michelle (a fellow Wayne State alumnus, I might add) moved from Detroit first to Atlanta, then to Nashville. And
- how cool is this? - this week she's returning to Pontiac to

open for you guessed it - Pat Benetar. Beyond this "prodigal artist" story, Michelle's music is the real deal. After years of radio largely excluding female voices, Michelle's vocal style with its power, range and electric edge - is a welcome addition. We've been playing songs from her current release, How Do You Live, on the River, and we're thrilled to have her playing live in the Detroit Public Television studio tonight on Backstage

Art correspondent Gerry Craig will visit "O Pelourinho!" a show exploring the rich heritage of Afro-Brazilian folk art at WSU's Community Arts Gallery. I spoke with Mame Jackson, cocurator of the exhibit. She took five trips to Brazil in order to really become familiar with the artists, their work and the context in which the work is created. "We went to Salvador and surrounding areas in the state of Bahia, a culturally rich area.'

Mame explained how those trips resulted in a truly authen-

tic feel. "A show organized within Brazil would normally be more formalized. This is the first showing of Brazilian popular art. These artists are selftaught, work in the street, weren't trained academically and don't participate in the formal art community. They don't draw from the elite; they draw from the common, from a very spiritually rich culture. This show gives us access to an experience we just don't have in America.

Mame listed a whole array of objects in the exhibit. "There are sculptures - some over six feet tall – of various gods, or Orixas from the Candomble religion; some wonderful iron objects, called ferrementas, religious objects which symbolize the Orixas from Candomble used in temples or shrines; beautiful hand-wrought iron pieces - there is a very spiritual energy runthrough the show."

With a show influenced so much by a far-away culture, I wondered if it plays more like a

collection of artifacts than art. Mame acknowledges that there's a lot to learn, but it can be enjoyed purely for its beauty and story-telling. "This is very acces-sible, direct, urban folk art bright, colorful, immediately appealing and visually very engaging. It captures the energy of the streets of Brazil. They're ordinary people, using images from everyday life, so everyone can enjoy it.

"One of the concrete things that can speak to us across time and across distance are things that are made by human beings. There has never been a culture

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in the history of the human race that hasn't had some sort of visual images - sometimes they're all we have from those cultures. So even though most of the people who see this exhibit was don't speak Portuguese and rend probably won't ever go to Brazil, and through the art there is an opportunity to connect? opportunity to connect."

Also on the Big Show, Elliot Wilhelm of the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre will give us the scoop on the sixth annual Metropolitan Film Festival. That's all tonight at 9:30 on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television Channel 56 Television, Channel 56.

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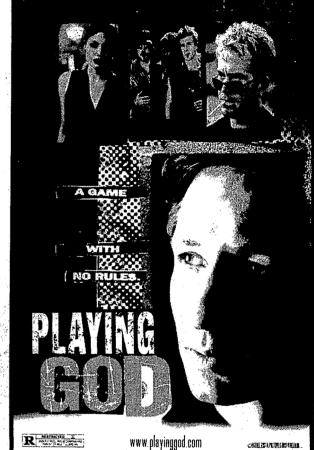
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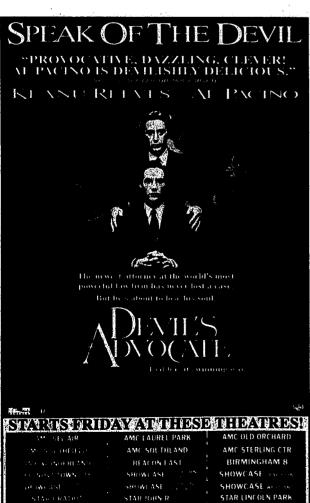
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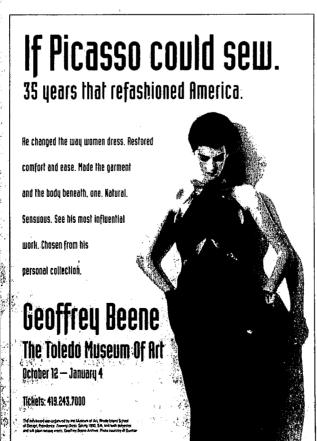
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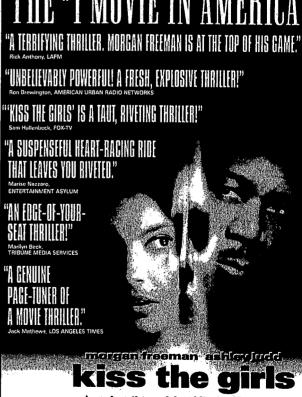
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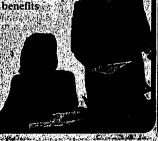
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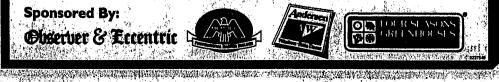
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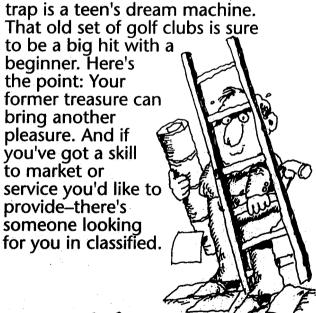
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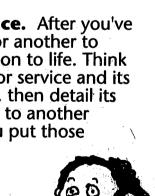
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the other day from Mr. Carter, who represents Gas Workers Local No. 80 in Michigan. He said that 200 MichCon employees would have to be laid off if the proposed legislation House Bill 4756 passes in Lans-

This column is too small to describe the whole bill so I'll sum it up this way. Certain heating and air conditioning companies, along with some appliance repair companies, suggest that the utilities are using rate payers dollars to cross-subsidize their in home warranty programs. The Michigan Public Service ommission has found this to be untrue.

The second paragraph of Mr. Carter's fax really hit home when he wrote, "HB 4756 would prohibit utilities from providing any type of appliance repair service to residents within the state of Michigan.

"Not only would this limit the choices of the people, but it would take away one of the few remaining safeguards that we have against unethical contractors."

Let me make a point here. Folks, with the failure to pass the Appliance Repair Act just a few months ago in Lansing, we the consumers who ever need appliance service in our homes are at the mercy of whomever we call.

We have read and seen enough stories to be informed that the service industry does have some very unethical people in it. That's not to say there aren't honest people in the industry, it just confirms that we don't know who they are.

Nothing has been done by the appliance repair industry to bolster the fact that certain companies are honest and hard working and don't rip off consumers. I happen to own one of these service companies and always must

think of what is best for the homeowner, It's called customer relations.

It is a sad day when a group of business owners can band together with the purpose of greed as their cause. The rule of competition has proven to be better for consumers and for business as well.

The past years have shown that the heating and appliance repair businesses have done whatever they wanted to do and didn't have to reply to anyone.

