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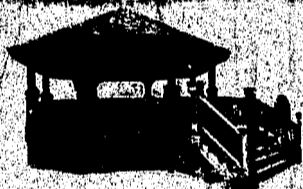
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VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

On the north end of Main Street at the edge of town sits a pretty, pink house with quite a history. This lovingly preserved home was spared the wrecking ball several years ago as it was carefully moved to make way for the Farmer Jack strip mall which now sits on the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

The home was built in 1876 by Ephriam and Jane Petty Addis, son and daughter-in-law of pioneers Peter and Mary Addis. Peter and Mary came to Independence Township in 1836 and settled on Waldon Road. They were farmers, as were most of the early settlers here, and they were lucky enough to be successful.

A devout man, Peter contributed \$500 to the building of the old Methodist Church which still stands on the corner of Washington and Buffalo streets. He also planted all the fruit orchards in the Waldon Road area, and it is from these orchards, as homes and subdivisions were built in that area, that the streets took their names (e.g. Pear, Snowapple, Peach and Plum).

Ephriam was only a month old when his parents came to Clarkston from New Jersey. He grew up in Clarkston, and at 20 married Jane Petty, then 18. Like his father before him, Ephriam struck out for new territory, taking his wife to Saginaw. Unfortunately, after living there several years, Ephriam's and Jane's young son died. They brought him back to be buried in the Addis plot in Lakeview Cemetery, and Jane refused to return to the wild north. So Ephriam built her the house at the corner of White Lake and Dixie, and became a successful farmer like his father. His farm stretched along Dixie Highway from White Lake Road almost to Maybes Road, stopping about where the McDonald's restaurant stands today.

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

Crucial police millage at stake Nov. 3

■ If voters in Independence Township fail to approve a millage renewal for police services, which expires in December, the community may find itself short of more than a few officers.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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The fate of Independence Township's police services is in the hands of local voters.

Since the township's two police millages are due to expire in 1998, voters will be presented with a millage renewal for police operating funds on the

Nov. 3 ballot.

At a rate of 2.7264 mills, the renewal would combine the two police millages into one at no increase to township homeowners and would be levied for a period of four years.

"It's the same millage that people are paying right now ... and it's critical that it's passed," said Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Township Sheriff's Substation, also said the ballot proposal is a critical matter.

"With the exception of federal grants, this is our entire police budget," he said, adding that the community's general fund does not cover police services.

"It's the whole ball of wax," added LaBair. If the renewal fails to pass, "we would be in deep, trouble ... we would just close up shop."

Under the millage rate, a resident with a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 — which has a market worth of about \$200,000 — would pay about \$272 annually.

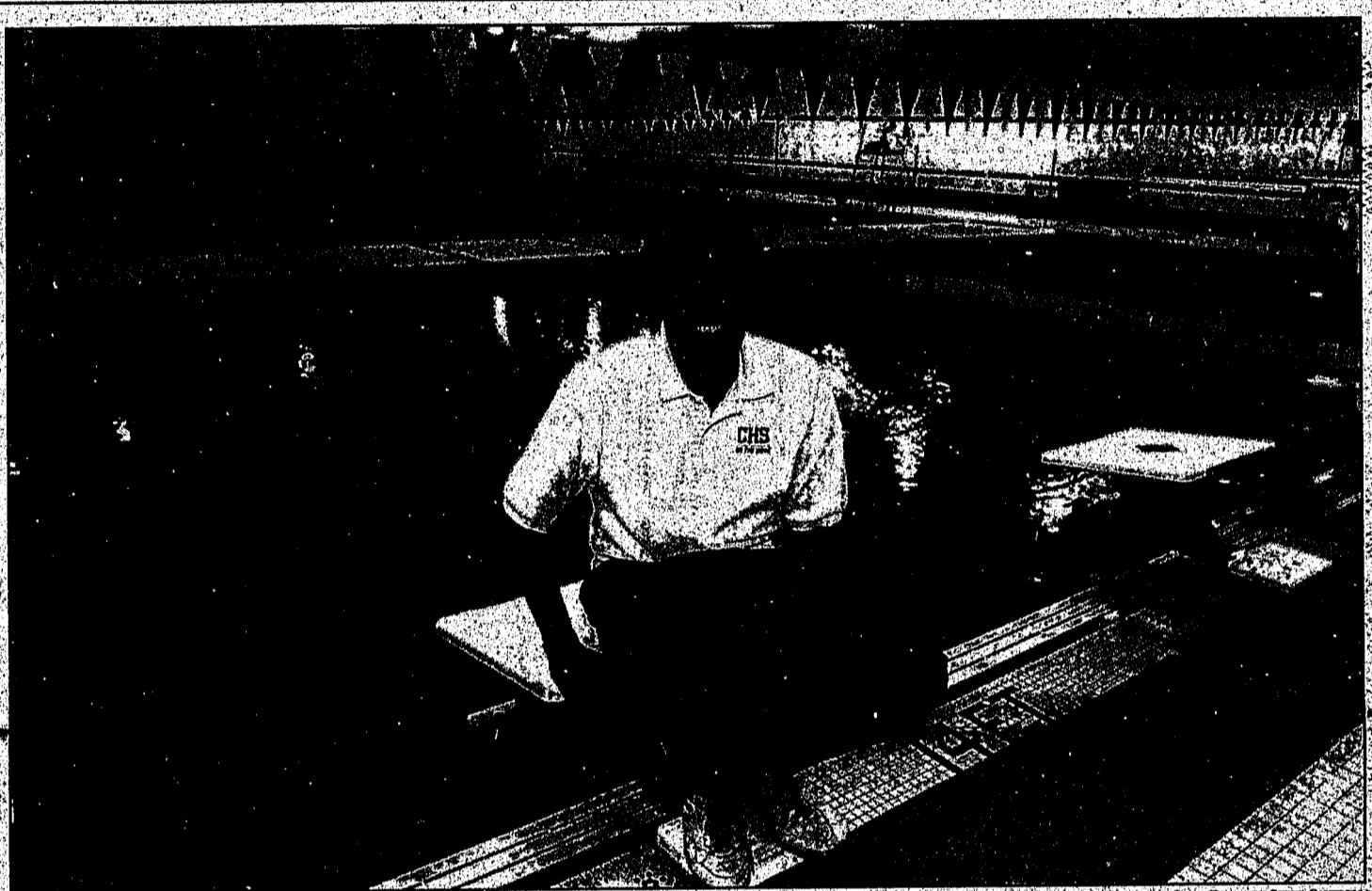
In addition to funding services pro-

vided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the millage covers facility and clerk costs, and enables the township to provide crossing guards, LaBair said.

Currently, there are 22 staff members in the sheriff's department on duty in the township, including one lieutenant, two sergeants, 15 deputies, three detectives and one police-school district liaison, LaBair said.

While approval of the millage is crucial, voters can rest assured the millage is set at an appropriate rate with economy and efficiency in mind, Stuart said.

Please see MILLAGE, A6



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Making a splash: Clarkston High School's first swim coach, Kenwyn Chock, has plans for the future. Other than making sure all students can swim, she hopes to start a United States Swimming Program, a year-round competition for ages 6 through college.

Dive time

CHS swim coach has big plans for program

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The water's in the pool. The room feels downright toasty. And in a few weeks, someone will take the plunge inside the natatorium at the new Clarkston High School.

For Kenwyn Chock, the school's physical education teacher — and first swim coach — getting CHS and the community into the swim of things presents a thrilling opportunity and the fulfillment of a personal goal.

She's ready to create a splash. "I like to start programs because when I come in here, it's my program that I'm starting," Chock said.

in a recent interview. "I'm not filling in somebody else's shoes and I'm not re-doing anything. It's a clean slate."

A Pittsburgh native, Chock boasts 23 years of experience as a physical education teacher and a swim coach, and she's taught preschoolers to college athletes in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Atlanta.

When she was asked what her expectations were of the CHS freshmen who will be taking swimming in November as part of their physical education requirement, Chock said it's no big deal if students come into the program not knowing how to swim. They'll learn.

"We're hoping that they come in here with a background of swimming ... but no, students don't have

to already know how to swim," she said. "Every student must take 'Sweat I' and 'Sweat II,' two four-week swim classes that run within their required year of P.E. All this (first four-week class) is, is an introduction to swimming. It's the basic beginner level. But when they leave our program (after completing both 'Sweat' stints), they will be 'drown-proof.'"

The teacher said she plans to assess students' swimming abilities at the beginning of the courses, then group pupils in the pool accordingly. That way, each CHS teen will be working at his or her level.

In terms of swimming as a competitive sport, Chock said the plan is to have CHS boys' and girls' teams in place for next year's Oakland Activities Association schedule. (According to that 1999-2000 calendar, girls will compete in the fall and boys will match strokes in the winter.)

But that doesn't mean the coach — who holds a master's degree in athletic training — will be just treading water this year.

Please see SWIM, A6

Chili cook-off spices things up in Independence

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Even the most heavily spiced chili wasn't too hot for Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson.

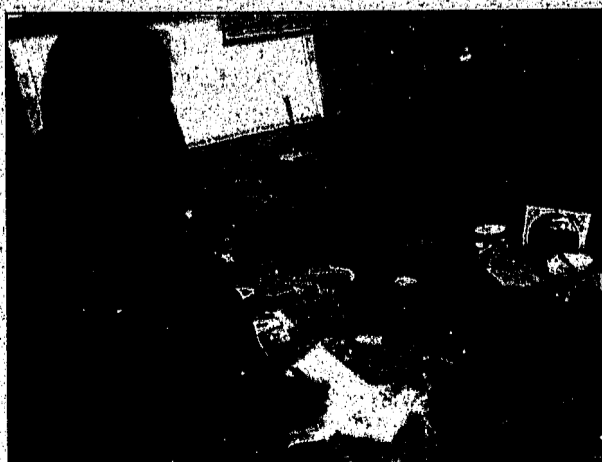
"It's good," said Wilson upon tasting a spoonful of the so-called spicy chili, which Wilson and other township employees and officials sampled along with nine other versions of the favorite autumn food at a chili cook-off held Friday.

The cook-off coincided with an informational meeting with representatives from United Way and was held inside an orange and black trimmed meeting room in the Township Annex Building.

Having a bowl of chili, along with some cornbread and a slice of pumpkin pie while learning about United Way's programs and activities, makes for an enjoyable and worthwhile event, said Township Clerk Joan McCrary, who was instrumental in organizing the event.

Each township department entered at least one pot of chili, and, this year, 10 different concoctions — from pineapple to Coney Island style — were presented for

Please see COOK-OFF, A6



STAFF PHOTOS BY JEFF KIRSSEL

Taste test: Independence Township Department of Public Works employee James Cooper selects a few chili samples to taste.



Spoonful of chili: Peggy Bruci from the township's assessment department helps herself to a bowl of homemade chili.



Council opposes school boundary plan

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Living in the city of Clarkston like belonging to a tightly-knit community, residents say.

And the recently-proposed school boundaries threaten that sense of community, Clarkston City Council members said Monday.

The council showed strong opposition to the redistricting plans which would relocate more than 3,000 students to seven elementary school buildings by next year.

Expressing concern about children who would be divided among one of three schools — Clarkston, Springfield Plains,

and the new elementary school — the council unanimously passed a resolution against the proposed changes.

"It kind of snuck out," said Trustee Daniel Colombo of the new plans. "It's really splintering the village. Our children will be bused to three different (elementary) schools."

The rationale behind the council's discussion centered on the small population of the city and the need to remain a cohesive entity for the best interest of the children involved.

Resident Leif Gruenberg attended the meeting to share his concerns. Gruenberg is the father of five children who attend school in the Clarkston

school district. He specifically chose to move to the village so his children could attend Clarkston Elementary school, which is within walking distance from the Gruenberg home.

"School is the focal point of any community," said Gruenberg. "Why divide a village this small?"

Colombo proposed the resolution as an attempt to keep the children in the village at Clarkston Elementary, and in turn keep the community unified.

"It keeps our community together," Colombo said. "We are strongly opposed to dividing the village children."

Trustee Karen Sanderson added that the new boundary plans would also have a negative impact on families who look out for each other.

Mayor Sharron Catalo voiced particular concern about the size of the Clarkston community.

"In a community our size there is no reason why we should be sending children to three schools," she said. "There isn't that large of a population."

"In a community our size, you know the kids that pass by your home. This (plan) makes no sense."

Gruenberg said the Clarkston school district has failed to recognize the city of Clarkston as a cohesive unit.

Catalo agreed.

"It is one big neighborhood," she said of Clarkston. "That's what it is."

New truck restrictions aim to protect city roads

The Clarkston City Council made the ride a little bumpy for trucks that travel the city's roads Monday night.

By passing the two more ordinances in an ongoing plan to maintain and protect the city's roads, council members empowered police to penalize truck drivers who do not follow motor vehicle code standards.

Following the second readings of Ordinance 127, Motor Carrier Safety Rules, and Ordinance 128, Commercial Vehicle Size, Weight and Load, the council voted unanimously to adopt both proposals.

Trustee Ann Clifton gave a first-hand account of the damage that heavy trucks cause as they pass over Clarkston's roads. Traffic is heaviest between 3:30 and 4:40 a.m., said Clifton, who lives on S. Main.

"The shaking of my house wakes me up at that hour," she said.

The roads were not built to handle such traffic, so the ordinances have been put in place to help maintain the quality of the roads and house foundations, as well as improve the quality of life for residents.

Ordinance 127 allows the city to enforce vehicle weight restrictions by using portable scales and requiring trucks to meet certain restrictions. The scales and necessary equipment may be borrowed from Waterford Township and operated by a qualified Clarkston police officer.

Trustee David Savage called it "an excellent ordinance."

Ordinance 128 established penalties for vehicles which exceed maximum size, weight and load limits.

For example, failure to stop at a weigh station or to submit to the weighing of the vehicle is a misdemeanor punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to

As a package the ordinances, along with the recently amended city traffic code, are designed to preserve Clarkston's roads and historic homes from damage, officials say.

\$500. Trucks found to be carrying an excessive load will be fined according to a rate defined within the ordinance.

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"We've been waiting a long time for something like this," said Mayor Sharron Catalo in support of the proposals.



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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That a General Election will be held in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998
The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACES IN SAID TOWNSHIP AS LISTED BELOW:

- 1 - Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway
- 2 - Springfield Township Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee Lake Rd.
- 3 - Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 Andersonville Rd.
- 4 - Oakland Technical Center, 8211 Big Lake Rd.
- 5 - Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.
- 6 - Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

STATE
Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University and Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE
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STATE SENATOR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

TOWNSHIP
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AND TO ELECT CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING NON-PARTISAN OFFICES:

Two Judges of the Supreme Court, One Justice of the Supreme Court (PARTIAL TERM), One Judge of the Court of Appeals, One Judge of the Court of Appeals (PARTIAL TERM), Four Judges of the Circuit Court, (INCUMBENT POSITION), One Judge of the Circuit Court (NON-INCUMBENT POSITION), One Judge of the Circuit Court (PARTIAL TERM), One Judge of the Probate Court, One Judge of the Probate Court (PARTIAL TERM).

AND TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

STATE PROPOSAL A
A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" TO "DISABLED" IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

STATE PROPOSAL B
A PROPOSAL TO LEGISLATE THE PRESCRIPTION OF A FATAL DOSE OF MEDICATION TO TERMINALLY ILL COMPETENT PEOPLE IN ORDER TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

STATE PROPOSAL C
A PROPOSAL TO ADD FINE PENALTIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER QUALITY VIOLATIONS IN ZONING ORDINANCES.

LOCAL PROPOSAL
A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY TO A PERCENTAGE OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) OF THE UNLIMITED TAX BONDS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFAYING THE COST OF PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AND LIBRARY PURCHASES AND REPAIRS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES INCLUDING A TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER.

NOVEMBER 3, 1998
Charter Township of Springfield

AGENDA

Independence Township
90 N. Main Street
Clarkston
625-5111

Township Board Meeting
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4

Note: Meeting is being held at Fire Station No. 1, 6500 Citation Drive

Tentative Agenda
Call To Order
Pledge Of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum

Public Hearing-1999-2000
CDBG Application

Unfinished Business
1. Award Resolution for the Bonds-Townsend Lake SAD
2. Discussion Regarding Sexual Harassment Policy


New Business
1. Discussion on Request for Funding-Hyett/Palma Study Funding
2. Employee of the Quarter
3. Proclamation: Recognizing Fire Department Citizens
4. Request to Hire Senior Coordinator-Parks
5. Request to Hire Recreational Programmer-Recreation

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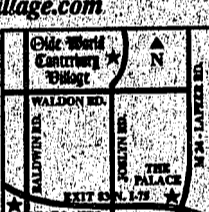
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Combo brings bluesy sound to area haunts

7-piece group features unique lineup of veterans, fresh faces

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Sometimes the strangest things can happen during drama class.

Just ask Clarkston resident Tammy Thompson how her Oakland University drama class altered the course of her career and brought performance back to the forefront of her life.

After reading plays during the class, Thompson was approached by her classmate Lisa Mazar, a singer with the Detroit-area blues band Stoney Mazar and the Westsiders.

She asked if Tammy could sing.

And sing, they did.

"Our voices just blended really nicely," said Thompson. "She asked me to come up and sing with the band."

Stoney Mazar and the Westsiders came together two years ago as a four-piece blues band. Founding members include Dave "Stoney" Mazar on lead vocals, rhythm guitar and harmonica, Jeff Varilone on drums, Kevin Carey on bass and vocals, and Steve Isner on lead guitar.

Within the past year, Lisa Mazar and Tammy Thompson joined as back-up singers and select vocalists, followed by Bob Wilson on harmonica. Now solidly seven members, the band has begun to play at various sites around the Detroit area, bringing traditional blues back into style.

Whether they perform for a crowd of two or 200, the energy and excitement shines through

in their sound. And Thompson has found herself in the middle of it all.

"They're a professional band," said Thompson, 37. "It's just staying on my toes to keep up."

Thompson has been singing for as long as she can remember. But within the Clarkston community, she works as a pompon coach and substitute teacher at Sashabaw Middle School. Thompson formerly had her own cable television show, "Tammy's Tidbits," and she's no stranger to performance. She has noticed parallels between her work teaching and the time she spends performing.

"You have to keep the kids captivated, keep them stimulated," Thompson said, comparing her students to her audience. "I have an amazing rapport

with kids. I'll always work with kids."

But the recent college graduate hasn't ruled music out of the picture. And her bandmates boast a long history in the business.

Mazar has been playing guitar for more than 30 years. In 1966, he played in Jagged Edge, a band that would receive widespread notoriety and attention. Jagged Edge became a regular band at Detroit's Grande Ballroom, where they opened for The Who, Cream, and Pink Floyd.

From soul to psychedelia, the band was off to a promising start until the master tapes to their album were destroyed in the 1969 United Sound Studio Fire. Nearly 30 years later, he's start-



Bringing back the blues: Stoney Mazar and the Westsiders — from east to west — include Jeff Varilone, Kevin Carey, Tammy Thompson, Dave "Stoney" Mazar, Lisa Mazar, Bob Wilson and Steve Isner.

ed over with a new group of musicians and a new sound.

"We did what every band did," said Mazar. "We got real jobs and music became a hobby."

When Varilone suggested he would like to start a blues band, Stoney and the Westsiders were born.

"This band has progressed," Mazar remarked. "We'll see what happens. This band is like a tribute to the blues bands of the past."

Carey added that the old covers they perform are "still good after all these years."

Inspired by the likes of BB

King, Ray Charles, and the occasional cover of Stevie Ray Vaughn classics, The Westsiders take blues a step further by adding their own material, which grows almost weekly.

Their songs are autobiographical, depicting something that happened to a member of the band, or the band collectively. Songs like "Motor City Blues" and "Drunk Again in San Francisco" emulate the true roots of the musical genre.

From their signature four-part harmonies to Mazar's multi-octave singing style, Stoney Mazar and the Westsiders hint

at what's in store for the Detroit-area blues scene.

"We're a show band," said Wilson. "We're more than an ordinary blues band."

Members said they're no longer burdened by the idea that they have to make a living playing music.

"We're just enjoying it and hoping that the audience enjoys it too," Mazar said.

The band's timing couldn't be better.

"Blues and swing are really coming back big," Thompson said, referring to the revival of music from decades past.

Anyone interested in catching some home-grown, danceable blues can stop by Fox & Hounds in Birmingham on Oct. 30 and 31.

The band will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Their next scheduled appearance will be at Bachelor's II in Keego Harbor on Nov. 25. If the band's recent show at Duggan's Irish Pub in Clarkston is any indication, members expect a full house.

For more information about Stoney Mazar and the Westsiders call 810-751-5018.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Oct. 22-25.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Oct. 23, about \$1,400 worth of hunting equipment was reported stolen from a residence on King.

On Oct. 26, 40 pieces of plywood were reported stolen and windows damaged at a construction site on Shore Side.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Oct. 23, a laptop computer,

brief case and picture ID badge were reported stolen and the window shattered from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 23, a flatbed trailer was reported stolen from a parking lot on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 25, a generator was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 25, window shades and a spare tire cover were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Joy Street.

Vandalism

On Oct. 22, a broken window was reported from a vehicle parked on South Marshbank.

On Oct. 23, a gun shot was reported, damaging the back plastic window of a vehicle parked on Pheasant Run.

Independence Fire

Between Oct. 22-25, firefighters responded to 22 calls. Among them were 16 medical calls, two personal-injury accidents, one vehicle fire and one complaint.

On Oct. 23, two adults were found intoxicated and passed out in the front seat of a car parked on Wellesley Terrace.

The 42-year-old male and the 31-year-old female were released to the sheriff's department at approximately 10 p.m.

On Oct. 23, an 83-year-old female at a North Holcomb residence was reportedly having difficulty breathing.

She was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for further evaluation.

Springfield involved in headwaters project

An informational meeting about the Shiawassee-Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5. The meeting will be held in the Kiva Room of Lakeland High School. Lakeland High School is located at 1630 Bogie Lake Road, approximately two miles south of M-59.

The public is invited to learn about this project which covers the six communities of Rose, Springfield, Highland, White Lake and Milford townships and Milford Village. The purpose of the headwaters project is to inventory critical natural resource areas in the six communities, and to provide information on the resources and development options that allow development to occur while preserving critical areas.

A steering committee composed of local officials, property owners, developers, land conservancies and other interested groups has been directing the study. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) staff has been contracted to identify and inventory these critical resource areas. MNFI staff will be on hand at the meeting to share what they have discovered.

Representatives from Carlisle/Wortman Associates, planning consultants contracted to research existing local ordinances and policies from around the nation and develop model ordinance language for use by communities, will be at the meeting as well. They will discuss their work in identifying planning tools and techniques that communities can use to sup-

plement current community planning activities.

Funding for the study comes from a joint Springfield Township/Oakland County \$75,000 grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a \$40,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, and \$25,000 from Oakland County, plus in-kind staff support.

Staff from Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services is working with the communities on the study. This is the first multi-jurisdictional, public-private planning effort of its kind to take place in Oakland County.

For questions about the meeting, call Collin Walls or Nancy Strole at Springfield Township (248) 625-4802 or (248) 634-3111.

STUDENT NOTABLES

Walsh College is recognizing the academic achievement of 679 students during the summer 1998 semester who attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better, and have completed at least 12 semester credit hours at the school.

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better are placed on the President's Honor Roll, and students with a cumulative GPA between 3.749 and 3.5 are

on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Roger D. Laing, Jonathan R. Maule, Eileen E. McGill, Diane J. Morrison, Matthew D. Parker and Mark E. Scher are Clarkston residents who were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Clarkston residents Marlene Aiken, Robert D. Anderson, Terri L. Calvano, Rena M. LaCroix, Sara I. Lajovic, Constance E. Plummer, Gerald P.

Pokriefka and Brian A. Rogos were named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Rita J. Hawes and Sue Anne Lake of Davisburg were also named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

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PROPOSAL B IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY

Let's read all of the heated debate on the moral issues raised with Assisted Suicide is any reasoned, civilized analysis of Proposal B. The specific issue before the voters is whether Proposal B should be adopted, and that is where our focus should be as we approach November 3.

We, the undersigned, believe that Proposal B is bad public policy for Michigan. No matter how one feels about Assisted Suicide, we urge Michigan voters to VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL B for the following reasons:

- A. This is a BADLY WRITTEN piece of legislation that requires state health officials to regulate an 11-page, 12,000 word suicide law, with oversight regulated by a committee "who is not opposed to...(assisted suicide)" and ...not open to inspection, and are not subject to the Open Meetings Act...or the Freedom of Information Act...
B. This bill allows the out-of-state relatives of any Michigan resident to make use of our access to assisted suicide. Do we want Michigan to become the "SUICIDE CAPITAL?"
C. We must protect our uninsured, disabled, elderly, and minorities from being made to feel a "DUTY TO DIE" instead of a "Right to Die".
D. PAIN IS CONTROLLABLE. We need to continue to ENCOURAGE the development and use of pain medication and therapy to relieve the pain of the suffering.
E. We do not want to give HMO's or Medicaid a new way to cut cost by ENCOURAGING DEATH over costly treatments or pain medication as Oregon Medicaid has already done.
F. We already have the RIGHT TO REFUSE any extraordinary MEDICAL TREATMENT. We have the right to receive maximum pain management. Proposal B adds nothing to our right to control medical care, except, of course, the right to kill.
G. We do want to become like Holland, a country the size of Michigan, where euthanasia is quasi-legal they EUTHENIZE OVER 11,000 PERSONS PER YEAR, of which fully 1/3 are non-voluntary. The legal definition in the Netherlands has been expanded to include such things as mental illness, permanent disability, and even simple old age.
H. In the United States legalizing "voluntary active euthanasia (assisted suicide) means LEGALIZING NONVOLUNTARY euthanasia. State courts have ruled time and again that if competent people have a right, the EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE of the United States Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment requires that incompetent people be "given" the same "right".
I. YOU DON'T SOLVE PROBLEMS BY GETTING RID OF THE PEOPLE TO WHOM THE PROBLEM HAPPENS. The more difficult but humane solution to human suffering is to address the problems.

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Candidates quietly duel in race for Senate seat

BY GARY WINKELMAN STAFF WRITER gwinkelman@oe.homecomm.net

The race for Michigan's 16th District Senate post has been a low-key affair, generally free of the ill will that surrounds many political contests.

In fact, incumbent Mat Dunaskiss, a Lake Orion Republican, and his Democratic challenger, Clarkston attorney Michael Odette, haven't attracted attention to themselves with any brash personal charges or counter-attacks which often make headlines.

Accordingly, the campaign, which ends with Tuesday's election, has been quiet and uneventful. The most visible evidence that a campaign is even under way, perhaps, are the political signs dotting the landscape along heavily traveled roads like M-24 through Orion and Oxford townships.

The incumbent's election signs proclaim "Dunaskiss delivers" while Odette's signs ... well, none have been spotted around here.

Yet despite the muted tone of the campaign, the candidates each have their own concerns and message. In anticipation of the Nov. 3 election, The Eccentric asked the candidates about their top four issues. The 16th District covers much north Oakland County, including the townships of Orion, Oxford, Addison, Oakland, Independence and Springfield, and Rochester and Rochester Hills.

Mat Dunaskiss

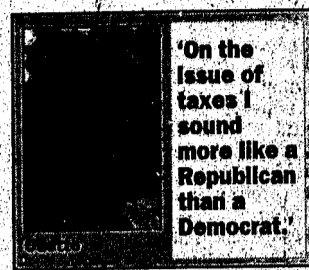
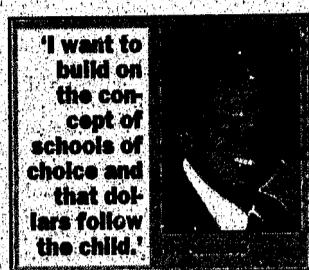
One of Dunaskiss' priorities is what he calls the wise stewardship of new state money. He favors implementing "wise spending programs and projects with new money for the roads coming from the federal government and the state government," as well as "monitoring and implementing priorities for the new bond money that will come from the Clean Michigan Initiative, also known as Proposal C, which is up for voter approval on Election Day.

Proposal C is a \$675 million bond issue that would finance environmental and natural resources protection programs intended to clean up and redevelop contaminated sites, protect and improve water quality, prevent pollution, abate lead contamination, reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts, enhance recreational opportunities and clean up contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers and streams.

Dunaskiss said he also wants to ensure that municipalities and local groups know how to utilize the money.

A second priority for Dunaskiss, if re-elected, is to continue building on successes in education, such as "more choice

16TH DISTRICT STATE SENATE



and empowerment for parents and children in their schools."

He said he likes the beneficial aspects that Gov. John Engler's charter school initiative has encouraged. He cited Lake Orion as a place where conditions have moved in a positive direction because some of the district's individual elementary schools have developed "a personality of their own."

"I want to build on the concept of schools of choice and that dollars follow the child," Dunaskiss said.

He also supports a get-tough policy for classroom troublemakers in order to "provide safer schools where teachers can teach and students can learn."

Cutting taxes is also on Dunaskiss' list of goals. He supports the governor's plan to cut the state's income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent "to reduce the burden on Michigan's citizens."

Furthermore, Dunaskiss said trimming the tax rate is one way of limiting the "scope of government." "If you continue to lower the tax rate, you lower the amount of money you have to spend on bureaucracy," he said.

Finally, Dunaskiss is urging civil service reform to "create a system that is not so burdensome to the implementation of state policies" and is "more responsive to Michigan taxpayers."

His goal is a streamlined government that's more efficient and less bogged down in bureaucracy.

"Is government being as responsive as it could or should be?" he asked. "What fundamental changes can be made to make government work better?"

Michael Odette

Odette, an attorney and former Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, said his main issues include taxes, campaign finance reform, crime and prisons and education.

He opposes principles that would tamper with traditional school funding mechanisms.

"While my opponent wants to undermine public education by providing private schools with tax monies, I believe we must

not compete with public education," Odette said. "Let's support and improve public education, not hurt it. Public funds should go to public schools."

Regarding topics such as crime and prisons, Odette points out that his background as a deputy sheriff gives him the experience of actual crime-fighting experience and draws a clear distinction between he and Dunaskiss.

"My opponent has repeatedly voted for the building of more prisons. Prisons are very expensive and costly to operate," Odette said. "They also are not a cure to criminal activity; prison often times creates a career criminal. By requiring alternative sentences such as mandatory education and work programs we might accomplish better results."

Consistent with the relatively subdued political race he is running, Odette said he is concerned about the issue of campaign finance reform.

"My opponent has accepted campaign funds from the utilities he is supposed to be regulating," Odette said in reference to Dunaskiss' position as chairman of the Senate's Technology and Energy Committee.

"I believe this is a serious conflict of interest. I have pledged to accept no campaign funds; 100 percent PAC free. I have returned thousands of dollars. My loyalty will be to the citizens of my district not special interest groups."

Finally, like his opponent, Odette said taxes are an important issue.

"My campaign motto has been 'less government is better government,'" he said. "On the issue of taxes I sound more like a Republican than a Democrat. A few years ago I had a personalized license plate that read 'NO MO'TAX'."

"When elected I will do everything possible to reduce the size of our government. Thirty-eight state senators and 110 representatives is a prime example of large government. Reducing the size of our Legislature and considering a part-time, one-house legislature would be a good start."

Mt. Zion to stage play in November

The Mt. Zion Theatre Company of Clarkston will be presenting a theater production in November with three performances of a three-act play about family entitled "The Tinker."

The event will be hosted at the Mt. Zion church, 4900 Maybee Road (off Clintonville Road), in Clarkston.

The play, written by Fred Eastman, is about a 1928 family's response to a sudden inheritance left by an eccentric uncle. Woven throughout the play is the presence of an elderly tinker, who works on the hearts of the family as much as he does the grandfather clock he is commissioned to repair. The play is composed of clever dialogue and is

full of action that moves briskly to a satisfying climax.

Mt. Zion's production will feature a veteran cast of seven people from the 4,000 member congregation under the direction of Monika Christensen of Waterford.

Performances are set for 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13; Saturday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 21. Individual tickets are on sale for \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$7 for groups of 10 or more.

The price includes admission, dessert and a gourmet coffee served during intermissions. For tickets call Debbie McClure at (248) 391-6166.

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David," in 1996, and "Snapshots and Portraits," in 1997, were seen by over 2,300 people.

OBITUARIES

Virginia M. Rupert

Virginia M. Rupert of Clarkston died Oct. 25, 1998 at age 84. Mrs. Rupert is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Lawrence "Butch") Mitchell of Clarkston and Ann Voll of Beaverton; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and son-in-law Earl (Sally) Sedam. Burial arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main Street, Clarkston. Services will be held today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at 11 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Tracy Hummer officiating.

Charles R. "Chuck" Creech

Charles R. "Chuck" Creech of Clarkston died Oct. 24, 1998 at age 62. Mr. Creech retired as a teacher after 35 years of service with the Royal Oak School System (Kimball High School); he taught math at OCO Auburn Hills Campus and most recently worked in the Quality Assurance Department at MacroSoft, Rochester Hills. He was a member of Grace Chapel Church. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Ken (Carrie); daughter, Kim (Matt) Marcoux

both of Orion Township. He is also survived by his brother, Donald (Joy) of Florida and parents-in-law, Clarence and Irene Poynter of Dearborn.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main Street, Clarkston. Service will be held at the funeral home today, Thursday, at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace Chapel Church, 7325 Maceday Lake Road, Waterford MI 48329 or Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995.

County considers child care facility for employees

BY HARR PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

The possibility of offering Oakland County employees an opportunity to enroll their children in a child care center located within the county complex are moving along, albeit a bit slowly. A plan calling for a \$1.6 million renovation of the former Children's Village facility has not been approved but will go to the Planning and Building Committee on Dec. 1.

A special task force that includes five county commissioners was formed to address the need for a child care facility nearly a year ago. Commissioner Lawrence Obrecht said his concern that a facility offer a top notch program that is preschool-based prompted him to immediately volunteer for the committee.

Obrecht recalled that the idea of establishing a child care center for employees first surfaced in the county some 15 years ago but nothing really happened with the issue. In recent years the county has discovered that the lack of such a facility was contributing to the loss of employees. Many of those workers were specifically employed in the information technology areas, Obrecht said.

"When we did exit interviews we found out that 10 percent of them left because working for the county wasn't convenient to child care, not just right here but in this surrounding area," Obrecht said.