The utilities have proven what I've been saying for years. A service contract on an appliance is way overpriced and the appliance industry has gouged the American public to the tune of Millions of Dollars. For the very price that people spend on one product in their home, the utilities can cover repairs on all your products.

Unless you know the reputation of the service company in your home is pure, maybe you should count on your utility. If they rip you off, they have to answer to someone. You and the Public Service Commission.



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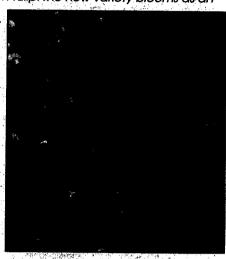
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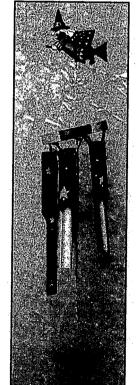


Celebration

Petal pushing: You don't have to wait for next Fourth of July to show your patriotism. Red, white and blue will be making a big splash next spring as Celebration tulips sprout in area gardens. Just in time for fall planting, English Gardens introduces the Celebration tulip. The new variety blooms as an

ordinary red tulip and opens to display a beautiful bright blue center ringed by a delicate white line. Celebration tulio bulbs are available at all four English Gardens locations. including the West Bloomfield store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road (call (248) 851-7506). A packet of six bulbs retails for \$4.49.





Bewitching

'Boo'-ing in the wind: Which wind chime would a witch chime? Why, a witch wind chime, of course. This unusual, decorative wind chime features a witch riding a broomstick over star-painted bamboo chimes, while a bat hovers below. Featuring colorful handpainted accents, this wind chime retails for \$31.95 at Sideways, 505 Forest in Plymouth. Call (313) 453-8312.



inspired by an antique embroidered vestment from a French abbaye; and "Mersea," featuring a motif of grapes and follage in subdued tone-ontone colorations. Call (248) 649-

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inviting ideas

Lunch box cuisine treats adult tastes



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

session, and parents packing lunches seem to put all of their efforts toward the kids, and as Seinfeld would say "Not that there's anything wrong with that.

It's also time to put on that creative thinking cap and

come up with some new ideas for those dull adult packed lunches.

For adults that work and don't do lunch out, a packed lunch is just a common daily occurrence, and usually a boring one - sandwiches, filled cakes, and a piece of fruit - ho-hum. Still racking your brain to think of something different? With all the trendy breads on the market, and bread boutiques on every corner, there are easy options readily

Vic's World Class Market is making a vegetable stuffed baguette - add your favorite cheese, cold or melted ... yum! Do a pocket sandwich in a pita pocket (wheat or plain), how about a sandwich on a flavored bagel - there are even Sun Dried Tomato Bagels available - and top it off with Carolyn Collins' (The Caviar Lady) newest brainchild - The Ultimate Bagel Schmear (Cream Cheese, Herbs and Caviar).

How about a grilled Portabella Mushroom Sandwich on a bun? There are new low-fat tortillas and lavash bread in most grocery stores - with or without salt, with or without sugar, with or without sesame seeds. How about sandwich or canape filling on home made crackers?

Salads can be packed, and can easily be kept cool - those small freezer jell packs are a dream. How about packing a pasta salad; a grain salad using bulgur wheat or quinoa; or a delicious poached chicken and fruit salad topped with a yogurt dressing?

Homemade soups are particularly nice - a real taste of home that is easily packable in a thermos. Just the addition of a delicious savory chutney on a roasted turkey sandwich, chutney layered with cream cheese, or chutney garnishing sliced roast beef, will transform any dull sandwich, to a new taste treat.

With Adult Cuisine in mind ... come out to Vic's World Class Market on 42875 Grand River in Novi for a cooking class with Chef Kirk Hansen and me,

Ruth Mossok Johnston, on Oct. 21. Adult Halloween Cuisine will be the first class of the new series, and will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Alcove. The recipes for the evening will be: Jack O'Lantern Curried Pumpkin Soup, Harvest Hued Kabob, Candy Corn Polenta, Ghoulishly Spicy Wild Rice and Dunking For Apples Crème Brûlèe. Reservations for the Halloween Cuisine for Adults (\$25), please call Vic's Service Desk at: 248-305-7333 Ext. 126 to save your spot.

TOMATO CHUTNEY

- 1/2 cup white wine (tarragon) vine-
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1 medium Spanish onion, peeled and cut into 3/4 inch cubes
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Scotch bonnet pepper, stem removed, seeded and minced (wear rubber gloves - very hot!)
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon whole mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 tablespoon *orange blossom water
- 1 (28 ounce) can seasoned diced tomatoes, drained
- * Orange Blossom Water can be purchased at Middle Eastern Food Shops

In a medium saucepan, bring the wine vinegar, white vinegar, onion, garlic, ginger, brown sugar, granulated sugar, Scotch bonnet pepper, cinnamon stick, mustard seeds, cardamom, cloves, and orange blossom water to a boil. Reduce the heat, stir frequently and simmer uncovered for 45-60 minutes (until thick).

Add the drained tomatoes. Bring the mixture back to a boil and remove from the heat.

HOMEMADE HONEY TEA CRACKERS

This very old recipe was given to me by a dear elderly friend - it dates back to 1925 from The American Cookery Magazine formerly known as The Boston Cooking School Magazine - of Culinary

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garden spot

Fall full of chores



MARTY FIGLEY

I don't believe Garden Fashion Maven M.S. (I won't say her, name) would approve of my gardening fattire" – old black baggy pants, old rubber duck shoes or tennies, and generally a straw hat with a very large brim – but that's

OK. I still get the job done and fashion isn't the point of gardening anyway.

I do believe she would like the new Mud gloves, made by Little's Good Gloves Inc. of Johnstown, N.Y. I have used mine to transplant and clean up the garden in wet, cold soil and my hands have stayed warm and dry.

The liner is cotton and the latex helps give a firm grip. There are several styles, available at English Gardens, Plymouth Nursery and Wiegand's. For a free brochure, call toll-free (888) 967-5548 or fax (518) 762-2980.

Speaking of outdoor chores, it's time to store bulbs and tubers for the winter in a box that allows good air circulation. Generally after the foliage turns brown is the time to begin. Here are some specifics:

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Science and Domestic Economics. It sounds like a bit of effort, but I'll bet you'll have the only homemade crackers in your employee lunchroom.

Sift three cups of flour with one-half a teaspoon of salt and one teaspoonful of ground allspice. Beat three eggs, add the grated rind and juice of one-half a large lemon, stir in three tablespoonfuls of strained honey, with one-fourth a teaspoonful of baking soda, dissolved in a teaspoonful of water. Stir the flour into this mixture, and mix to a dough. Roll out very thin, not more than one-fourth inch, cut with a round cutter, prick all over with a fork, brush with a mixture of equal parts of honey and water, press into the center of each a blanched almond, or one-half a walnut, and bake in a moderate oven for fifteen or twenty minutes.