"It's a challenge to attract qualified candidates without providing some creative and innovative benefits and child care is a big issue," said John McCulloch, chairman of the county board. "In my other life as a CPA, I see with my clients and actually parents across the board, that child care is a great concern."

Additional research by the task force showed county employees were missing three days per year each in order to cover unplanned child care needs.

"When you look at those numbers you really come up with some big numbers overall,"

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John McCulloch
—Chairman, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Obrecht said.

"So once we got wheels and things came to the front burner we decided we had to find a space."

What they found was the facility formerly utilized as the Children's Village at the county complex. The building already has several amenities that lend itself to use as a child care center including size appropriate rest rooms and drinking fountains. The center was used as a detention facility for youths under 18 until a new building was recently opened near the county courthouse.

Once the site seemed feasible, the task force, anticipating the services needed by those using the center, decided to recommend an addition to the building. Their proposal calls for a phase one remodeling of the existing building and a phase two 5,000-square-foot addition.

The fact that the county has no plans of going into the child care business on its own prompted officials to hire a consulting firm to assist them in locating a private vendor. AmeriCare, which operates hundreds of its own centers, has served as a consultant to the task force. AmeriCare is well known in the child care field and monitors many aspects of the centers across Michigan including licensing and costs associated with their day-to-day operations, Obrecht said.

In all, the task force members visited five Michigan sites to consider ideas for a county child care facility. The UAW plant in Flint and a local center in the "Little Rascals" chain were among the stops for the group.

"We want national certification for the facility which a whole lot of centers don't have," Obrecht said. "And personally I want all the teaching materials and the philosophy of the organization in front of me before I make a decision."

When the task force put out feelers requesting prices from vendors they were surprised to find most of the quotes were a hefty \$180 a week per child.

"Nobody here is willing to set a price of \$180 but that seems to be a number vendors are hanging their hats on," Obrecht said. "No one is interested in building a facility with that kind of cost. The employees can't afford that price."

Added McCulloch: "If the rates are going to be above the market rate it's not going to be real attractive to our employees."

Any child care center established for employee use won't be subsidized by the county, however. Employees will incur all the costs for the service.

"The county is the third largest employer in Oakland County," Obrecht said. "We'd be talking about using tax dollars to offer the employees a subsidiary for something like this so that's out of the question."

"We want to be cost conscious because we will already be using the taxpayers' money for the expenses to upgrade a facility," McCulloch said. "And while we are willing to undertake the project in providing a facility, the cost to the provider of the services will be passed to the employee."

For now, the task force will sit down with vendors to see what can be done to bring costs down to an affordable rate, Obrecht said.

Another cost concern McCulloch has about the project is the \$1.6 million price tag that's being currently presented for the renovation and addition. He is bothered by the fact that several major leaders in the child care industry have said they have never spent more than \$1.1 million to open a center.

"I want to know why it would please see CHILD CARE, A7



Child care plan: Oakland County officials may renovate the former Children's Village into a day-care center for county employees.

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Swim *from page A1*

"We're going to have a club," Chock said. "It'll be a high school club for anyone interested in the swim team — both boys and girls. We'll try to get some competition for them."

Beyond high school sports, Chock said she envisions the CHS pool to be a recreational and fitness resource for community members of all ages. To get

that idea off the diving board, she'd like to start a U.S.S. (United States Swimming) program — a year-round competitive program that's offered from age 6 through college.

"It's like little league baseball," Chock said.

The teacher said she also foresees "Aquababies" classes for parents and tots, swim classes

and open swims for all ages, and water sessions for seniors — in other words, an almost round-the-clock use of the pool.

"I think there are a lot of people who will be interested in this pool," Chock said.

"The great thing about swimming is that it's not about size or shape or gender. Swimming is from the womb to the tomb."



Serious business: Township Treasurer Jim Wenger, at right, wrote down his comments after tasting each chili entry. With 10 chili recipes to sample, a few notes will come in handy at judging time, Wenger said.

Cook-off *from page A1*

tasting. All who tasted, of course, were entitled to cast a vote for their favorite chili.

Roger Belcher from Parks and

Recreation, took first prize with his infamous spicy chili, tumbling last year's champion Mike Turk, who also works for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Turk, however, authored the cook-off's second place recipe — a savory buffalo chili.

In the end, the judging process was perhaps more interesting than the contest's results.

Township Treasurer Jim Wenger, for example, took notes on each chili for better recall at judging time.

In contrast, Department of

Public Works employees took a more intuitive approach — if you go back for seconds, it's a winner.

Others carefully stirred the contents of each pot in order to get a handle on each chili dish's texture and contents.

Obliging his duties, Township Supervisor Dale Stuart tasted each and every entry.

Afterwards, he mixed together all of the entries in an interdepartmental chili, which was "pretty good," Stuart commented.

"Sounds just like a politician," he added.

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Millage *from page A1*

"We have stretched the tax dollar (for police services) as far as we can, and we need this (millage) to continue providing the level of service that we have been."

LaBair agreed, saying, "We're always looking for ways to contain costs and maintain efficiency."

Police services through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department continue to be less expensive than setting up and maintaining a township police department, Stuart said. The cost of a township police department could "easily be twice as

much, he claimed.

Also, rates for services through the sheriff's department, which are set by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, have declined from 1998, LaBair said.

A sheriff's deputy, for example, will cost \$80,699 in 1999, down from \$81,811 in 1998, he said.

"We evaluate (our police services) on an ongoing basis," Stuart said. "And, I am completely satisfied... we are providing the most service for the dollars that we're spending... and we are getting a high quality of service for the best of the best."

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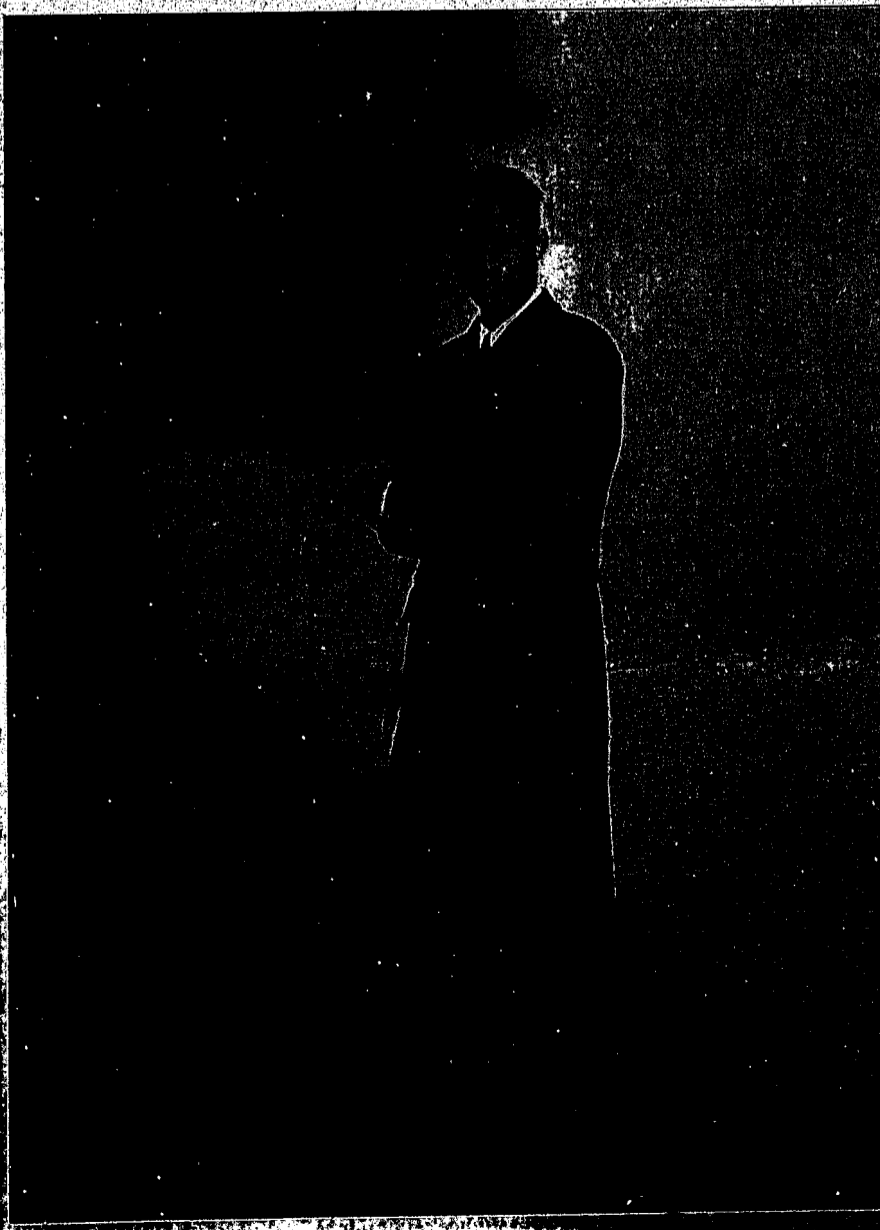
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Candidates differ on key issues

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Each has a new pet program. Both favor continuing to police local governments' obedience of the "sunshine" laws. Both emphasize consumer protection. Both oppose Proposal B, physician-assisted suicide, and the death penalty.

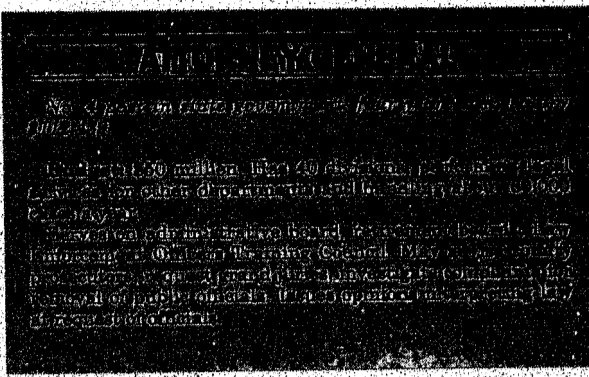
But the two attorney general candidates differ sharply on handgun permits, the scope of the job and whether there's a role for the state in the University of Michigan race bias case. Here's where they stand:

Pet issue

Q. Jennifer Granholm's pet issue is a bill to make it a crime for anyone — not just an educator or social worker — to fail to come to the aid of a child being attacked or abused. Comment?

Smetanka: "It's an overextension. For example, if a person in a Kmart sees a parent, or an apparent parent, spanking a child and they think it might be child abuse, are they and all the others standing in line going to be committing a felony by not reporting it to police?"

"The Republican alternative has been sitting untouched in the (Democrat-controlled) House Judiciary Committee."



It's much more tailored. A person who is a care-giver, if they see abuse, must report it. The Granholm approach goes way too far."

Q. John Smetanka's pet issue is called "Weed & Seed" — going into neighborhoods and having leaders there set an improvement agenda, going after gangs and bullies. Comment?

Granholm: "It's a good program, but I would throw into the mix the churches," specifically Project Moses and the Jeremiah Project in Detroit."

'Sunshine' laws

Q. Attorney General Kelley last year set up a five-member

unit to enforce the "sunshine" laws — the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts — in local government. Would you continue it?

Granholm: "Yes. During editorial boards, we've talked about coming to local governments with the press to talk to municipalities to make sure they're in compliance."

Smetanka: "Yes, and I'd even ask that it be applied in Wayne County as well."

Q. Do you favor Proposal C, the \$675 million environmental cleanup bond issue?

Smetanka: "Yes. If there's a polluter who has an obligation to clean it up, I would enforce that." Smetanka served on the

Michigan Environmental Review Board during the Miliken Administration. He said he views the environment broadly, not just woods and waters but "we have to look at jobs and safety."

Smetanka said a key component of Prop C is redeveloping "brownfields" in cities and slowing development of rural "greenfields."

Granholm: "Absolutely. You have to hold corporations' feet to the fire" with a "healthy enforcement effort. You can't have corporations coming into the state and acting irresponsibly."

View of job

In answering a variety of questions, they showed they have different views of the attorney general's job.

Smetanka's first "to-do" would be joint state-local-federal task forces to go after "street gangs that are multi-county and multi-state. I have prosecuted street gangs in my 24 years. If we don't prosecute them, in five years we will be negotiating with them because they will become the power structures in our cities."

As Berrien County prosecutor, Smetanka set up a three-

Child care from page A5

be costing us a half million more to do one in Oakland County," McCulloch said.

Oakland Schools, whose administration building is already part of the county complex, may also play a role in the development of the daycare center. They have shown an interest in taking part in the plan and the possibility of the project becoming a joint venture is still being considered, McCulloch said.

would be willing to commit to utilizing such a facility at some reasonable cost, \$140 per week for example, will be sent out soon.

The center will offer space for 100 children, with 18 of those spots designated for infants.

"We want to satisfy the board of commissioners that this is a good project," Obrecht said. "And I'd like to see us moving toward approval to renovate this right now. We really need to start on the facility now regardless of whether it's going to be used for a child care center or not. The building hasn't been updated since the '40s."

While the task force awaits the approval of its renovation plan, members will continue gathering information to support the possibility of a child care facility at the complex.

Obrecht said a questionnaire asking employees whether they

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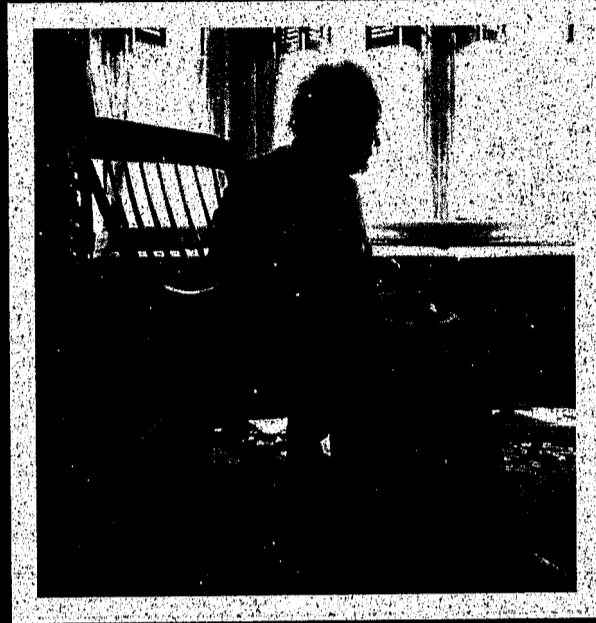
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member consumer crimes investigation and mediation unit. As attorney general, he would bring industries, professions and consumer groups together to prevent people from being victimized.

Granholt said: "What distinguishes me from my opponent is that in Wayne County we have an environmental unit, a unit for municipalities, a unit for roads, a unit for jails, a litigation unit, a unit for mental health."

"What I have done in the last five years is directly relevant to what Frank Kelley does for the entire state. It's complex, regulatory stuff. It's not the sexy stuff (like crime)."

"Big corporations have plenty of lawyers. Criminals have lawyers. But the people of Michigan only have one," Granholt said that going from Wayne County corporation (civil) counsel to state attorney general would be "the next step in any organization. It's what I do."

Granholt said her top experience was "a 98 percent conviction rate" in her four years as an assistant U.S. attorney. She lists 185 convictions, including 10 armed members of a drug ring.


Smietanka said his top experience was "arguing and winning a case in the U.S. Supreme Court." He lists 88 appellate cases he has argued in the state Court of Appeals, state Supreme Court, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court.

Republicans reply that the bulk of Granholt's convictions came on guilty pleas, not trials.

Gun laws

A House committee is working

The Contenders



Republican: John Smietanka, 57, Ada. Currently in private practice; U.S. attorney for western Michigan 1981-94, including two years in the U.S. Justice Department; Berrien County assistant and prosecutor, 1970-81.

Education: John Marshall Law School, seminary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Chicago.

Personal: divorced, one daughter

Democrat: Jennifer Granholm, 39, Northville Township. Currently corporation counsel for Wayne County. Formerly U.S. assistant attorney.

Education: University of California-Berkeley; Harvard Law School.

Personal: married, three children ages 1-8.

'I have prosecuted street gangs in my 24 years. If we don't prosecute them, in five years we will be negotiating with them because they will become the power structures in our cities.'

John Smietanka

Republican nominee for attorney general

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Jennifer Granholm

Democratic nominee for attorney general

on a package of bills to make it easier for the public to get CCW permits (carry a concealed weapon). The thrust would be that if a person qualified, the state "shall issue" a permit. The candidates differed sharply.

Granholt: "I'm not in favor of changing the law. I think discretion should remain with the local gun boards. If people don't like what the local gun boards are doing, they should remove and replace the officials on the gun

boards." Current county gun boards include three law enforcement persons. The House bills provide for five persons and dilute the strength of police.

Smietanka: "I support that." The new bills would deny permits for those with mental problems, criminal records, children and people who were untrained.

U-M race case

They were asked whether the

attorney general's office should offer amicus (friend of the court) briefs in the twin federal lawsuits attacking the University of Michigan's admissions policies that grant extra points to applicants on the basis of race.

Granholt: "U-M should have the discretion to constitute its student body in a way it sees fit. The fact that they want a diverse student body speaks a lot for them. They give bonus points for heritage (being the child of a

U-M graduate) — why not give some body credit because they come from a different background?"

Granholt would "seriously consider" an amicus brief when the case reaches the appellate level but not at the trial level.

Smietanka: No amicus. "First, they've offered, and the court has refused other amici in that case. U-M is spending a lot of money, and the plaintiffs are spending a lot. They can handle

it themselves." Smietanka calls affirmative action "a remedy we need to get beyond."

On the abortion question, Granholm calls herself "pro-choice" while Smietanka is supported by Right to Life.

Agreements

Both emphasized the office of attorney general is independently elected, and they are not bowing to their respective gubernatorial candidates.

Should Michigan reinstitute the death penalty?

Smietanka: "I don't recommend it."

Granholt: "I'm not in favor personally. If there were a change, I'd go into court and defend it."

Should voters pass Proposal B, legalizing physician-assisted suicide?

Smietanka: "I oppose that."

Granholt: "I'm not in favor. They've done surveys. Most people who ask for it — it's not because of pain management but because they feel like they're a burden."

Candidates were interviewed on Ch. 7's Oct. 18 "Spotlight" program. Questions about campaign advertising were eliminated in this article in order to concentrate on issues.

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Be sure to vote Here are our picks for local races

It's essential that Clarkston-area residents exercise their right to vote Tuesday. Not only does the November general election ballot carry significant state proposals and races, it carries important local proposals and races as well.

Over the past few weeks our reporters and editors have been interviewing local candidates and proponents of local bond proposals. Our purpose was twofold — to prepare stories for our news pages and to form an opinion on which candidates and proposals we think deserve endorsement.

Following is a list of the candidates and proposals we support. We have limited our endorsements to contested races.

U.S. Representative Dale Kildee should be re-elected to represent the 9th District in Washington. Kildee is an anomaly in Washington; he disdains partisanship and focuses on getting the job done. We have occasionally disagreed with his decisions, particularly on spending and on what appears to be an automatic reticence to cut taxes, but he comes by his decisions honestly and through careful consideration.

His constituent services are exceptional and his role in Oakland County, which is hardly his home base, has been admirable.

In the past decade, Kildee has faced a variety of opponents from the GOP; yet, he remains in office.

The reason for this is simple: Unlike his opponents, who continually try to paint him into the "tax and spend liberal" corner, voters see Kildee for what he really is: a hard-working, dyed-in-the-wool centrist with a sound ethical and moral base who recognizes that there are some things worth spending money on, but who has a practical nature as well.

That's a legacy that many public officials would do well to emulate.

State Senator Matt Dunaskiss is still the best person to represent the 16th District, which includes all of Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston. Dunaskiss, a Republican, is running against Mike Odette, who is running as a Democrat.

Dunaskiss is as Republican as they come — conservative to the core. He is consistently conservative on issues like taxation (bad) to education (good, but in need of reform), environment (balance it with personal property rights) to roads (we need to fix them as cost-efficiently as possible).

Indeed, his voting is consistently in line with the GOP, which makes him well-suited to represent the 16th District, a largely conservative district with a heavy Republican makeup.

Politically astute, Dunaskiss knows what works and what doesn't, knows who to talk to and who not, and knows how to get things done — a skill in itself. He is also not above, it seems, self-evaluation. He had a problem, he recognized, he addressed it.

Dunaskiss has a plan for the future. One of the next big tasks facing the legislature is the deregulation of the state's electricity industries. We're not certain we agree the industry needs to be deregulated, but having been through the process with the telephone industry bodes well for an attempt to deregulate the electricity industry. We hope he puts what he learned to good use.

Issue two may be equally important.

Dunaskiss said he supports term limits, but recognizes that with it comes a potential problem — a weakening of the elected representative form of government. As citizen legislators

face term limits, they essentially become lame ducks with less ability to compel civil servants to respond to issues. Limiting the terms of legislators is only half the process of government reform. Dunaskiss contends. If our elected representative form of government is to thrive, civil service reform is essential.

His recognition of this as well as his depth of understanding on many issues, shows an insight that should serve the state well.

David Galloway, a state representative who was term-limited out of office, is our pick for District 2 of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. District 2 includes all of Springfield Township and the northern half of Independence Township. A Republican, Galloway has extensive experience as a public servant, having served four years as a trustee on the White Lake Township Board and three terms as a state representative. He is knowledgeable about the political process and the issues facing Oakland County. As a Pontiac police officer for 25 years, Galloway has a special interest in reducing crime and easing overcrowding at the jail — important issues in growing northern Oakland County. In addition, he is a business owner who is sensitive to the needs of business people.

Springfield Township bond proposition — We urge a yes vote on this local ballot proposal, which asks voters to approve the sale of \$4.5 million in bonds for constructing a new civic center. Springfield officials have proved themselves in the past to be prudent in managing the townships finances. This instance is no different. There is a definite need for new facilities. Both the township hall, located in downtown Davisburg, and the library, located on Andersonville Road, were built more than 100 years ago. Neither is adequate — in terms of space or technology — for a growing township entering the 21st century. Township officials have been planning for a new civic center for some time. In fact, they have saved \$1.3 million toward a new facility. That, to us, shows both how prudent they have been and how earnest they see the need for a new facility. The bond proposition would result in a modest tax increase for residents. Officials estimate that they will need to levy .85 mills, which translates into 85 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property value, or \$85 annually for a home with a market value of about \$200,000. We believe that's a bargain for a new civic center and library.

Independence Township bond proposition — It's critical that Independence Township residents vote yes on this local ballot proposal, a renewal of up to 2.7264 mills for four years for police protection. Without it, the township would essentially have no police protection since the millages fund the lion's share of the police budget. The renewal would combine two police millages due to expire this year into one at no increase to township homeowners. It would be levied for a period of four years. Under the millage rate, a resident with a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 — which has a market worth of about \$200,000 — would pay about \$272 annually. In addition to funding several personnel provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the millage covers facility and clerk costs, and enables the township to provide crossing guards. Currently, there are 22 personnel from the sheriff's department on duty in the township, including one lieutenant, two sergeants, 16 deputies, three detectives and one police-school district liaison.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What was your best Halloween costume ever?



"A Crayola crayon. My sister dressed my brother and myself up. I was purple."

Jim Muhleck
Clarkston



"I think it was Peter Pan. It was just brave, more than anything else."

Larry Baylis
Independence Township



"Last year, I went as a dead Little Bo Peep. I had a dead lamb on top of my head with blood running off of it."

Sharon Saunders
Independence Township



"My Spiderman one. He's my favorite super hero."

Mikey Saunders
Independence Township

This question was asked at the U.S. Post Office in Clarkston.

LETTERS

Prop B a selfish solution

What will we learn from the physician-assisted suicide option in the country of the Netherlands?

What started out almost exactly as Proposal B, after 20 years, has now become elderly people being killed without their permission. Doctors can and do decide to kill their patients. Lives are considered, at some point, no longer worth anything!

If Proposal B were to pass, it would become acceptable for a person to make a "rational decision to commit suicide." At the present, that is still considered nonsense. A rational person does not decide to commit suicide; if they do, something is terribly wrong.

In the Netherlands other people are making those decisions. Years ago they crossed the line by someone deciding for another that their life was no longer worth anything.

Once that line is crossed, namely, "My (this) life is no longer worth anything" and that becomes acceptable — as it most certainly will, what government agency, or insurance agency will become the one who decides who will live and who will die?

Already there is talk in the medical profession, "Most medical costs are incurred in the last year of a person's life, let us contain the rising costs of health care."

Already there is talk of a "person's duty to die after the age of 75."

Already in Oregon insurance companies are encouraging, and gladly paying for, euthanasia as a method of dealing with medical costs.

If readers believe such things will not happen in America they are naive fools.

Sadly we have become (to a large degree) a nation that wants convenience, that wants a quick solution, that is selfish. Killing another, regardless of how it is packaged, is a quick, convenient, selfish solution. It dehumanizes another. It says, "You are no longer worth anything."

If "B" were to pass, that is what we would become.

Vote no on B.

Rev. Michael Klafehn
Clarkston

Proposal B is bad policy

Vote no on Proposal B. Every vote is a reflection not of what we are but what we want to be. For nearly a decade the philosophical debate over assisted suicide has raged in Michigan. That debate no longer matters because we are now faced with a specific proposal to regulate killing in our state. That is Proposal B. Whatever your views are on assisted suicide, Proposal B is bad policy for our state.

It is claimed that Proposal B would allow mentally competent, terminally ill people to kill themselves via doctor prescribed lethal dose. Such is not exactly true. It is far more permissive, premised on regulation in secret by the government. Government regulation in secret is the basis of tyranny.

There are many flaws in the very complicated proposal, but I will mention only two. First, the proposal would allow mentally ill or depressed people to kill themselves, as long as a single psychiatrist surmised that the decision to die was not caused by the mental illness or depression. This is a huge loophole, ripe with abuse. Approximately, 90 percent of all suicides involve depression or mental illness. Even the Oregon law — they are the only other state with assisted suicide — prevents the mentally ill and depressed from being killed. Proposal B allows it.

Second, Proposal B perpetuates a dark veil of secrecy over the entire assisted suicide process. Information is power and Proposal B gives the government control over all of it. Of course, the entire initial killing all takes place in secret. Even on the death certificates of the people killed, the cause of death will not be assisted suicide, but the terminal illness they allegedly had. This is mandated government lying. Nor will autopsies be permitted. Nor is any information concerning assisted suicide — who is being killed and why — ever to be available to the public.

Nor will there be any legitimate oversight. Proposal B sets up a taxpayer-funded oversight committee made up of 17 people who all must favor assisted suicide. They are required to review a random sample of killings every year, and write certain reports outlining compliance with the paperwork requirements of Proposal B. It is unclear what will be in these reports because they are prohibited from including any identifying or specific information. The real cause for concern is that everything the oversight committee does is in secret; they are exempt from the open meetings act, FOIA, all of the safeguards that required government to be open and accountable. Finally, after a certain period of time Proposal B requires all information reviewed by the oversight committee to be destroyed!

I am not making this up, nor is this some slippery slope argument. Rather this is precisely how Proposal B is intended to work. It is written to allow the most vulnerable to die and to prevent any oversight whatsoever. In the light of day Proposal B violates even the most basic principles of our country. Please vote no on Proposal B because it is bad policy, bad for the vulnerable, and bad for anyone who believes government should be open and accountable to us all.

Jeff Gallant
Clarkston

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POINTS OF VIEW

Treats galore: The trick won't be on me this Halloween

With Halloween and its coinciding activities approaching rapidly, I find myself in a curious state of participatory limbo. Mine is the age at which trick or treating tests the limits of social acceptability, and the decision whether to involve myself in this year's festivities weighs heavily on my mind. The voice of common ideology, and even that belonging to some of my peers, suggests that now is the time to retire my costumes. The other day I was discussing the matter with a maddeningly beautiful girl in my psychology class, who savagely criticized me for even considering going out to trick or treat. "You're practically old enough to buy cigarettes," she stated

in a flagrantly condescending manner. "Wouldn't you say it's time to stop knocking on doors asking for candy?" I conceded that she had a point. Admittedly, I've past my Halloween prime. I no longer look cute in a shark costume and the playful, juvenile hijinks I once so enthusiastically advocated no longer seem even remotely appealing.

Yet there is still temptation. I have this mysterious notion that I'm going to wind up ditching whatever social or domestic plans I have for Saturday night, choosing instead to go out and ask my neighbors for junk food. The basis for this suspicion is my deep, genuine, insatiable passion for candy. I love candy. Specifically, I love pas-

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BEN NESS

tel-colored chewy, fruit-flavored candy. Wholly void of nutrition, it manages to be an indispensable cornerstone of my diet, and a constant means to joy and gratification. Instan-

aneous gratification! Consuming an exorbitant sum of candy yields a guilty pleasure sort of like listening to the Beach Boys: You gain absolutely nothing, but have a sensational time in the process.

So containing myself on Halloween might prove to be impossible. The prospects of having a pillow case full of fantastic sugar-loaded elation at my disposal, gained solely through the generosity of others, is stout enough to overwhelm whatever resistant efforts I may try to mount. I'll throw together some outrageous ensemble, hit the streets, mingle for awhile amongst the elementary school crowd, then go about my business in the most efficient possible manner.

Should anyone accuse me of being too old, I'll tell them that I'm actually an 8-year-old boy suffering from a ruthless pituitary disorder. Or maybe I'll just tell them the truth. I like masquerades, and I like candy, and I like holidays, and I like myself. So why not trick or treat? To let something as meaningless as age prevent such a riotous good time reveals a character flaw much more sinister than immaturity.

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Michigan voters likely to split ticket this election

So here we are, less than a week before election day in what certainly will go down in the history books as among the most-bizarre elections in Michigan political history.

I'm obliged to warn readers of this column: I've got more than an academic interest this time around. I'm on the ballot myself, running for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

Earlier in the campaign, when it became clear that Geoffrey Fieger was making no headway against Gov. John Engler, lots of politicians were thinking in terms of a historic Republican tidal wave sweeping the ballot from top to bottom.

But things can change quickly in politics. The GOP leadership in Congress overreached in trying to milk the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton. To their surprise, the national news media discovered most folks beyond the Beltway were more interested in appropriations and policy — the stuff of governing — than in Monica Lewinsky. And Fieger figured out how to quit shooting himself in the foot every time he opened

his mouth.

So my guess is this: After people get through doing whatever they're going to do for governor at the top of the ballot, they'll go back to being the kind of sane, rational, ticket-splitting voters that Michiganders have always been.

For example, even though Gov. Engler has a big lead, Democrat Jennifer Granholm is running a very strong race against Republican John Smetanka to succeed "eternal" Attorney General Frank Kelley. I've seen no evidence that any incumbent members of Congress, Republican or Democratic, are in trouble. With term limits retiring two-thirds of the old members, nobody knows much about anybody who's running for the State House of Representatives.

So voters are going to be scanning down their ballots, looking for sensible candidates from either major party and splitting their tickets accordingly. For competent candidates of both parties, who find themselves condemned to relative anonymity, the challenge is to find ways to cut through the information



PHILIP POWER

vacuum to find ways to inform voters that there are pockets of sanity and competence well worth searching out.

It was ever thus in Michigan, at least since the 1964 election, when Democratic President Lyndon Johnson carried Michigan by more than one million votes over Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater, while Republican Gov. George Romney trounced Neil Staebler, his Democratic opponent, by nearly 400,000. That's a swing of 1.4 million votes, a veritable orgy of ticket-splitting!

In fact, the Michigan data were so remarkable as to form the basis of an influential book, "The Ticket-Splitter,"

written in 1972 by V. Lance Tarrance Jr. and Walter DeVries. They argued that American voting patterns, historically oriented toward straight ticket voting, had changed in the 1960s, giving rise to wholesale ticket-splitting.

A just-published book by Tarrance, "Checked & Balanced: How Ticket-Splitters Are Shaping the New Balance of Power in American Politics," confirms the trend. Nearly 70 percent of voters surveyed told Roper Center pollsters that they "typically" shun straight-ticket voting.

There's another factor, too, in the rise of ticket-splitting: The mechanism of the way people cast their votes. In the old days, when people voted with machines, it was easy to vote a straight ticket. You pulled the lever at the top of your party's column on the ballot. Not only did this cast your ballot for all candidates of your party, but the mechanics of the voting machine physically prevented you — locked you out — from voting for any candidates from the other party.

Today's machines, either the optical scanners or the punch card, subtly promote the process of working down

the ballot — line by line, page by page, office by office — scrutinizing the candidates and voting back and forth between parties. Sure, with either machine, you can vote a straight ticket by marking the box at the top of the ballot.

But with both punch card and optical scanner machines, you can vote straight and then vote for one or two candidates from the other party and have those votes count.

I'd guess this election will produce a lot of split tickets, just like most Michigan elections, where a basically sane electorate searches down the ballot for sensible candidates, regardless of party. But, whether you vote straight or split your ticket, it's very important you remember to vote!

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LETTERS

Police millage vote critical

On Nov. 3, Independence Township voters are going to be asked to renew the current millage rate for sheriff services. This rate is the amount you have approved in past elections as it has been rolled back by the Headlee Amendment or Truth in Taxation. This millage allows the township to provide you with 24-hour police coverage by 15 deputies, three detectives, one school liaison officer and three command personnel for a total of 22 personnel. By contracting with the sheriff's department for this service, we are able to provide you with the most cost-effective police service available. It also provides you with the most modern, best-trained and most effective police service available anywhere in the state.

Your township board has also been able to stretch your tax dollars by obtaining a grant from the federal government and the state that has allowed us to add three additional deputies to what we had previously contracted, increasing your protection while saving you about \$200,000 per year.

It is critical that this millage is approved. It represents our entire revenue to operate police services.

When you realize that the owner of a \$100,000 home is paying about 75 cents per day to have this valuable protection, I am confident you will agree it is a bargain.

Please vote on Nov. 3 and vote Yes on the local proposal that is located on the back of your ballot.

Dale A. Stuart
Independence Township Supervisor

Candidate clarifies position

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the article that appeared in the Oct. 22 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric and would like to clarify a few points made about the issues discussed in the article:

■ County budget surpluses. Each year county tax revenues rise as a result of property tax assessment increases. The Republicans have not cut the tax rates enough so that revenues equal expenditures, thereby resulting in a balanced budget. We should do one of the following: one, cut tax rates to make the budget balance each year, or, two, change existing law to allow surpluses to be used to improve county road and drain systems. In other words, we have to put more money in taxpayers' pockets or put the money to good use by improving the poor road and drain systems the Republicans do not seem to have the will to change to any significant degree.