Try making these delicious crackers (remember, yoù can add coarse Kosher salt, sesame seeds or herbs to these recipes!).—then add: your favorite low-fat lunch meats, cheeses, peanut butter, marmite (made of essence of yeast and tasting strongly of beef broth), marmalade and cream cheese, tuna fish salad, a round of apple and cheese, bananas and peanut butter, fancy nut of fruit butters, lemon curd, cucumber and

Caladium tubers - Cut foliage away, dry them for a week or so and store them with some soil attached at about 60 degrees.

Dahlias - Cut foliage to four to six inches. Hose off soil and store and 35 to 40 degrees. If dry, cover with slightly moist packing material. Divide in spring.

Tuberous Begonias – Cut to four inches of top growth. Dry several days in the sun, store as you would dahlias.

Calla Lily rhizomes - Shake loose soil off; dry for several days before removing top growth Store as you would dahlias.

Canna – Cut to ground level; dry thizomes upside down for a few weeks in a warm, airy room. Store at 45 to 55 degrees with the soil attached.

Gladiola corms – When tops turn yellow, cut, leaving one inch. Dry in an airy location two to three weeks. Remove old corms from base of new, then cut tops to 1/2-inch. Store in well-ventilated location at 35 to 40 degrees.

Bulb planting for spring beauty is here. Some of the bulbs offered are quite large.

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cream cheese, spoon-able fruits (American Spoon Fruit), chutney, salmon spread, chicken salad, smoked fish salad, peanut butter and jelly, a slice of smoked fish sausage, Ultimate Bagel Schmear (the cream cheese and caviar combination), or a round of hard salami with a dollop of fancy mustard.

One of my favorites to top on these crackers is peanut butter and kiwi jam. To make the jam, I use Sure-Jell for LowerSugar Recipes™ and the fruit of 20 fresh kiwis - just scoop out the fruit from those hairy brown shells and let it sit at room temperature - follow the package directions for strawberry jam and go for it!! Another jam that's delicious and unusual, is fresh guava fruit, but if using it, remember, it has nasty hard little seeds that need to be removed - the best way to remove them is to push the beautiful bright pink flesh through a mesh sieve or ricer - then proceed with your recipe.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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Marcia Petrella lives with history. Her Birmingham home is furnished with antiques. The

pieces – mostly furniture – are inviting as well as stylish.

"They're assysto-live with," said Petrella, one of the more than 30 dealers featured in the third annual Franklin Community Antiques Show.

The show will run 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy in Franklin. Daily admission is

A preview night will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Advance reservations are \$35.

At the preview you may learn the value of a hidden treasure, jewelry or a prized possession through a compli-mentary appraisal clinic by staff of the Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills. (Bring one or two small items or photos of large pieces.)

Also at the preview party will be gift items by primitive folk artist Margaret Shaw, hors d'oeuvres by area restaurants and a bake sale.

Petrella enjoys early American furniture, mostly from before 1850. Some of the wooden pieces in her home - among them a cupboard from 1830-40 and a dry sink - are in soft shades; others show the grain of the wood, such as the tiger maple table with its rippling stripes.

Much of their beauty and charm come from their workmanship. Many of the forms bear unusual details that speak of careful craft.

"I wouldn't recommend buying anything just as an investment," said Petrella, who obtained most of her antiques from Pennsylvania, New England and Ohio.

Sometimes a story is uncovered about an item. For example, a table 60 inches in diameter that came from Tarrytown, N.Y., has an edge that flips up. The table was once in a tavern, where it would be placed against a window with the edge raised to block drafts.

Petrella's residence makes a cozy setting for antiques, as stenciling climbs around archways and other borders in some rooms. The furnishings are placed in pleasant arrangements.

In the living room, plates are displayed in a corner cupboard made of cherry. The bottom of a cupboard houses a TV. Child-size wooden chairs are under a window. Wall adornments include samplers, a zither and a wooden

A long pine table serves as a dining room table. Along its length are handpainted balloon back chairs from Pennsylvania, from around 1840. An old scale resting on the table holds seasonal flowers or fruit.

Among the accessories in other rooms are a lamp with a base of candle molds, and an ornate candle snifter that would trim the wick as it extinguished the flame. Along the

perimeter of the kitchen, near the ceiling, is a colos-sal collection of

On the floor next to a player piano is a miniature Schoenhut piano, which infant grandchildren would crawl to and play. A calliope sends out tinkling tunes, a Victrola whispering melodies from records.

Living with antiques means being able to touch them, Petrella suggests.

"People worry about scratching (the wood). But wood is real forgiving.

She advises would-be antique owners to get out to antique shows.

"Go to shows and look, get a feel for what appeals to (you). Find a few dealers to get to know and trust."

The Franklin Community Antiques Show was originally called Poor Richard's, a name it held for 16 years

The show will also feature a gift boutique with works by Shaw, and a country cafe. A short walk from the church are Franklin's Village Center, with boutiques, and the historic Franklin Cider Mill, with cider and freshly baked dough-

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, the retained appraiser for the Cranbrook Institutions, is a leading auction and appraisal firm that has been in business for more than 40 years. It has been involved in famous estates and collections, including those of Anna Thompson Dodge and Robert Hudson Tannehill.

Shaw's work is inspired by Early American folk art. Her pieces range from weaving on antique floor looms to painted canvas, slate and furniture. She uses found materials, such as old door panels, roofing slate, old furniture, reclaimed wool to sew with and even goose eggs

Shaw's husband and partner fabricates metal using ageold techniques of the blacksmith from the forge and anvil. The couple's art works are presented side by side

Proceeds from the antiques show will benefit outreach programs sponsored by Franklin Community Church. For information, call (248) 851-5438 or (248) 626-6606.

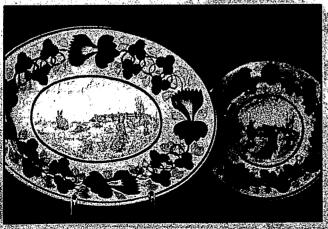


Living with history: Marcia Petrella, one of the dealers in the Franklin Community Antiques Show next week, uses and enjoys antique furnishinas in her home. Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer.

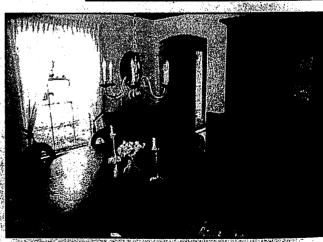


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A calliopé is one of the charming antiques in Marcia Petrella's residence. Staff photo by Tom Hoffmeyer.



Stylish setting: Some pieces are colorful. such as the plates at left, and some have colorful stories, such as the table at right. The table has an edge. that would be flipped up and placed against a window to block drafts.