■ Power outages. We have to work with the state government and electric utilities to cut the number of power outages that cost individuals and businesses an untold amount of money every year. We should look to alternatives like

burying power lines and ensuring that the capacity of the current system actually meets current needs. Then we have to coordinate planning and development so that future needs meet then-current capacity.

■ Road and drain improvements. We need to change present laws to require more dollars from county gasoline buyers to be used in Oakland County and more county property tax dollars to be used for county roads and drains. I do not support increases in these taxes, but am firm in believing that we should receive our fair share of current tax dollars for road and drain improvement. The Republicans have not done much to change the fact Oakland County is a net donor of state tax money, meaning we pay out more than we receive back.

■ Recreational trails. I support the creation of greenways, which are non-motorized recreational trails that would connect the parks in the county to one another.

I would appreciate the support and vote of the 2nd District on Nov. 3. Thank you.

Michael Kohut
Candidate for 2nd District County Commissioner

Join vote for Power

With all the commotion at the top of the Nov. 3 ballot this year, I think it's especially important for Michigan citizens to realize there are many solid people from both parties running for election to less-known and, perhaps, less visible positions.

One such person is Phil Power, a Democrat who is running for re-election to The University of Michigan Board of Regents. As a newspaper publisher, columnist and regent, Phil Power has been an exceptional voice for civility, moderation and common sense. I urge all Michigan citizens, regardless of party affiliation, to join me in voting to re-elect Phil Power to the U of M Board of Regents.

William G. Milliken,
Traverse City

Kaplan ethical, fair

As a retired police detective, I had the opportunity to work with Steven Kaplan, assistant prosecutor, on numerous murder cases. Mr. Kaplan always was well-prepared, diligent and zealous in his prosecution of cases.

I am casting a vote for Steve Kaplan for circuit court judge on Nov. 3. He is the type of judge we need in Oakland County; he is conscientious, ethical and fair.

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Jail officials stay on their toes to keep inmates behind bars

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Although several Michigan county jails have recently released some inmates early due to overcrowding, the fact that Oakland County hasn't followed suit certainly doesn't mean it has beds to spare. Make no mistake, Sheriff's Department officials say, there isn't any room at their inn.

"Oakland County has been chronically overcrowded for the last 15 years," said Ann Russell, corrections administrator. "I think the confusion came about when Macomb and Wayne were enacting the emergency overcrowding, early release of some of their felons while we worked to outsource our prisoners to other county facilities that have

extra space."

Allegan County, Clinton County and even a few facilities north of Alpena help service Oakland County jails overcrowding problems.

"We have always outsourced to this point but that is not to say that it (early release) couldn't happen here next month," Russell said. "At times it gets very competitive with the other county jails to find places to outsource our inmates, too."

The Oakland County Jail, which housed 1,804 inmates as of Monday, has been experiencing a swift rise in its population. The jail has a 1,816-prisoner capacity, a number that includes both men and women.

"The female population is about 12 percent of the total

prison population at any given time," Russell explained. "And the women's facility is also chronically overcrowded."

Finding a way of keeping prisoners in custody to complete their sentences is a top priority for the Sheriff's Department. Over the summer, the county was able to reduce its outsourcing as the jail population dipped, but officials currently have 40 prisoners housed elsewhere and anticipate that number to grow over the next few months.

"The numbers really change on a daily basis and we've been as high as 80 to 90 prisoners housed out county," Russell said.

The decision to send an inmate to another facility isn't one made in haste, however. Jail officials follow a strict criteria before



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On guard: An Oakland County Jail corrections officer monitors activity at the jail, which administrators admit is "chronically overcrowded."

OKing the transfer of any prisoner. They screen the population to weed out those who have a history of behavior or medical problems, Russell said.

Finding other county jails that will agree to house female inmates often poses another problem for Oakland County Jail officials. The fact that female

prisoners often require special attention for medical reasons makes other facilities reluctant to take them in, Russell said.

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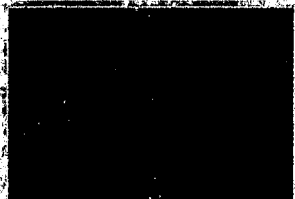
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CAROLYN WALKER

Even horrendous scares can have their good side

And so it's Halloween time again. All across America, people are purchasing their pumpkins, dividing up their candies, assessing their costumes and — in some of the more philosophical cases — arguing the pros and cons of this dubious holiday.

Here at our house, I find myself once again trying to decide what I should or should not do with my son's old collection of 75 varied rubber witches' fingers.

It's a conundrum that I face every year.

My son has pretty much out-grown the witches' fingers, and I like to think that I have, too. (I am no longer the "mean" other people used to think I was.) Still, I know that if the fingers were to "mysteriously" disappear sometime, I might find myself in a whole lot of — to turn a phrase — "double-bubble, toil and trouble."

Undoubtedly, somebody would need one for something, the following day.

(Just so you know, the wicked and fun-loving person who lives inside me has thought about donating them to a health clinic for medicinal purposes, if you catch my drift. If you don't catch my drift, that's OK too.)

But I digress.

Multi-colored (witches come in a far wider array of colors than humans, I've learned, including mauve, pink, gray, green and invisible), the witches' fin-

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Spooky ... but safe

Harmless fright is at heart of Halloween

■ Holiday prompts many to search for the big scare. Why is it that we are sometimes driven to seek out fear?

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The feeling creeps up slowly from your toes, trickling up your spine until you clench your knuckles white, open your mouth and release a bellowing scream.

Fear — we all experience it at one time or another. But Halloween provides the chance to embrace it, to celebrate it, without the actual possibility of harm. Whether that means dressing up in ghoulish costumes, terrorizing the neighbors for candy, or setting fire to a perfectly harmless pumpkin, the day of the dead is just around the corner.

But why is it that we enjoy being frightened?

"It's exciting," said Peter W. Keelin, a licensed psychologist in Clarkston. "There really is no risk."

If you see someone coming at you with a chainsaw that has no chain on it, he said, you know you won't get hurt. However, it causes the same stress chemicals to be released into the bloodstream as in times of true danger.

"People like that excitement," said Keelin.

Mark Rood, 12, said he likes to be scared around Halloween because he enjoys that rush. The best scare, he said, comes from giant haunted houses where thrill-seekers dodge "hands that grab you," "people screaming right in your face," and "chainsaws."

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Scary stuff: Halloween decorations add to the spooky character of the season.



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Hauntingly fun houses: Halloween inspires homeowners to scare up their homes for trick-or-treat time. When stopping at neighborhood homes such as this one, carry a green glow-stick (offered free by the Clarkston Police Department) for safety.



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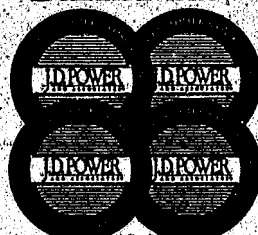
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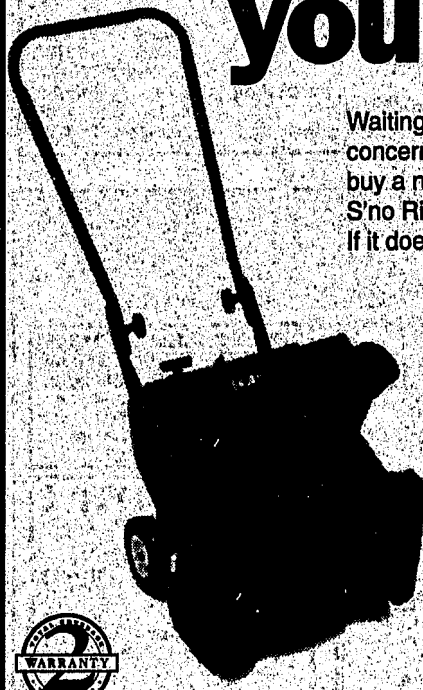
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Safety a priority at trick-or-treat time **Fear** *from page A13*

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As the little ghouls and goblins head to the streets in search of free candy this Halloween night, local police and businesses remind them to stay safe.

"Operation: Night-Stick," a program designed with safety in mind, will again be in effect. The Clarkston Police Department sponsors this program which supplies green fluorescent glow-sticks to trick-or-treating youngsters in the Clarkston area. The glow-stick alerts drivers to the presence of children as they pass along the streets.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston got the program started last year as a safety precaution for children in the area. He described Halloween night in Clarkston as "wall-to-wall kids." He has been known to direct traffic and help youngsters cross busy intersections on Halloween.

"It's neat to see all the little glowing lights bobbing around," he said.

All who intend to trick-or-treat in Clarkston are welcome to visit the police department, located at 376 Depot Road, to receive their own free glow-stick.

Rudy's Quality Market, at 9 S. Main Street, co-sponsored the program last year. Christopher Thomas, co-owner of Rudy's, said "Operation: Night-Stick" went over well in the city last year.

"It was a good thing for the neighborhood kids," said Thomas. "I think this year will be even better."

High visibility for costumed kids isn't the only safety tip for the spookiest night of the year.

Sgt. Pat Miles, of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation in Springfield Township, emphasized the need for parental supervision of children, both during trick-or-treat and afterward.

"Parents should take a good look at all items," said Miles.

"And drivers should watch for kids running around."

Some basic rules for children and parents to consider can help ensure a safe Halloween:

- Wear costumes or articles of clothing that are reflective or light in color, so you remain visible to motor vehicles.
- Make sure the clothing is flame-proof and short enough to prevent tripping.
- Children who choose to wear masks with their costumes should make sure they can see clearly through them. Wearing make-up is a safer alternative.
- Check for traffic before carefully crossing the street at night. Cross at crosswalks or well-lit intersections. Walk along paths, instead of roadways.
- Young children should be accompanied by a parent, older sibling or guardian.
- Do not carry sharp objects. Costume accessories, like swords, can be constructed out of cardboard.

- Carry a flashlight and travel in groups.
- If you trick-or-treat after dark, go to homes with outside lights on.
- Try to stay in familiar areas of the city and visit the homes of family friends. Children under 12 should carry some form of identification with them, in case they get lost.
- While in costume, stay away from family pets; they might not recognize you and could become frightened.
- Before eating any Halloween candy, examine it. Be sure the wrapper is securely fastened and the item does not show signs of tampering. Discard anything with a torn wrapper.
- Report suspicious candy or behavior by dialing 911.

The official hours designated for trick-or-treating are 6-7:30 p.m. in Clarkston, 6-7 p.m. in Independence Township and approximately 6-7:30 p.m. in Springfield Township.

Mark is dressing up as a skate boarder this year. He said the only costume that really scares him is a depiction of Freddy Krueger.

"His face is all scabby," he said of the "Nightmare on Elm Street" character known for his razor-blade fingers.

For others, costumes and dressing up for the spooky occasion have become less common. As a tradition, Melissa McClure of Clarkston, 16, said she finds herself watching the "Night of the Living Dead" each year.

Not to worry, Keelin said. It's perfectly healthy to seek out a little frightening fun. As long as the individual does not take too many risks, or go to dangerous extremes, seeking fear is perfectly normal — especially around Halloween.

Fear itself triggers biological and physiological reactions which bear resemblance to anxiety, said Licensed Psychologist Barry E. Breidenbaugh. When frightened, an individual may experience a shortness of breath, all-over body tension and tightness in the chest. It could trigger fight-or-flight reactions in individuals, he said, particularly if the person anticipates danger.

"People have been known to think that they're having a heart attack," Breidenbaugh said. "The tension level throughout the body is the key thing."

Keelin added that a biochemical change in the body produces stress chemicals when an individual experiences fear. There are positive and negative stress chemicals. The negative, or distress, is what lies behind true fear, he said. It is actually a chemical change.

Fear is a natural feeling, psychologists say, and usually nothing to cause concern.

But Breidenbaugh said that if a child has a very intense experience, long-lasting fears may arise from the trauma of the sit-

uation. He said the line between reality and fantasy is more easily recognized by older children and adults.

"Younger children are a little too concrete (in their thinking)," said Breidenbaugh.

"Some fears do last longer and are difficult to alleviate," he said. "For most kids those things lead into night fears, the monster under the bed and inside the closet ... also a fear of the dark."

Breidenbaugh describes a fear of the dark as "fear of a potentially threatening situation." He said that dark represents that situation.

"The whole basis of fear is typically involved with a threat to one's safety," he said. "Other fears are related to actual experiences. This is more of an imagination-type fear. It's hard to say how that gets started."

"The ones that we can't seem to get past, eventually those kinds of fears may need professional treatment. Most fears don't do that. Parents are really good at helping their kids through those fears intuitively."

Ginger Blaquiére, of White Lake, said that while she doesn't like to be frightened, her 14-year-old daughter certainly enjoys a scare this time of year.

"I think she knows it's fake, so she's allowed to be frightened when she goes to these horror houses."

Breidenbaugh considers the cultural phenomenon of Halloween to be something of a pop quiz on fear.

"It's like a test, 'how well can I cope with these scary costumes, witches and monsters?'" said Breidenbaugh. "I can't really say why people enjoy that."

But the ongoing popularity of haunted houses, trick-or-treating, horror movies and Halloween parties are proof that fear itself draws attention and brings thrill-seekers together this time of year.

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Horror flicks can add some fright to your night at home

As the trick-or-treaters come and go, grab a bowl of candy corn and pop in a flick that's

sure to spread some pure Halloween spirit.

Your local video store carries both modern-day and classic horror films. Check out these suggestions for the scariest night of the year:

- A Nightmare on Elm Street** — Wes Craven directed the film that made Freddy Krueger a household name and had teenagers too scared to sleep. As anyone on Elm Street knows all too well, if you die in your dreams, you never wake up! The 1984 film stars Heather Langenkamp and Johnny Depp. Rated R — 92 minutes.
- The Amityville Horror** — This 1970 frightening favorite details the events that a family encounters after moving into the scariest house on the block. Although the special effects are dated, the film is credited with defining a modern-day picture of a quintessential haunted house. It stars James Brolin and Margot Kidder and is based on the book by Jay Anson. Rated R — 118 minutes.
- Bram Stoker's Dracula** —

- Gary Oldman and Winona Ryder star in this gothic romance by Francis Ford Coppola. For a new look at the Count himself, rent this 1992 remake of a classic. Rated R — 130 minutes.
- Frankenstein** — Boris Karloff stars in the original 1931 version of the film. Dr. Frankenstein creates a human monster who becomes dangerous and uncontrollable by his maker. Not Rated — 111 minutes.
- Freaky** — Tod Browning's cult classic horror film features actual sideshow freaks. The 1932 film of prejudice and deception depicts the frightening possibilities when a beautiful circus performer betrays the "freaks" who have accepted her as one of their own. Not Rated — 66 minutes.
- Halloween** — John Carpenter directed this thriller about Michael Myers, a young murderer who escapes to kill again on Halloween. This 1978 horror flick stars Jamie Lee Curtis and is known as the baby-sitter's guide to safety on Halloween night. Rated R — 91 minutes.

- Nosferatu** — As the original film version of Dracula, Max Schreck portrays the Count on his quest to capture the perfect bride. A study in silent film, this 1922 work directed by F.W. Murnau is subtitled with music. Not Rated — 63 minutes.
- Scream** — As Wes Craven's recent return to horror, this 1996 film dared to test the boundaries of fright by making fun of past horror classics. A keep-you-guessing thriller starring Neve Campbell. Rated R — 111 minutes.
- Shallow Grave** — Danny Boyle directed this suspense thriller in 1994 about a group of friends who fall on desperate times when they find their roommate dead, with a bag full of cash at his side. Rated R — 92 minutes.
- The Shining** — Stanley Kubrick directed this nightmare thriller starring Jack Nicholson. As the keeper of the Overlook Hotel, isolation can make a man crazy, maybe even crazy enough to kill his own family. Rated R — 144 minutes.

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gers are designed to slip over human fingers — the better to scare you with.

They are the legacy of a former neighbor's twisted sense of humor (more about her later) coupled with my young son's ensuing phobia about witches.

While they tend to haunt me year round when I am cleaning (they turn up in the darndest places!), for some reason, they really do a job on me during the month of October. So far this month, I have discovered them behind the piano, under the bar, in the crayon box, in my kitchen catch-all drawer, and on the front porch alongside the floor wood-work.

Occasionally, I catch our new kitten batting one about — apparently unafraid by their warts and red pointy nails or their potential for wreaking havoc.

We came into witches' fingers ownership several years ago after I succumbed to a whole lot of begging on my son's part. At the time, he needed 10 black ones to accompany a creative costume he intended to wear to his kindergarten Halloween party.

Since a shopper couldn't buy only black — or only 10 for that matter — I had to send away for a catalogue finger order that would, when it arrived, accommodate seven-and-a-half witches. But that's assuming that they have 10 fingers, like the rest of us.

The fingers arrived one dreary fall afternoon, wrapped securely in plastic and surrounded by enough padding to stuff a living room chair. We had a lot of fun, initially, taking them from their box and pretending a lot of really silly things which I won't go into here.

Have you ever had a neighbor whom you really wanted to, well ... oh, don't tempt me to write it!

The neighbor who forever changed my son's childhood — and who stood my maternal instincts on end — was a woman (and a mother at that!) who lived down the street from us and who thought it would be clever to dress up as a very effective witch and charm the neighborhood children as they went trick-or-treating.

Hunched, green and uglier than usual, she ensconced herself in front of a house that was playing one of those screaming tapes. When my son — 2, at the time and extremely sensitive — and I came naively along, seeking candy, she jumped out at us, waved her arms over his head and, in general, thoughtlessly scared the bejebeers out of him.

After that, my son began obsessively drawing witches. Soon, we had hundreds of witches (and some of them were quite good). There were witches to the right and witches to the left, witches flying forward and witches flying in threesomes, witches in profile and witches in silhouette. (I have, in my mothering, burned more witches than did the fools at Salem, I'm sure.)

There is a lesson here and that is this: You never know how some little innocent gesture on your part may significantly influence the life of another.

Someday, when my son is a famous cartoonist drawing witches for Disney movies — and once I have swallowed my anger — I might feel I owe my old neighbor a word of gratitude.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking about pitching those pesky witch fingers.

Except for maybe one. When I offer her that word of gratitude, I'm going to use that one to make a really big point!

Happy haunting!
Carolyn Walker is a free-lance columnist who lives in the city of Clarkston.



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, Clarkston, MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. All phone numbers below have 248 area code unless otherwise noted.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

ROAST BEEF SUPPER
4:30 - 7 p.m. Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, corner of Sashabaw and Seymour Lake Road, Brandon Township. Call 628-4763 for carry-outs.

AUDITIONS-CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. Auditions for the play *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. Witty comedy revolves around the most ingenious case of manufactured identity. To avoid social responsibility, Jack Worthing has invented an irresponsible younger brother named Earnest. When his friend Algernon decides to pose as Earnest in order to woo Jack's beautiful ward, they both soon learn the importance of being earnest. This scrambled mayhem is peppered with Wilde barbs as fresh today as when he wrote them. Play dates are Jan. 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. E-mail Cvdpote@juno.com or call 625-8811 or 625-2511.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

HALLOWEEN LUNCH
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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Senior Center. Trick or treat at the center during lunch. Special prizes for costumes, a terrific treat of the season and loads of fun for all. Cost: \$2 donation. Center is located 6000 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston.

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

6-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. Hart Community Center, Davisburg Road, Davisburg. There will be several indoor stations where children can receive treats down a scary and spooky path. Trail provides a safe alternative to door to door trick or treating. Tickets for children twelve and under are available in advance at the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation office for \$3 or on the day of the event for \$3.50. For more information call 634-0412 or 634-3382.

BUMP IN THE NIGHT-JUNIOR NATURALIST

7-9 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Certain animals are associated with fearful stories and old wives' tales. Animals do some unusual things and the noises critters make can give you "goose bumps". Ages 9-13 can meet some scary and not-so-scary creatures face-to-face to learn the truth about each one. Cost: \$7 per youth. Registration required. Call 625-6473 for more information.

BARBERSHOP QUARTET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

7:30 p.m., Clarkston Barbershop Quartet Chapter is forming a Christmas Chorus to perform at various functions and locales during the holiday season in and

around Clarkston and are looking for male volunteers. Song books will be supplied and participants do not have to know how to read music. We currently have one scheduled performance for the Independence Township Senior Center during mid December, and will have more performances scheduled as the season nears. Rehearsals will be at the United Methodist Church on Waldon Road. As a special feature, we will have a guest quartet perform for the participants on the 30th. For more information call 634-1577.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

THE ART OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
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TUESDAYS THROUGH NOV. 3

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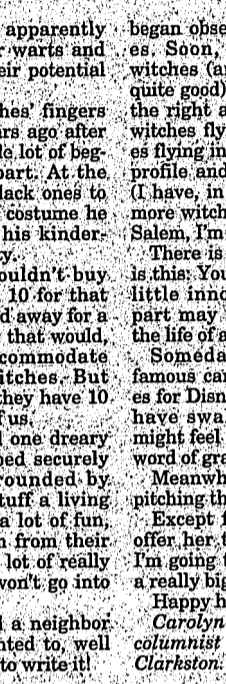
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4 REMOVING THE MYSTERIES OF THE PROBATE COURT

1-3:30 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Citizens Alliance for the Probate Court of Oakland County, in cooperation with local senior citizens programs, will again sponsor a free seminar. At the seminar, you will gain information and find answers to many issues such as wills, estates and guardianship by experts in Probate Law (including Probate Court staff, attorneys, bank trust officers). For answers to questions about these seminars, please call 858-0053.

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular meeting on Thursday, November 12, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisonburg, Michigan, to consider the following proposed Excavation and Extraction Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 70 EXCAVATION AND EXTRACTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF TOPSOIL, SUBSOIL, SAND, GRAVEL, AND OTHER MATERIALS AND THE MOVING OF SOIL AND FILLING OF LAND. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

- 1. Building Department means the Springfield Township Building Department.
2. Commercial Operations shall mean any use of land in connection with or for the purchase, sale, barter, or exchange of gravel, clay, sand, soil, earth, fill or similar materials.
3. Earth Balancing means the moving, grading or leveling of earth or rock materials.
4. Ground Water means any water found under the surface of the earth.
5. Person means any individual, partnership, corporation or association.
6. Processing shall mean an alteration in any manner of gravel, clay, sand, soil, earth, fill or similar materials.
7. Residential property means property used for residential purposes.
8. Soil Excavation and/or Mining means the excavation or removal of any kind or nature from a site of gravel, clay, sand, soil or other similar materials.
9. Suitable Fill Material or Fill means clean, natural earth materials (compatible), containing no more than 5 percent broken concrete, (by volume), with no single piece larger than six inches in diameter.
10. Surface Waters means water occurring generally on the surface of the earth.
11. Township Board or "Board" shall the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield.
12. Township shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County, Michigan.

ARTICLE II - PERMITS, PROCEDURE

- 1. Permit required - From and after the effective date of this ordinance no person shall operate a soil excavation site, or perform earth balancing operations on any property in the Charter Township of Springfield except in accordance with a permit issued by the Township Board pursuant to the authority of this ordinance.
a) Excavations for the construction of buildings and structures for which a building permit has been issued.
b) For the moving, grading or leveling of earth or rock materials by a property owner solely upon his residential property as required for home construction or improvement, landscaping, lawn maintenance, or gardening.
c) For the filling of land for purposes of construction or land balancing where the land is low (but is not considered a wetland pursuant to applicable law) and in need of fill so long as the fill does not contain any refuse, is not a commercial operation and not more than 1000 cubic yards of fill are deposited in any calendar year.
d) For the removal of soil when no more than 1000 cubic yards are removed in any calendar year.
e) Excavations or land balancing in connection with development of property pursuant to a site plan or subdivision plan previously approved by the Township.
f) Excavations or land balancing in connection with the installation or repair of a septic system for which any required permit has been secured from the Oakland County Health Division.
2. Authority of Planning Coordinator - The Planning Coordinator shall receive applications, and make recommendations regarding issuance of permits, and do all other acts authorized herein.
3. Review by Planning Coordinator - Before granting a new permit under this Ordinance, the Planning Coordinator shall forthwith refer the application to the Township Engineer and any other Township consultants as deemed necessary for findings and recommendations.
4. Granting of Permits - After receiving the report of the Planning Coordinator, the Township Board may issue a permit to expire on April 15 of the following year, which is renewable annually by the Board.
a) There has been compliance with all the requirements and standards of this ordinance, and the other applicable Township ordinances, standards and regulations;
b) The proposed operation will not create an unreasonable hazard, annoyance or inconvenience to the owners or occupants of nearby property.
5. Conditions. The Board may attach such conditions to the granting of the permit as it finds necessary to insure that the intent and purpose of this ordinance is fulfilled.
6. Administrative Review. Where a permit is required due to the volume of cubic yards to be disturbed yet a minimum impact is apparent, an administrative review performed by the Planning Coordinator will be allowed to prevent unnecessary and costly information from being submitted.

ARTICLE III - APPLICATIONS

An applicant for a permit shall pay such fees and/or costs as are required by resolution of the Board and shall submit to the Board an application containing the following information except an applicant for a permit for earth balancing by a property owner solely upon his property need only comply with Subsections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 13 of this Section.

- 1. A legal description of the premises wherein the operations are proposed.
2. Names and addresses of all parties having an interest in said premises setting forth their legal interest.
3. Topographical survey map at a scale of 1 inch to 100 feet or 1 inch to 50 feet as may be required by the Board showing existing and proposed final grades on a two foot contour interval.
4. The required topographical map shall be complemented with a 100 foot minimum grid which is consecutively numbered.
5. If the applicant is re-applying on a yearly basis to continue an ongoing excavation project, the applicant may use the same topographical survey map to a maximum of eight (8) years with any additional topographical survey to be submitted at the discretion of the Board.
6. An estimate by a civil engineer, registered as a professional engineer in the State of Michigan or a land surveyor registered as a professional land surveyor in the State of Michigan as to the cubic yards of material to be removed and/or replaced, and a detailed statement as to how the fill and/or replacement is to be accomplished.
7. A statement as to all types of materials to be removed and/or filled and the location of existing structures on the property, when each of the materials are to be removed or replaced, a detailed statement as to the method of operation, the type of machinery or equipment to be used, and the estimated time that such operations shall cover.

- 4. If the grid as specified in Subsection 3 is required, the contractor shall identify all activities by the grid numbers shown on the plan.
5. Details of similar operations carried on by the applicant, if any.
6. The type and daily number of vehicles to be used in the proposed operations.
7. Identification of access roads, on-site roads, grades for proper drainage and any special draining devices, if necessary, fencing, any structures on site existing or proposed, existing and proposed utilities, and an explanation of any on-site testing or other survey data, including soil surveys, water tables and subsurface characteristics.
8. A statement which specifies in detail the proposed use of the land after the excavation or filling.
9. A specific acknowledgment that the applicant and property owners have granted a license to Township officials and employees to enter onto the licensed property for the purpose of inspections and to bring the property into compliance with the provisions of the ordinance, if necessary.
10. Proposed days and hours of operation.
11. Copies of any required permits from any other governmental agency.
12. Such other information and material as the Board may require.

ARTICLE IV - BONDS AND INSURANCE

- 1. Bonds - The applicant shall post a surety in the form of cash or an irrevocable letter of credit in form satisfactory to the Board naming the Township as the Beneficiary thereof in an amount determined by the Board to be reasonably necessary to insure compliance hereunder.
2. Insurance - The applicant shall secure and file with the Township Clerk certificates of insurance, insuring the applicant, his employees and/or agents or representatives, and the Township for general comprehensive liability (including automobiles liability) in an amount of at least \$100,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 per occurrence.

ARTICLE V - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 1. Soil excavation or removal, and filling of land requiring a permit as designated under this ordinance is permitted within the Township provided the following standards are met:
a) Environmental Performance Standards.
b) Hours of Operation.
c) Drainage.
d) Mud, Dirt, Clay on Public Roads.
e) Flagman.

ARTICLE VI - REQUIREMENTS, SOIL EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL

- 1. Setbacks - No cut or excavation shall be closer than one hundred (100) feet from the nearest street, highway or alley-of-way line.
2. Standing Water - No soil, sand, gravel or other similar material shall be removed in such a manner as to cause water to stand or accumulate.
3. Fences - or some other suitable substitute as shall be approved by the Board, not to exceed 6 feet in height, may be required to enclose the excavation if it results in a place of danger or menace to the public health or safety.
4. Roads - All roads used for ingress or egress located within 400 feet of occupied residences shall be kept dust free by oiling or chemical treatment.
5. Topsoil - Replacement - Whenever topsoil exists, suitable for growing turf or for other land use, at the time the operations begin, a sufficient quantity of the existing topsoil shall be stockpiled on said site.
6. Processing - Processing of minerals mined from any property shall be permitted only in an E-1 Extractive Industrial Zoned District.
7. Slope - The slope of the banks of any excavation shall not exceed a minimum ratio of 4 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical except in the immediate area of excavation and this area shall be paralleled by approved construction fencing as required in Subsection 3.
8. Soil Protection - Approved temporary and permanent soil erosion control measures shall be placed and maintained to protect all drainage courses, waterways and adjacent properties from soil erosion and runoff.
9. Erosion - No more than ten (10) acres (excluding any land used for processing, washing and administration) shall be excavated without having erosion control measures in place.

ARTICLE VII - RESTORATION AND INSPECTION

- 1. All excavations within any zoning district shall be restored to original condition or better within the time specified in the approved plan.
2. The applicant shall be responsible for the restoration of any excavation to original condition or better within the time specified in the approved plan.

- b) Planning Coordinator may refund or reduce the bond pro rata.
c) In the event that the restoration does not comply with the approved plan or, in the event said restoration is not complete within 60 days after expiration of all permits issued pursuant to this ordinance, the Township may utilize the bond proceeds for five (5) years after or completion expiration of permits to restore the site and affected areas to comply with the approved plan.
d) An individual as may be appointed by the Township board shall conduct inspections and shall notify the owner and/or operator by regular mail of any portions of the site deemed abandoned and/or ready for restoration.
e) Inspections of the property shall be conducted by such persons as may be appointed by the Township Board on a periodic basis as stated in the permit, but no later than following the completion of activity of each phase of the property.
f) In the event that all restoration is not complete within sixty (60) days after expiration of all permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the Township may, at its option, record a notice to that effect, as prepared by the Township attorney at the office of the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

ARTICLE VIII - ENFORCEMENT AND VARIANCES

- 1. The Township Supervisor and his/her representatives, and any Township Enforcement Officers, shall have the authority to issue Appearance Tickets and/or Civil Infraction Notices for a violation hereof pursuant to Act 175 of Public Acts of 1927, as amended, of the State of Michigan.
2. The Township Board shall have the right to grant variances from the literal application from the provisions of this Ordinance, if the applicant demonstrates that an unreasonable hardship (including financial hardships) would result from such application.

ARTICLE IX - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- 1. Presumption of Civil Infraction - A violation of the Springfield Township's Excavation and Extraction Ordinance shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction.
2. Violation and Penalties - The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular ordinance provision:
a) First Offense - The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus cost and other sanctions, for each offense.
b) First Repeat of Offense - The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in an amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus cost and other sanctions, for each offense.
c) Second (or any subsequent) Repeat of Offense - The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in an amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus cost and other sanctions, for each offense.
3. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or to join violation of this ordinance.
4. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.
5. In addition to any remedies provided for in this ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.
6. The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized to impose costs, damages and expenses as provided by law.
7. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapters 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. seq., as amended.
8. Failure to Comply With Judgment of Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Subsection I.
9. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.
10. Civil Contempt - If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
11. If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, damages or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.
12. Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.
13. If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, reducing the amount of payment or of each installment or revoking the fine, costs, damages or expenses.
14. The term of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due.
15. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognition before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.
16. A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:
(i) Defendant is credited with an amount due pursuant to Subsection I (5)
(ii) The amount due is collected through executive of process or otherwise.
(iii) The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subdivision 1 (6)(a) and (b).
17. The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to subsection 1 (6).

ARTICLE X - REPEAL

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XI - SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and the various parts, articles and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication of adoption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed ordinance and related documents may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisonburg, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1008, Davisonburg, Michigan 48850 until the time of the SECOND READING. Those persons making a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

Letting go can be toughest part of moving

It was a warm autumn Saturday. The sun was shining and the gusty wind was playfully tossing the multicolored leaves into the sky. While some couples were enjoying a mid-day walk, others were taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to get some much needed yard work done.

Most of that beautiful Saturday I had spent in the house, cleaning and sorting through miscellaneous belongings, trying to decide what would stay and what would go. It was time to get the house ready to sell. After 12 years of calling this house "home," it was time to tidy it up, wash windows and shine her up for her big debut.

From one room to the next I moved, trying to view the rooms as if I had never seen them before. I tried to determine what looked fine and what should be packed into boxes and put out of sight. After having my kids clean their rooms, I inspected and recleaned them myself. With garbage bag in hand I moved from one room to the next, picking up pieces of broken toys, magazines that didn't quite fit in the magazine rack, notes that had come home from school and found a permanent spot on the kitchen counter. With great satisfaction, I slowly filled the garbage bag with the little pieces of life that could be discarded.

After each task, I placed a check mark on my list — a list which had been prepared months earlier. At the top it said "Things to do before Selling House." Many of the items had been checked off during the

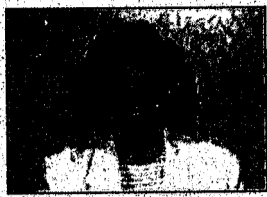
months prior to this final deadline, but now, the day before the "For Sale" sign was to go up, a few remained. "Wash windows, wash kitchen ceiling, polish woodwork..."

Most of the items left on the list were things that should be done on a regular basis, but, due to a hectic schedule and a lack of interest, things that rarely seem important enough to command my attention.

As I moved from room to room, vacuuming, washing, dusting, polishing, I thought of the process as a necessary chore. I couldn't think of selling the house until it was clean and, after all, selling the house was an important part of moving into our new home. The excitement of building a new house had been practically all I had thought of for months.

Realizing that the day was passing quickly and the beautiful weather which had been commonplace during the past months would quickly become as rare as an Indian head coin made me check my list again. Surely there was something on the list that could be done outside. Indeed there was, toward the bottom stood the words "Paint playhouse." After checking the collection of half-full paint cans in the basement and locating the two with the right colors, I ventured into the backyard, paint brush in hand.

The playhouse looked sad. It had been built as a second birthday present for my now 13-year-old son. I can remember the weekend we bought the kit and brought it home. He was so



ROCHELLE SMITH

excited. Although he had been told that Daddy was much too busy that weekend to build the playhouse, my son still envisioned the picture of the playhouse on the front of the "Handy Hut" box popping out, ready to use.