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I attended the bulb festival last month at Brickscape in Northville and the daffodil bulbs were especially large. Many of them had a bulblet attached to each side of the main bulb.

When planting them, don't remove the side bulbs, but plant the whole thing. Foliage and flowers will grow from the center bulb and foliage will grow from the two outer smaller ones.

Next spring, after the show and the foliage has yellowed, if you wish, dig the bulbs up and then separate the bulbs, as they will be going into dormancy at that time. Store in a cool, dry place and replant next fall.

Here are some additional fall chores that can be done now and will save time

in the spring when other chores are more demanding.

As you gather the final harvest from the vegetable garden, tidy it up and get rid of all debris. You may wish to grow a cover crop to enrich the soil for next season. In any event, all garden beds will appreciate a helping of compost.

You may leave pretty seed-pods on some plants, but cut the others down when they are brown or when frost hits them. Remove frost-killed annuals. I hope you have added at least one ornamental grass to the garden so that you can enjoy it during the winter.

Peonies are beautiful plants that can last in the same garden location for many, many years. Their care is very simple, as they are undernanding plants.

Late fall is the time to cut the stems to just below soil level, being careful not to injure the bud. This could prevent sources of disease next year. Give them a good gift of compost in the spring and again midsummer, as they are heavy feeders

Now that the leaves have begun to fall, you might want to consider a mulching mower that will chop the leaves so that they can be left on the lawn. This provides good nutrients to the grass

I urge you to start a compost pile if you haven't yet. Healthy plants can be added to the compost, but discard those that may be diseased."

Storage: Summerblooming bulb/ tuber plants such as dahlias can be stored for winter.

Learn basics of remodeling

The Remodelers Council of the Build ing Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present the "ABCs of Remodeling" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Sponsors are Andersen Windows Four Seasons Sunrooms of Southfield and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The event will cover what a homeowner needs to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, baths and home additions and financing.

Call (248) 737-4477. Advance registration fees are \$5 per person. Homeowners are asked to bring a picture of their residence.

The panel of experts includes Chuck Breidenstein, educational director of the Michigan Association of Home Builders: Fred Capaldi of Capaldi Building Co. of Rochester Hills; Michael Gordon of Moiseev/Gordon Associates-Architects; Mike Harris of The Harris Group; Dick Jacobs of Standard Federal Bank of Troy; Daye Kellett Sr. of Kellett Construction Co. of Bloomfield Hills; Sam Kreis of Countrywide Home Loans of Southfield; and Lynne Pratt, vice president/secretary of the National Association of Home Builders' Women's Council





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Homeowners who wish to add a dash of drama to their kitchens might begin by pulling their kitchen sinks forward three inches to create more surrounding counter space and emphasize its importance. The heights and depths of wait cabinets may be staggered to identify separate work areas. Countertop materials may also be similarly mixed in accordance with function. For instance, use butcher block in the food preparation area, marble in the baking nook, and grantite to surround the cooktop. Indirect lighting can be used to dramatic-effect by placing lighting atop cabinetry to illuminate the celling. And, interior cabinet lights in glass-doored cabinets highlight displays, especially when riless.

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How best to light your picture? Ouite naturally, doors and

windows. Try to find an opening not receiving direct sunlight. Most always, a northern exposure will work fine. Better still, a bright overcast day will provide good illumination at any doorway or window.

Place your subject near the window until the outdoor light just spills across the face. If the shadow side looks too dark, prop a piece of white poster board next to the face and just out of camera range in order to bounce back some fill

Pay special attention to exposure



Dramatic portrait: Nagler's wife, Mickey, used natural window light for this portrait of a woman on Crete.

because the bright light from the window may fool your meter and your subject will be underexposed in the final print. To obtain a good exposure, move in close and take a reading off your subject's face and use this setting when you

snap the shutter.

Remember that even though you're shooting indoors, you're using outdoor lighting, so be sure to use daylight balanced film. And because the light will be

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■ Second Season, a home furnishings consignment shop at 3860 W. 12 Mile in Berkley, will host two home furnishings seminars in October to raise money for a Judson Center program enabling children in the center's care to choose a gift for Christmas. The one-hour sessions, conducted by designers, begin 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Second Season. Donation is \$5. Fifteen-minute consultations with the designers will be available after each seminar. Call (248) 414:9026 for reserva-

tions. The Oct. 18 seminar, "Working With What You Have," will be conducted by Mary Lee Fergin of Room Service. Fergin is a professional room stylist and a charter member of the Interior Arrangement and Design Association. She works with clients who already have furniture, art and accessories and want to get the most from their belongings. The Oct. 25 seminar will be "Eclectic: What Is It and How Do You Achieve It:" It will be conducted by Mary Jo Mohr of M.J. Mohr Interior Design, who

is an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers and has a bachelor of fine arts degree with a major in interior design.

■ The Fall '97 Collectible Toy Show, sponsored by the Winross Collectors Club of America-Michigan Chapter, will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. Admission is \$2, free for children under 12. Call (313).747-7192 or (810) 795-8281 for

information. Door prizes will be give every half-hour.

"Entertaining with Style" is a serie of four workshops to be presented at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn by Bloomfield Hills party consultant Leslie Jacobs Chefs, celebrity guests and professionals in entertaining will share their expertise. The last session will be a wine-tasting party featuring prizes and live music

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less intense than if you were outside, you will probably need a faster film in the 400 ASA range.

As in all good portraiture, a short to medium telephoto lens is ideal to keep you at a comfortable, non-intimidating working distance and to get pleasing facial features. But don't overlook a full-length body shot, too, where your normal lens will work just fine.

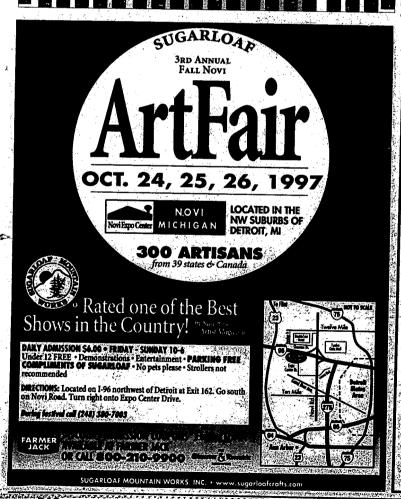
Want to be more creative? Here are a couple of different ideas that will produce pictures with unusual impact.

Make silhouette portraits of profiles by placing your subject directly in front of a window and taking exposure readings from the outside light, not off the

Or use a window with Venetian blinds on a sunny day. Adjust the blinds so that they "paint" your subject with alternating lines of shadow and light to obtain a most extraordinary effect.