The disappointment on his face was more than I could stand. I decided to build the playhouse myself. After all, it was a kit. How hard could it be? I worked on that playhouse the entire weekend and late into the night on both Saturday and Sunday. When my son awoke on Monday morning, his playhouse was done, except for the shingles which my husband put on the next weekend.

The colors of the playhouse matched the colors on our home. It had little shutters that swung

open and I installed a real telephone (which had been a free promotional gift). We built a flower bed on one side of the house which contained a little bush like the larger bushes around our home and a sandbox on the other side with a little bench, just the right size for a 2 year old.

As I sat there, on that warm autumn day painting the little house, I could practically hear that toddler's voice as I remembered the first time I had painted it. "When can I play in it? Is it almost done?" The excitement and anticipation of the little boy eagerly awaiting his own little house seemed to still be blowing in the breeze.

As I painted the brown trim next to the windows, I could see the pretend tea parties at the little table and chairs that once sat in the house where roller blades and skate boards now stand. As I dug the weeds out of the sandbox and poured in the new bag of sand, I remembered the miniature construction zone my boys had made with their little trucks and sand sifting tools. I remembered the days when I came home to find all the neighbor kids playing in our backyard, even though my kids weren't

located the telephone under a pile of old Frisbees and boomerangs. The little playhouse looks nice again with its new coat of paint and clean sandbox, but painting it was one of the toughest jobs on my list. Some little pieces of life are hard to discard even though they have really been gone for years.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a free-lance columnist.

Keep up with the shopping scene — Read Malls & Mainstreets in the Sunday Eccentric

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY POLLING PLACE LOCATION CHANGE
 General Election
 County of Oakland, State of Michigan
 Tuesday, November 3, 1998
 The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

Precinct	Place/Address
2	Sashabaw Middle School (Cafeteria) 5565 Pine Knob Lane (Previously North Sashabaw Elementary)
11	Sashabaw Middle School (Cafeteria) 5565 Pine Knob Lane (Previously North Sashabaw Elementary)
8	Clarkston Middle School (Cafeteria) 6300 Church Street (Previously Clarkston Elementary)
9	Clarkston Middle School (Cafeteria) 6300 Church Street (Previously Clarkston Elementary)

Published: October 22 & 29, 1998

Charter Township of Springfield
NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular meeting on Thursday, November 12, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan to consider the following:

Requesting by Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 13000 High Ridge Drive, P.O. Box 2001, Brighton, MI 48116-8001, to rezone 41 acres from RC (Resource Conservation) to PUD (Planned Unit Development).

The purpose of the requested rezoning is to construct a water park proposed to consist of a wave pool, wading pool, endless river tubing ride, water slides, bath house, office and concession building, associated structures, and parking for 540 vehicles.

The property proposed for rezoning to PUD is located within Indian Springs Metropark, which is located south of Big Lake Rd., west of Andersonville Rd., east of Hillboro Rd. and north of White Lake Rd. P.I. 07-34-300-017.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that information related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Daviaville, Michigan 48350 until the time of the SECOND READING. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
 Charter Township of Springfield

Published: October 29, 1998

This ballot presented as a public service through CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 JOAN E. McCRARY, CLERK
 VOTE
 NOVEMBER 3, 1998

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998
 OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 INDEPENDENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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TO VOTE, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice with a single bold line, like this: **→**
 IMPORTANT: Use only the marking pen or #2 pencil provided. DO NOT USE RED INK!

PARTISAN SECTION:
 STRAIGHT TICKET: Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.
 SPLIT TICKET: You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.
 MIXED TICKET: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

The NON-PARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot must be voted separately. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot. WRITE-IN: To vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot, write or place the name of that person in the blank space provided and complete the arrow. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

When you have completed voting, place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Then return the ballot to the inspector stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the Election Official and obtain another. Do not attempt to erase any marks made in error.

PARTISAN BALLOT TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET (Vote for not more than ONE)	PARTISAN BALLOT (Continued) LEGISLATIVE MAT. J. DUNASKISS MICHAEL L. ODETT RUTH JOHNSON ROXANNE LA MONTAINE MARK R. CARNEY	PARTISAN BALLOT (Continued) STATE BOARDS DEE COOK DAVE PORTEOUS JOHN C. SCHLINKER DORIS M. SIMS BARBARA B. GOUSHAW MARK HEIL VERNICE DAVIS-ANTHONY ELIZABETH HARVEY RONALD J. AMEN JOHN F. KELLY SCOTTY BOLAN THOMAS W. JONES
REPUBLICAN PARTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY REFORM PARTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATURAL LAW PARTY	STATE BOARDS EILEEN WEISER GARY WOLFRAM SHARON L. GIRE BARBARA ROBERTS MASON ERIC BORREARD ARTIE FIELDS DIANE BARNES JON COON GARL QUARTON ALEXANDRA PABLITA SUMMIT	COUNTY DAVID N. GALLOWAY MICHAEL KOHUT LAWRENCE A. OBRECHT FRANK H. MILLER
PARTISAN BALLOT TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET (Vote for not more than ONE)	STATE JOHN ENGLER DICK POSTHUMUS GEOFFREY FIEGER JAMES G. AGEE CANDICE S. MILLER MARY LOU PARKS PERRY K. SPENCE JOHN A. SMETANKA JENNIFER GRANHOLM CONGRESSIONAL TOM McMILLIN DALE E. HILDEE MALCOLM JOHNSON	COUNTY DAVID BRANDON JESSIE F. DALMAN PHIL POWER KATHY WHITE RAY W. VAYTON WILLIAM W. HALL JAMES F. MONTGOMERY WILLIAM B. QUARTON ANN H. RAPPAPORT

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT
JUDICIAL
 MATTHEW R. ABEL
 SUSAN D. BORMAN
 MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH
 JEFFREY G. COLLINS
 MAURA DENISE CORRIGAN
 JERRY JAY KAUFMAN
 DAVID H. RAUFLAUB
 CAROLE F. YOUNGBLOOD
 CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR
 PAMELA GILBERT O'SULLIVAN
 MARTIN M. DOCTOROFF
 HILDA GAGE
 JESSICA R. COOPER
 RICHARD D. KUHN
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 JOAN E. YOUNG
 COLLEEN O'BRIEN
 STEVEN KAPLAN
 WENDY POTTS
 EUGENE ARTHUR MOORE
 SANDRA G. SILVER
 LINDA S. HALLMARK

STATE PROPOSALS
PROPOSAL A
A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" TO "DISABLED" IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION
 The proposed constitutional amendment would change the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution. Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution currently reads: "Provisions, programs and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically or mentally or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported."
 Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?
 YES NO

PROPOSAL B
INITIATED LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE THE PRESCRIPTION OF A LETHAL DOSE OF MEDICATION TO TERMINALLY ILL, COMPETENT, INFORMED ADULTS IN ORDER TO COMMIT SUICIDE
 The proposal would:
 1.) Allow a Michigan resident or certain out-of-state relatives of Michigan residents confirmed by 1 psychiatrist and 2 physicians to be terminally ill with 6 months or less to live to obtain a lethal dose of medication to end his/her life.
 2.) Allow physicians, after following required procedures, to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to enable a terminally ill adult to end his/her life.
 3.) Establish a gubernatorially appointed, publicly-funded oversight committee, exempt from Open Meetings Act and whose records, including confidential medical records, and minutes are exempt from Freedom of Information Act.
 4.) Create penalties for violating.
 Should this proposal be approved?
 YES NO

STATE PROPOSALS (CONT.)
PROPOSAL C
A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROGRAMS
 The proposal would:
 1.) Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$675 million dollars to finance environmental and natural resources protection programs that would clean up and redevelop contaminated sites, protect and improve water quality, prevent pollution, abate lead contamination, reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts, enhance recreational opportunities, and clean up contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers, and streams.
 2.) Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.
 3.) Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state.
 Should this proposal be approved?
 YES NO

LOCAL PROPOSAL
POLICE MILLAGE RENEWAL
 Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to continue to levy up to 2.7264 of one mill for a period of four (4) years starting with the December, 1998 levy, to partially finance police services in Independence Township? Approval of this proposal would renew the tax limitation increase of approximately \$2.73 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$2,577,210 in the first year if approved and levied.
 YES NO

Phone customers cautioned about scam

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Ameritech is aware of — but not overly concerned about — a scam that could prove expensive for businesses in Oakland County and elsewhere.

It's the "dial 9, 0 and #?" scam under which businesses might unknowingly make one of their phone lines available to an unauthorized, outside caller who can charge long distance phone calls to the company.

The scam works like this: An outside caller phones somebody at a business, falsely identifying himself or herself as an Ameritech employee. The caller asks the person to press a series of digits — in this case 9, 0 and # — on their phone to test the line.

"We've had calls about this scam for about a year," said Ameritech spokeswoman Sara Snyder. "But most of those calls have been from media people. We haven't had a lot of complaints from customers. I think there was a story about the scam on the Internet."

Snyder said Ameritech had not received any complaints from any business that had actually been charged for unauthorized long distance phone calls.

A lawyer in Bloomfield Township, however, called The Eccentric Newspapers to complain he had received a call from somebody who said they were running a check on his phone lines. Instead of dialing "9, 0 and #" as instructed, the lawyer, who asked not to be identified, said he called Ameritech.

Ameritech acknowledged the scam was possible, the lawyer said, and the company confirmed the possibility of unauthorized phone calls being billed to an unsuspecting business.

Snyder said Ameritech is currently unaware of this scam causing problems. But the potential is there, she said.

Consequently, Snyder had a note of cau-

TIPS TO AVOID TELEPHONE SCAMS

Ameritech has no way of determining the impact, if any, the "9, 0 and #" scam has had on customers in the metro area, according to spokeswoman Sara Snyder.

In March, however, Ameritech's Chicago office issued a news release acknowledging the scam and warning customers about the potential for trouble.

The release notes that Ameritech representatives do not have to call customers to test a line because lines can be checked for trouble remotely.

Ameritech also issued some tips to business customers to better guard against this scam and others that con artists might devise.

- Educate employees about "social engineering," that is somebody calling them at work posing as an employee or somebody familiar to the company. Often citing specific information about the company to establish false credibility, the caller asks the person to dial digits connecting them to an operator or outside line.

- Instruct after-hours cleaning personnel to guard against answering the phone.

- Remember that phone company representatives will never ask you to provide confidential personal identification num-

bers for any cards or phone services.

- Ameritech representatives will never ask which features a customer has on his or her phone. Employees will already know.

- Map out or chart phone usage during a month or quarter. Once a company establishes a pattern of usage, unusual spikes, possibly indicating illegal usage, will be easier to identify.

- Encourage employees to keep calling card numbers, access codes and passwords confidential.

- Limit phone access after hours.

- Work with your voice mail provider to assure your system is secure.

- Change any default passwords provided by telephone equipment manufacturers.

- Exercise caution when returning pager or Caller ID numbers that aren't familiar. Some seemingly innocent numbers actually may be very high-priced international numbers set up to gouge callers. Examples are numbers that begin with area codes in the Caribbean such as 242, 246, 264, 268, 284, 345, 441, 473, 649, 664, 768, 767, 809, 868, 869 and 876.

tion to customers, commercial or residential. "Ameritech will never say we are checking or monitoring lines and ask you to call," she said. "We have the most sophisticated equipment available, and we do not need a customer to call us in order to run a check."

If, however, a company discovers an unusual number of unauthorized long dis-

tance phone calls on their bill, it still has recourse, Snyder said. "The company should contact its phone company and discuss the problem and circumstances," she said.

While most companies have their own policy for dealing with unhappy customers, Ameritech reviews each case on an individual basis, Snyder said.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Birmingham

The Birmingham Area Cablecasting Board has pulled the trigger on the formal franchise renewal process with MediaOne in a move that it hopes will speed up a resolution of the long-standing negotiations.

Although the communities — Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms — previously authorized the formal action if it was deemed necessary, attorneys want those communities to ratify the resolution passed last week by the board, said its chairman, Stephan Hall.

MediaOne has until Dec. 1 present a formal proposal. The Cablecasting Board has been in negotiations with the firm for more than a year.

Troy

MaryEllen Dohrs made it her mission in life to remedy the dry white meat problem. And her mission has been accomplished.

Dohrs, a Troy resident, has invented a poultry roasting rack that turns the bird upside down (or rather right side up,) allowing juices from the backbone to cook into the meat. With the help of her neighbor, marketing

director Guy Williams, Dohrs made a deal with Farmer Jack to carry her rack just in time for the holiday season.

Southfield

The Southfield school district will open the doors of each of its schools for the second annual all-district open house from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The event is designed to showcase the programs at each school and attract and keep students in the public school system. Each school will offer building tours, demonstrations, informational tables and performances.

Rochester

An introduction to the Internet will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

The 75-minute program will focus on programs and services available through the World Wide Web. It is especially designed for those who are new to the Internet. Advance registration isn't required for the program, but those with questions can call Sharon Campbell at (248) 650-7137. The library is at University Drive and Olde Towne, east of Main Street.

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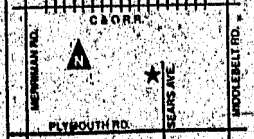
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Wolves meet Dragons with playoffs on line

For the first time in at least several years, the Clarkston-Lake Orion prep football game has more meaning than just a heated rivalry, with playoff implications for both teams hinging on this season finale.

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Ordinarily, Clarkston-Lake Orion is enough of a rivalry to make it exciting. Throw in a shot at a league title and state prep football playoff implications, and suddenly the Game of the Year takes on a whole new meaning. The Wolves and Dragons hook it up Friday in their annual season finale, and the game has more meaning than

any in recent years. Lake Orion (7-1 overall, 3-1 Oakland Activities Association Division I) can claim at least a share of the OAA I title with a win. The Dragons also lead their Class AA region in playoff points. Win, and the Dragons are in. Clarkston, on the other hand, sits 6-2 overall, 2-2 in the league. It would take a string of upsets - Troy, Lake Orion and Rochester Adams would all have to lose - for the Wolves to garner a share of the league title. But a win - combined

with a loss by at least one other team ahead of them in the region - could get Clarkston into the playoffs.

For their part, the teams are trying to treat it like any other game, despite the meaning.

"It's (for) a league title, but we're approaching it the same (as any other game)," Lake Orion coach Chris Bell said. "Clarkston is a very good football team, and we know that."

In addition to all the league and playoff implications, it's also the last game of their careers, unless they make the playoffs, for the seniors involved in the game.

"It's not just Lake Orion," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "It's the last game for the seniors. That's pretty emotional, whether you're playing Lake

Orion or whether you're playing anybody else."

The game itself should be an interesting contrast in styles. The Dragons employ a high-octane passing offense featuring senior quarterback Darren Tooley and wideout Adam Eldridge. Lake Orion also has a capable runner in Steve Seargeant, who has shown Rochester Adams and Troy Athens, among others, that he can help Lake Orion control the ball.

But the most impressive part of the Dragons' game might be their defense. Led by transfer student Tim Clouse and juniors like Zak Keasey and Matt Wohlgenuth, the Dragons have stifled just about everyone. They gave up

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UP NEXT

What: Lake Orion at Clarkston.
When: Friday at 7 p.m.
Last Week's Result: Lake Orion pounded Troy Athens while Clarkston was beating Berkley.
What's at Stake: Lake Orion leads its playoff region in points and makes the playoffs by beating the Wolves. Clarkston can get in with a win over the Dragons, but will need some help.
Lake Orion also clinches at least a share of the Oakland Activities Association Division I title by winning Friday.



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Jolly juniors: Clarkston's boys' cross country team, led by the junior running pack that includes (in no particular order) David Sage, Kevin Breen, Chris Weber, Matt Haver, Dan Burke, and Brent Quantz and baseball player John Drallos has enjoyed a good deal of success this season.

Going the distance

Youngsters keep Wolves on their feet

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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When the 1996 cross-country season started, Clarkston boys coach Mike Taylor quickly became excited about his freshman class.

"I knew there was some talent coming out of (Sashabaw) Middle School," recalled Taylor. "But some of these guys really surprised me that year."

The Wolves counted five ninth-graders amongst their top 10 runners that year - David Sage, Matt Haver, Kevin Breen, Chris Weber and Dan Burke - and all five of them earned their varsity letters.

Clarkston enjoyed modest success that season with top 10 finishes at the county and regional level, but since then they have really

improved. "A couple of years ago, Sage was the only state qualifier in '96, he was joined by Haver and Breen at last season's lower Peninsula Class A

meet at Brooklyn's International Speedway. This year, they hope to go to the finals as a group, which also includes first-year runners Brett Quantz, a junior, and senior John Drallos, which have really helped make the Wolves' lineup even more formidable.

"They are very focused this year," said Taylor. "By any means it won't be easy (to qualify) because of the regional we're in. There are five or six really good teams at our regional."

Last year Clarkston placed fourth at the Holly regional, missing the cut by about a dozen points. Although this particular regional - which also fea-

It's not very common that a team is led by six juniors and a baseball player.

Mike Taylor
-Clarkston coach

and has often been referred to as "the regional from hell" - is simply loaded with standout teams and individuals, the Wolves are confident that they can make the cut.

Quick time

Below are the top times recorded this season for each of the members of Clarkston's boys cross-country team.