Whatever you do, keep in mind that indoor portraits with outdoor light will reward you with exciting images for your photographic portfolio.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialling (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mallbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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Cost is \$75 per session, or \$225 for all four. Each participant may bring a guest to the wine-tasting event at no charge. Space is limited, so register early. Call (248) 646-4517 for information. Scheduled are: "The Best Dressed Tables" Sunday, Oct. 19; "You Are Cordially Invited" Sunday, Nov. 2; "Explore the Possibilities" Sunday, Nov. 16; and "Red, Whites & You!" Thursday, Dec. 4.

- Louis Comfort Tiffany expert Alistair Duncan will present a slide talk on Tiffany art glass 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Meadow Brook Hall: at Oakland University in Rochester in a collaborative program of Meadow Brook Hall and OU's Department of Art and Art History. A selection of Meadow Brook Hall's Tiffany objects will be displayed. A dessert reception will take place 8:15 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (248) 370-3140.
- The Rochester Symphony Orchestra Guild Designer Showhouse is open to the public through Sunday, Oct. 26 (closed Mondays). Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, also 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The \$2 million house, decorated by 12 designers, is on a 2-1/2-acre property at 2313 Pond Vallee Drive in Oakland Township, north off Orion Road 1/4-mile east of Adams. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance and \$10 for a group of 25 or

more. Call (248) 651-2548. Proceeds from the showhouse are for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

GARDEN

- Tour the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. See cacti, insectivorous plants and many more species as a docent guides you through the arid, warm-temperate and tropical houses. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for ages 5-18, free for under age 5. Meet in the lobby area, in front of the reception desk. Call-Liz Elling at (313) 998-7062:
- The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a talk. "Sculpture and Ornaments in the Garden," by Detroit Garden Works owner Deborah Silver 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Guest fee \$5. Learn about garden ornaments and sculpture, and such garden structures as trellises and arbors, and how to use them to make the garden feel "complete." For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.
- Richard Ford, University of Michigan professor of anthropology and botany, will discuss how the newly installed Ridge Field Garden and the Ethnobotanical Trail (currently under con-

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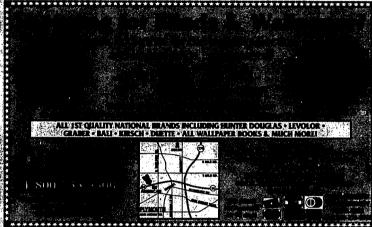
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struction) at the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens will become educational resources for the public at the Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens' fall lec safety tips and refreshments. The event is ture 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the auditorium at the gardens. Admission is \$5 for including at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at non-members, \$3.for members. Space is limited. Call (313) 998-7061 to register and for more information.

■ Area youngsters, ages 3-16, will grab their plumpest pumpkins and most bootiful costumes Saturday, Oct. 25, and head to English Gardens for its 11th

annual Great Pumpkin Celebration, which includes pumpkin decorating and Maple in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best pumpkin and costume entries. Winners in each category will receive English Gardens gift certificates. Participants must arrive by 12:45 p.m. for registration.

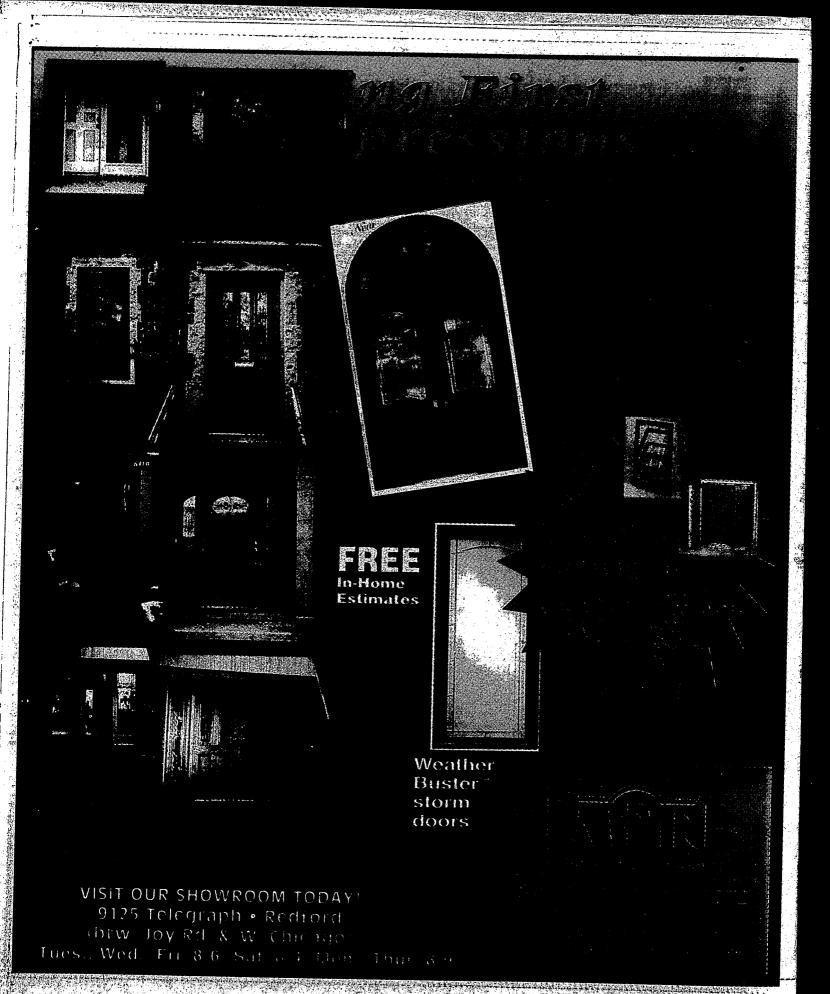






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REAL ESTATE LINGO

Get it into your head

especially for the first-timer or someone who's lived in one place for an extended period of time. Real estate has a vocabulary specific to the process. Just as you should know the township leads to the process. Just as you should know the terminology and rules before playing a game, so should you understand the language before getting involved in residential property transactions.
Following is a brief introduction.

- MLS A multilisting service provides a lineup of all properties currently available for sale. Usually found in computer form, access generally is limited
- Seller disclosure statement This form, mandated by state law, requires owners to reveal their knowledge of the condition of the house or condominium to prospective buyers.
- Purchase agreement A legally binding offer to buy a house. This document usually addresses price, proration of annual property taxes and what fixtures/appliances are included in the sale. Contingencies such as a favorable inspection report and home warranty insurance often are included. Get legal advice at both ends, if you desire, before
- Earnest money A cash desposit, often three percent of the offering price, included with a purchase agreement to show that a buyer is serious about the
- Earnest money is held in escrow by the buyer's agent and applied to the down payment at closing.
- Inspection An examination by a third-party to give an overview of the physical condition of the structure including mechanical systems. The typical inspection lasts a couple hours, costs \$200-\$300 for an average-size house and includes a written report. Plan to be there for the walk through. Request references and ask if your inspector belongs to the American Society of Home Inspectors or National Association of Home Inspectors, professional associations.

- Home warranty insurance An optional policy often bought by the seller for the buyer to fix mechanical, electrical and plumbing problems that arise in the year after the sale. Cost ranges from \$250-350. A deductible usually
- applies per claim. ■ Mortgage - Money borrowed from a lending institution to buy a house. Getting pre-qualified as to how much you can borrow and locking in an
- interest rate before starting the search can expedite Points - A fee charged by a lender for a more favorable interest rate payable in cash at closing or rolled into the mortgage and paid in monthly
- A point is 1 percent of the money borrowed. Two points on a \$75,000 mortgage would be \$1,500.
- Down payment The buyer's cash portion of the overall purchase price. Lenders usually require a down payment of 15-20 percent of the purchase price to issue a mortgage without private mortgage insurance.
- Private mortgage insurance Insurance required of Private mortgage insurance – Insurance requires of a buyer to protect the outstanding mortgage in the event of financial problems and foreclosure. PMI can be costly, \$43 per month with only 10 percent down on a \$100,000 loan. PMI may be dropped, depending on the lender, when an owner acquires 20-30 percent equity.
- Equity An owner's financial stake in the property. Equity is market value minus outstanding
- Closing costs Fees charged by a lender to process a mortgage including appraisal, credit report, survey, title insurance, tax service, flood certification,
- recording fees and application/document preparation. Costs can range upwards of \$1,200 on a \$100,000
- Escrow account Usually required by a mortgage lender of buyers with less than 20 percent down to

include money for property taxes and, sometimes, homeowners insurance with the monthly payment. The lender then pays the taxes and insurance premium when due. Some people make a habit of paying property taxes

into an escrow account even when not required for

Title insurance - An insurance policy to prote purchasers and lenders from challenges to legal ownership of a property. Sellers generally pay for a policy for the buyer's

protection as part of a standard purchase agreement. Buyers purchase a policy to protect their lenders for the amount of the mortgage. Real estate agents involved in the transaction usually

arrange for title insurance. Title insurance on a recent \$85,000 sale were \$490 for the seller and \$121 for the buyer with a \$55,000

- Homeowners insurance A policy that protects owners from losses caused by weather, fire and criminal activity and damages from pers claims by others.
- Figure on paying at least \$250 depending on size of house, location and coverage. This policy is a must and is universally required to obtain a
- Closing -The specific date, time and place where all documents are signed and property legally changes hands."
- Transfer/sales taxes State taxes paid by the seller. the current rate is 3/4 percent of the sales price plus \$1.50 per \$1,000 in Wayne County and \$1.10 per \$1,000 in all other counties.
- Commission A fee paid to an agent for selling a house. While the exact fee is negotiable, the going rate here is about 6 percent. Commissions usually are paid by the seller and divided among agents participating in the transaction.
- FSBO The bane of Realtors, for sale by owner

Paving mortgage bi-weekly will cut interest payments



For most people, tl home mortgage is the single biggest monthly expense they will every have. And most home buyers know the queasy feeling that comes over them when they look at the truth in-lending papers at their closing and see, the staggering amount of interest they will pay on their mortgage over the course of the

loan. Now, however, there is a financing program available to all homeowners that allows you to save thousands of that allows you to save thousands ofdollars in interest expense off their cur-

rent mortgage without refinancing. installments on your mortgage through a bank-approved system and build equity two-three times faster than with your monthly payment system. The 📑 Equity Acceleration Program is so simple, it's hard to believe it took America so long to adopt it. In the 1980s, the -Canadian biweekly mortgage concept was introduced to the United States. Since then, the biweekly concept has been backed by the U.S. government and has been hailed by the press as the smartest mortgage of the decade.

Instead of paying your full mortgage payment every month, you pay half of your payment every two weeks. Using this system, money accumulates that accelerates the payoff of your loan. This allows you to pay off your 30-year loan in 20 years and save tens of thousands of dollars in mortgage interest costs ...

without refinancing.

Large numbers of homeowners across the United States are using this program to pay off their existing loans faster without paying the high costs banks charge to refinance. Instead of paying the costs associated with refinancing, you pay just a one-time enroll; ment fee. This service is a lifetime ser-

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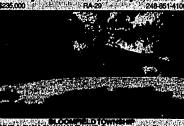


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The name of the game here is saving money on your mortgage interest, and you can do that fastest through a program that applies your mortgage payments most often. Some banks offer biweekly mortgages, but many only credit your mortgage reduction payment once per year. You can save more money if this payment is credited more

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your savings.

Know something about the company handling your payment debiting. You'll of course want one with experience and a good track record.

Look for extra features in the program that can help you save even more money. One that is expecially useful is a mortgage additing service.

Overcharging by banks and lenders is a serious problem affecting millions of mortgages. Rederal agencies have estimated e overcharges to exceed \$10 billion. Overcharging is the result of errors made by banks and lenders when servicing your account. These errors usually occur in adjustable rate mort-

gages and escrow accounts. One estimate, based on more than 9,000 verified mortgage audits, indicates that about half of all mortgages may contain errors. The average error amounted to about \$1,600.

Many overcharges stem from employees mistakes or from errors made when calculating changing interest on ARMs0. Often the wrong index or margin figure is used resulting in the wrong payment calculation. Having an independent company audit your mortgage account yearly is an excellent practice.

Also, if you're like most homeowners, your loan servicing is sold, sometimes on a regular basis. A mortgage auditing service can help keep track and stay on top of your loan as it is routinely sold to another lender without any control by you. This service represents you, not the

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Remerica Hometown One hosts a free numpkin giveaway and free cider and doughnuts starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at its Plymouth office, 42875 Five Mile, (313) 420-3400; and its Canton office, 7277 N. Lilley, (313) 454-4400.

CONDO MANAGEMENT

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and O&E columnist, teaches a class, "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 21 through Nov. 11 at Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Rd., Suite 404, Bingham Farms.

Topics include reserve analysis and budgeting, avoiding legal disputes and liability, environmental concerns, civil rights issues. bylaw enforcement procedures and how to

run an effective board meeting.
Cost is \$75, \$60 for each additional

attendee from the same organization. To register, call (248) 471-7729.

MORTGAGE MANAGEMENT

Ross Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation seminar, "How to Mine Gold - Effective Management of Your Mortgage to Build 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oc Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile,

To register, call (248) 968-1800 ext. 363.

ENERGY SEMINAR

Detroit Edison sponsors a free seminar on

energy-efficient techniques for existing homes and geothermal heating and cooling systems 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

To register, call (800) 833-2786.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

N.A. Mans Building Center hosts a free home improvement seminar for women 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Canton store, 41900 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley).

Interior designers, decorators, kitchen and bath specialists, plumbers and a sponge paint expert will offer advice.

DESIGN EXPO

The American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors of Ameri-Greater Detroit Chapter co-sponsor an Information Technology Conference for the Design/Construction Project Team 8 a.m. to 4 Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Topics include law, technology and the construction industry; groupware for construction process management; online permits; and CD-ROM information resources for the construction industry.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members and \$25 for students.

To register, call Joe Neussendorfer at (248) 948-7000

REMODELING SEMINAR

The Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents the "ABC's of Remodeling," 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

The panel of experts includes Chuck Breidenstein, educational director of the Michigan Association of Home Builders; Fred I.

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SPECIFICATIONS SEMINAR

The Construction Specifications Institute presents a two-day seminar, "Specifications: Principles and Practices," Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 28 and 29, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Romulus.

Highlights include how to write clear, concise and correct specifications; standard organizational, format and style; how to increase proficiency; and computer programs that facilitate specifications writing.

Cost is \$445 for members, \$545 for nonmembers. To register, call Tim Ford at (248) 398-1200.

LIEN LAW REVIEW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a step-bystep review of the Michigan Lien Law and procedures 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 30, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Topics include protections under the law for builders, subcontractors, suppliers and

trade workers. Cost, including continental breakfast, is \$30 for BIA and apartment association members, \$50 for non-members. To register,

HOME BUYING CLASS

call (248) 737-4477.

Realtor Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team host a free, no-obligation class on how to go about buying a house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at First Michigan Title, Suite 203, 38777 W. Six Mile just west of I-275, Livonia.

Presenters include Craig Lee, Home Inspection Team: Sharon Johnson, First Michigan Title; Jeffrey Sprague, financial planner, Kanter Associates; Michael Rich, lawyer; Jim Athens, Concord Financial; Peggy Bookstein, CPA; and Firestone

For reservations, call (313) 420-9600.

BASEMENT REMODELING

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a nine-hour basement remodeling workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursday, Oct. 28, 30 and Nov. 4 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include planning, building codes, permits, estimating material costs as well as the basics of home construction.

Cost is \$65 plus \$10 for a textbook fee. Registration required by Friday, Oct. 24, at (313) 523-9277.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts Don Eichstaedt, who will discuss the Michigan landlord organization and pending legislation, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package can call Wayde Koehler, president,

EXHIBITORS HONORED

Exhibitor booth awards were presented to several participants during the recent Fall Remodeling Show sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michi

Best Tile Display - Virginia Tile of Farmington Hills; Best Bath Display – Mathison Kitchen & Bath Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton; Best Use of Space for Small Displays - Closet Interiors of Bloomfield Hills; and Best Kitchen Display - Merillat Kitchen by Oldenkamp of Warren.

Remodeling class will be presented Thursday, Oct. 23

The Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a seminar, the "ABCs of Remodeling," 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Four Seasons Sunrooms of Southfield and Andersen Windows are co-sponsors.

The program will cover what a home-

owners needs to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, baths and home additions. Financing also will be

The panel of experts includes Chuck Briedenstein, educational director of the Michigan Association of Home Builders; Fred I. Capaldi of Capaldi Building in Rochester Hills; and Frank Carriovale, a Troy architect: Also, Michael Gordon of Moiseev/ Gor-

don Associates-Architects in Royal Oak; Mike Harris of the Harris Group in Dear-born Heights, Dick Jacobs of Standard Federal Bank in Troy and Dave Kellett Sr. of Kellett Construction in Bloomfield Hills:

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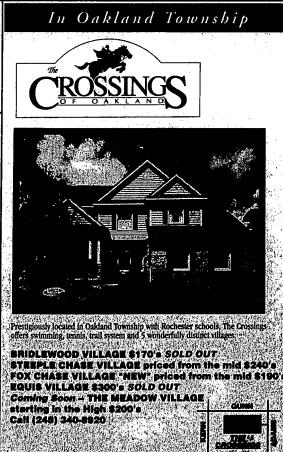
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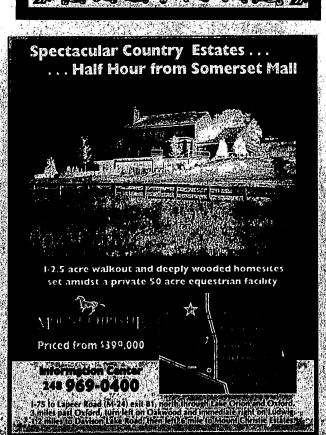
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Joseph M. Polito, partner in both the environmental law and natural resources law areas of Detroitbased Honigman Miller

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Schwartz and Cohn, has been named in the seventh edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

The attorneys were selected through a confidential peer-evaluation process consisting of indepth and open-ended telephone interviews and surveys with more than 15,000 lawyers nationwide.

Polito, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, lives in Troy.

Frank Mohan has been named president and chief executive officer for Source One Mortgage Ser-Corp. vices headquartered in Farmington Hills.



Mohan had been with Beneficial Corp. the past 34 years in various positions. His responsibilities included overseeing a 157-branch network in the Northeast and running Beneficial's mortgage operation east of the Rockies.

Mohan attended Columbia University and the University of Colorado.

Marilyn A. Moir, an associ-

ate broker with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clarkston, attended the company's Elite Retreat in Boston.

A consistent multi-million dollar sales producer, Moir has acquired the designations of Graduate Realtors Institute. Certifiéd Residential Specialist and Accredited Buyer Represen-

Kirk Frownfelter has been pro-moted from senior project manager to vice president of A.J. Etkin Construction Co.'s Kalamazoo office. Frownfel-



ter has worked in the construction industry for 26 years, the last eight with Etkin.

He holds a B.S. degree in contruction management from Michigan State University and is chairman of Etkin's quality assurance program.

Etkin is headquartered in Farmington Hills.

Jack Bertoia has been named manager of the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer office in Shelby Township.

Bertoia, a 14-year veteran in real estate, holds the professional designation of Graduate Realtors Institute. He lives in Troy.

Matt Kenkel, associate broker with ERA Banker's Realty in Farmington Hills recently received a top ERA national sales award.

Kenkel closed more than \$6 million in total sales dollar volume to rank in the top 5 percent of ERA's 27,000 sales associates nationwide.

Kenkel, a Realtor since 1992, is a Certified Public Accountant. He earned an MBA degree from the University of Michigan.

Frank T. Mamat, an attorney with the labor and employment department of Clark Hill PLC, has received the Member of the Year Award from the Construction Finance Management Asso-

ciation.

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TROY - YOU'LL BE SOLD THE MINUTE YOU SEE Picturesque lot backs to trees & spacious fover welcomes you to this dramatic 4 bedroom colonial Witchines you to find trainlate 4 deciron reconstructions.

Kitchen opens to family room with cathedral callings Private patio with flower boxes, painted moldings \$314,900 689-8900



WEST BLOOMFIELD - NORTH END OF GREEN LAKE Fireplace in family room with breathtaking lake views Additional canal lot included with extra 2 car garage

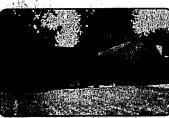
New kitchen appliances stay - Great location! \$290,000 683-8900 744959



PRIME BEVERLY HILLS LOCATION Neutral decor, fireplace in family room, eat-in kitchen
 Main floor laundry, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms



SOUTHFIELD - DETAILS! DETAILS! DETAILS! fireplace in both the great room & sun room Exquisite carved wood oriental French doors
 Master suite with 2 closets & dressing area.
 \$265,000 Robyn Lewis 620-4373 or Geoff Leach 62



GREAT BLOOMFIELD HILLS RANCH New light maple klichen, computer desk, breaktast bai, lopens to family room, full basement, fireplace, e Fireplace, some hardwood, central all; attacted garage - Bloomfield Hills Schools \$164,500 Maud Granzow 646-3091



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BIRMINGHAM - CLASSIC GEORGIAN COLONIAL

 Situated on 1's lots with circle drive
 Gracious foyer, large living & formal dining rooms
 Library, hardwood floors through-out, white kitchen
 Master suite with fireplace, built-ins & sun room \$619,900 646-6000 754101



FRANKLIN - "THE EDENBOROUGH" MODEL ON LOT 7 Light & bright ceramic foyer, spacious rooms with almost 3,600 square feet plus walk-out basement Fireplace in 2 story family room, large deck, daylight windows & premium elevation already landscaped Oversized 3 car garage, Birmingham sci \$449,900 626-9100 740903



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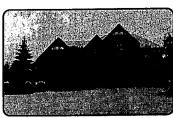
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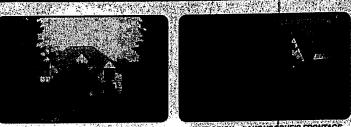
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BLOOMFIELD - TRADITIONAL CHARMERI Soaring, sunny great room plus cozy library
 Huge kitchen, breakfast nook & family room areas
 Oversized master with gigantic closet & whirlpool tub
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Huge family room with wet bar and cathedral ceiling

Large formal living, dining rooms & a library
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LAKE ORION - LAKE VOORHEIS FRONTAGE

• Premium location on private dui-de-sac plus 60 foot cedar dock, seawall & sandy beach!

• Wonderful contemporary with Island kitchen

• Jacuzzi In plush master suite, walk-out lower level with full bath, fireplace in living room, alarm system \$495,000,651-8850,741551,



WATERFORD - BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HOME MAIEMPUNU - BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HON
Open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, central
Full basement, freshly painted & newly carpeted
Brick pavers lead you through the incredible
gardens & to the lake, views from every window \$335,000 Robin Hoffman 625-5700



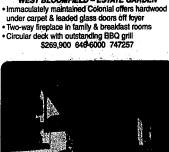
TROY - LOVE IS. Security, beauty & comfort for your family! It's all here in this spotless 4 bedroom Troy colonial Extensive updating: windows, roof, kitchen & bathrooms
 Beautiful 'park-like' setting has private patio, sprinklers
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WHITE LAKE TWP. - BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY Offering four bedrooms with full basement walk-out to large pond for fishing or skating - TWO ACRES!
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SOUTHFIELD - OVER 2,300 SQUARE FEET

Kitchen with nook & cove for a desk

Natural fireplace & wet bar in family room
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ROCHESTER HILLS - BETTER THAN NEW!

• Premium cul-de-sac location with pavers & landscape

• Marvelous 1996 built colonial with 4 bedrooms Breakfast nook & dining room with bay windows Family room with gas log fireplace, sprinklers \$227,000 Susan Heacock 656-4402



FARMINGTON HILLS - ROMANTIC VIEWS Extremely private yard landscaped with boulders
 Sparkling decor, White Bay cabinetry & white ceramic floors, plush carpet, expansive decking, built in 1992 Partially finished basement, vaulted ceiling \$214,900 626-9100 758765

BEST BUY ON THE BLOCK!

First floor laundry, bay windows, cathedral ceilings
 Professional landscaping with sprinklers, Cedar deck

Immaculate! Better than new with all the upgrades!

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WATERFORD - ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

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Great room ranch, 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths





ROCHESTER - WALK/TO PAINC TRAILS & SHOPS

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 Hardwood floors in bedrooms; over 1,300 square feet
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 Great landscaping with a fot of pereinnials
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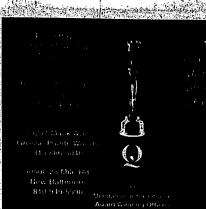
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two bedrooms, formal dining, carport
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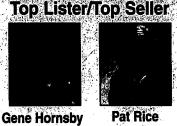


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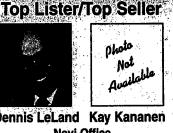
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LAKE PRIVILEGE LONG LAKE, 3 bedroom, 11/2 bath colonial, basement, fireplace, deck, central air. Updated kitchen and bath. MOVE IN CONDITION! \$165,000 (0E80CR) 299-6200



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NOVI - Nicest lot in popular Novi Sub surrounds this beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial. 2½ baths, newer roof, garage door and opener, large walk-in closet in master bedroom. Many special features. (217SHA) 349-6800



COMFY / COZY 3 bedroom brick ranch in Royal Oak on large landscaped lot! Remodeled kitchen plus 2 full baths! finished basement & garage! Must Seel \$169,500 (26FUL) 280-4777



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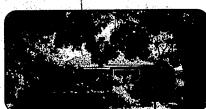
WELL KEPT! 3 bedroom / 2½ bath Colonial, 2 story, brick & vinyl siding, on a corner lot, 2 car gar, tiled foyer, family room with fireplace, bay windows, ceramic tile baths, eat-in kitchen with dishwasher, formal dining room. C/A, Manicured lawn & sprinkler system \$199,500 (OE70BAK) 248-299-6200



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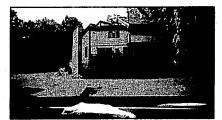
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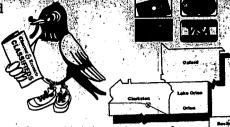
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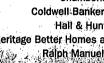
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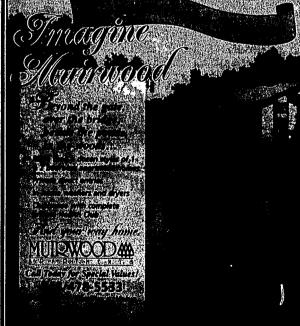
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