David Sage	Jr.	15:47
Matt Haver	Jr.	16:25
Kevin Breen	Jr.	16:45
Dan Burke	Jr.	16:47
Brett Quantz	Jr.	16:54
Chris Weber	Jr.	17:12
John Drallos	sr.	18:10

The top three teams, plus the top 10 individuals not on qualifying teams, qualify for the state finals on Nov. 7 in Brooklyn. An additional fourth team can also qualify if they place four runners inside the top 20 at the regional, but that has happened only twice in Michigan during the past decade, the last being the West Bloomfield girls squad in 1991.

"The guys will all have to go out and run smart and competitive races," said Taylor. "We have a lot of teams to worry about. Every second and every place will count in this region. One point could make the difference because there will be some good teams going home empty-handed."

The Wolves know the feeling of disappointment after last year's shortcoming and are ready to make a strong showing at this weekend's regional.

"This will be the big test for us," said Sage, who has the fastest time of the group this year with a 15:47 clocking. "We all understand what's at stake."

Clarkston was considered one of the top teams in Oakland County heading into the season, and despite not cracking the state's top 10 list, the Wolves have really hounded the competition on this side of town.

Clarkston has already claimed a 5-0 dual meet

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SOCCER STUNNER

Wolves upend Adams for district title

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In the back of his mind, Clarkston soccer coach Dan Fitzgerald was all set to schedule a date for his team's post-season get-together where everyone on the Wolves' roster could hand in their uniforms. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that his team's 2-1 district final upset over Rochester Adams was the biggest in school history.

"We've won a couple districts in the '90s, but never where we were a heavy underdog. So, with that in mind, I'd have to say that this is probably the biggest

win in this program," offered Fitzgerald. "Adams came in ranked very high in the state; they beat us earlier in the season, and we had a sub five-hundred record. This was a very big surprise."

Adams, ranked sixth in Division I, had recently captured its second straight Oakland Activities Association Division I title, while Clarkston had struggled to a fourth-place finish in the OAA Division II. But thanks to first-half goals from senior midfielder Tom Dews and senior forward Eric Klemm, and stellar defensive play from senior Russ Parrott and junior Mike Tharrett, the Wolves were

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Athens tops Wolves in OT

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For the first 32 minutes of Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association Division I basketball game, the Clarkston Wolves kept trying to hand a win to Troy Athens.

In the final four minutes, the Red Hawks graciously accepted it.

Athens, the division leader, outscored Clarkston 13-4 in an extra session, pulling away to a 39-30 overtime win on the Wolves' home floor.

The Wolves, who led the defensive battle just twice, committed 26 turnovers and suffered through a poor shooting night that allowed the Red Hawks, who weren't exactly burning up the nets, to escape.

"No offense to them, but we beat ourselves," Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said. "They beat us in overtime, but we beat ourselves in the first 32 minutes."

It looked like the Wolves would pick up the win despite the erratic play when senior guard Deana Kanipe nailed a short baseline jumper with 1:51 left in regulation to put Clarkston up 24-20. But Jessica Haney converted a three-point play and Olsen drained a 3-pointer around a pair of free throws from Kanipe to tie it 26-26 with 40 seconds left.

Both teams missed last-second shots, and the Red Hawks then took over in overtime. Clarkston scored just two field goals - one from freshman Kaye Christie

with 2:31 left, the other a leaner in the lane from Kanipe with 22 seconds remaining.

Meanwhile, Troy Athens used free throws to pull away. Sarah Moulis, Olsen and Chrissy Irwin each hit a pair, and Olsen added another with 2:3 seconds left to close out the scoring.

"There was a tremendous momentum shift," Lowney said. "I think we just wore out."

The Wolves played a tremendous defensive game, particularly on Athens' Julie Wartchow in the post. Wartchow finished with 15 points, but got nine of them from the free throw line and was never really an inside factor before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

In fact, the Red Hawks hit just two field goals in the entire first half - a 3-pointer from Marisa Eubank with 1:05 left in the first quarter and another 3-pointer from Janelle Olsen, 1:25 into the second quarter. The teams were tied, 8-8, at halftime.

Clarkston was led by junior Rachel Uchman, who scored 11 points, including all eight of the Wolves' first-half points. She also grabbed 11 rebounds. Kanipe also scored 11 points, while Christie finished with six. Corinne McIntyre had seven rebounds.

The Wolves travel to Rochester Adams to play the Highlanders today (Thursday), then travel to West Bloomfield Tuesday. Game time both nights is 7 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CAMERON

Tied up: Clarkston's Rachel Uchman (left) hooks it up with Julie Wartchow of Troy Athens during the Wolves' 39-30 loss to the Red Hawks Tuesday night.

Outdoor Calendar

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for

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

CLASSES

GEAR MAINTENANCE
REI staff member Michael Banks will host an informative clinic on basic maintenance and repair of camping equipment during this free clinic, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

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

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. The December meeting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at the above location. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

Pine Knob ski swap set

Winter is approaching quickly and it's time to blow the dust off those skis and equipment. As with many sports, the cost of equipment has skyrocketed. Pine Knob and other area ski patrols are assembling ski swaps as this time, affording many the opportunity to ski at reduced equipment costs.

Swaps offer thousands of skis, boots, poles and clothing. For snow boarders, the swap has a special area set aside in this fast growing market. Some of these skis have never been skied on before and are from area dealers.

Pine Knob's ski swap is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. Drop off times for equipment are Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30 from 4-9 p.m. Additional details are also available on the "Pine Knob Ski Patrol" website at www.pc.centuryinter.net/pksp.

Pine Knob is located in Clarkston by taking the Sashabaw exit off I-75. Head east a quarter of a mile down and turn right into Pine Knob.

HUNTING SPOTS

Looking for a place to hunt? Look no further than one of the 14 state parks and recreation areas in southeastern Michigan. Statewide there are over 200,000 acres of park and recreation areas open to hunting including 72,000 acres right here in southeastern Michigan.

"I'm excited about the prospects of a great hunting season," said George Cameron, Pontiac north district supervisor. "With last year's mild winter and a bumper crop of acorns we should see a very good number of deer for harvest in our state parks. Holly Recreation Area has over 8,000 acres within its boundaries, and much of the land is rich with game."

State park and recreation areas open to hunting in southeastern Michigan include:

* Algonac State Park, 8730 N. River Road, Algonac, MI 48001 - (810) 765-6605.

* Bald Mountain Recreation Area, 1330 Greenshield, R#1, Lake Orion, MI 48360 - (248) 693-6767.

* Brighton Recreation Area, 6360 Chilson, R#3, Howell, MI 48843 - (810) 229-6566.

* Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383 - (248) 685-2433.

* Holly Recreation Area, 8100 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 - (248) 634-8811.

* Island Lake Recreation Area, 12950 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 - (810) 229-7067.

* Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area, 3871 Hurd Road, Metamora, MI 48455 - (810) 797-4439.

* Ortonville Recreation Area, 5779 Hadley Road, R#2,

Ortonville, MI 48462 - (248) 627-3828.

* Pinckney Recreation Area, 8555 Silver Hill R#1, Pinckney, MI 48169 - (734) 426-4913.

* Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 7800 Gale Road, Waterford, MI 48327 (248) 666-1020.

* Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford, MI 48382 - (248) 685-2433.

* Seven Lakes State Park, 2220 Tinsman Road, Fenton, MI 48430 - (248) 634-7271.

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

GOOSE
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

PHEASANT
Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY
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QUAIL
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Through Nov. 15 the range is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Beginning Nov. 16 the range will be open 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
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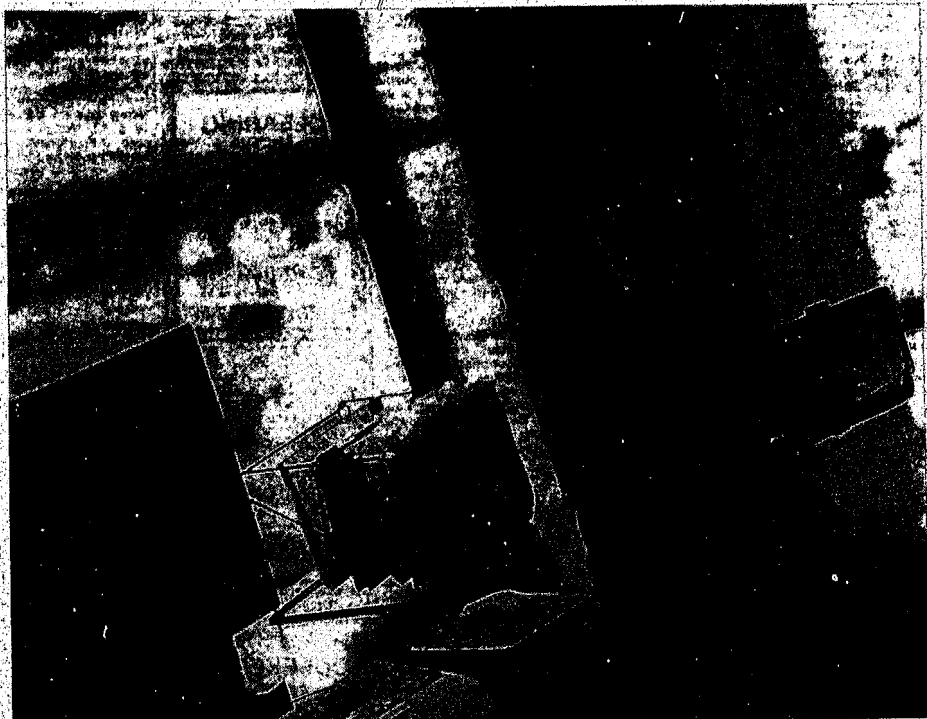
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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Table listing home sales with columns for address, price, and agent information.

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Advertisement for American Home Mortgage Corp. featuring a clock graphic and text about refinancing and pre-approvals.

Advertisement for Mount Christy Estates featuring a map and text describing the development's features.

Large advertisement for Mortgage Search Extra, listing various mortgage lenders and their terms.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs featuring news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

Mortgage Search Update advertisement featuring a table of mortgage rates and contact information for various lenders.

Text about a dinner program on finding and acquiring investment properties 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Royal Oak American Legion.

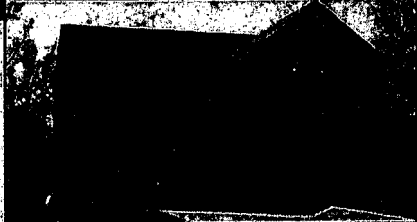
MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Neumann/Smith & Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm in Southfield, announces staff additions.

Real Estate Information advertisement with a star graphic and text about free lists of available homes, free mailed reports, and 1st time buyer information.

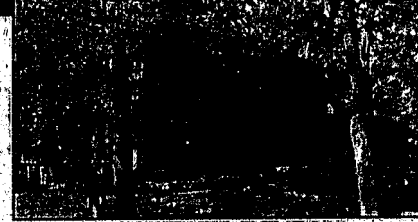
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ORION TOWNSHIP 4 BEDROOM 2 1/2 BATH Colonial with lake privileges on Lake Vornhels. Walk-out basement, central air, 2 fireplaces, wood deck. \$279,900. (34CAN) (248) 524-1600



TROY 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 full bath, great room Ranch. Formal dining room, family kitchen, 2 car garage. Home warranty! \$169,900 (45KIL) (248) 524-1600



LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT Traditional style Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished walkout, almost 1 acre secluded quiet serene lot. A must see house. \$499,900 (09DEE) (248) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD 4 BEDROOM 2 1/2 BATH two story home with basement, family room, dining room, deck. Home backs to woods. \$255,000 (52JEN) (248) 524-1600



BEAUTIFUL UPDATED RANCH on a picturesque lot with spring fed pond. Updates include kitchen, laundry room, family room, driveway, gazebo & cement patio. All appliances included. Immediate occupancy. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace. \$214,900 (25BRO) (248) 626-8800



FENTON HISTORICAL GEM: 2+ acre estate close to downtown Fenton, established in 1869. This home provides all the warmth of the era with updates. \$429,900 (12ADE) (248) 363-1200



RARE 3 acre residential property in area of multi-million dollar properties. Home on site but value is in the land. Large parcel, wooded and secluded, rolling and treed. \$1,450,000 (65SOJ) (248) 626-8800



NOVI 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with a huge master suite, Sun room, hardwood floors, bay windows. Novi schools. \$269,990 (90JAM) (248) 524-1600



SPACIOUS RANCH ON CORNER LOT. Original owner. Master bathroom with bath, circular drive, walk-in cedar closet, ample storage thru-out. Newer furnace, roof less than 5 years old. \$189,900 (28SUN) (248) 626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD DELIGHT! Turn the key and move right into immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with master bedroom suite. Walk to school etc. secluded Florida room - to view nice backyard. \$264,900 (49HOB) (248) 363-1200



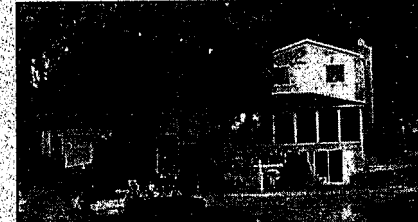
ORION TOWNSHIP 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial only 2 years old offers a gourmet kitchen, central air, 2 way fireplace in family room and library. Walk-out basement, wood deck plus much more! \$329,900 (40MAR) (248) 524-1600



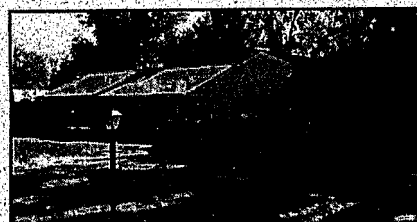
TROY 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with a remodeled kitchen. Family room, living room, formal dining room. Remodeled kitchen and bath. 2 1/2 car garage. \$189,900 (09WIN) (248) 524-1600



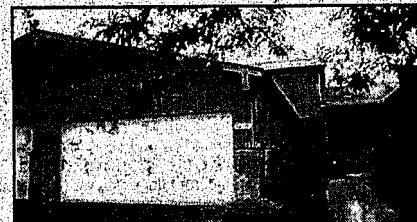
TRANSFERRED SELLER mourns his loss! This spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath condo must be sold! Features include a formal dining room, fireplace, 1st floor laundry, garage, all appliances, neutral decor & more. \$152,900 (36DAR) (248) 626-8800



AFFORDABLE LAKEFRONT. Just move in this gorgeous 2 story contemporary on Mandon Lake (all sports) 3 bedroom, 2 baths, finished walkout basement, 2 car garage, 2700 sq. ft., 80 ft. on water. \$249,900 (43MAN) (248) 363-1200



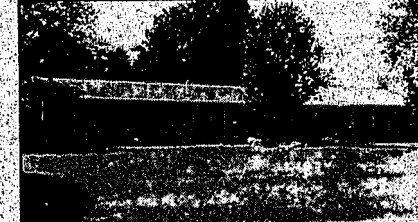
BLOOMFIELD 3 bedroom brick Ranch. Renovations features 2 fireplaces, sun room overlooking landscaped lot, gourmet kitchen and updated baths. Home warranty and much more! \$270,000 (90LAN) (248) 524-1600



LIVE IN PLYMOUTH! Just listed! 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath condo within walking distance of downtown. Features include a spacious living room with fireplace, dining room, finished lower level with bar and more! Private setting in complex. Backs to trees. \$199,000 (12PIN) (248) 626-8800



LAKEFRONT LIVING IS BEST! Light, bright, open and totally updated! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, high ceilings, fireplace, 2+ car garage. Lakeside deck, A-1 kitchen - Don't miss this one! \$249,000 (91BIS) (248) 363-1200



BLOOMFIELD - Immaculate brick ranch: 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. New: cherry kitchen '96, roof '94, central air '97. Large lot, brick patio, 2 1/2 car heated garage, 2 fireplaces, extra large master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. \$278,500 (25DUR) (248) 642-8100



TROY 3 bedroom brick Ranch loaded with everything. Remodeled kitchen, full basement, roof, decking, side entry garage. Central air, fenced yard, corner lot. Call today!! \$205,000 (23JEF) (248) 524-1600



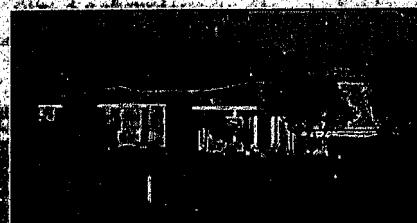
4 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath, crown moldings, Corian kitchen counters, family room with fireplace, door wall to patio, 1st floor laundry, deep closets in all bedrooms, finished basement, landscape with perennial cottage gardens. Breakfast room, dining room & living room. \$257,900 (59DUN) (248) 626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Quality and extras best describe this 4 bedroom Tudor built in 1990. Marble floors, 3 car garage, Corian kitchen with pantry, 2 story entry, cul-de-sac location, professionally finished basement. Huge master bedroom suite. \$424,900 (37CLE) (248) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - A must see! Gorgeous home in popular Hickory Grove Sub. Updates: Kitchens, baths, roof, central air, furnace, siding, driveway & more. Hardwood floors, marble foyer, 2 fireplaces, dual decks. Shows great! Bloomfield Hills Schools! \$274,900 (69PAM) (248) 642-8100



TROY Outstanding home and area. Quad level with 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. All neutral colors. Updated kitchen and oak cabinets. French doors in Florida room. Treed lot. Vinyl windows, sprinklers, professionally landscaped yard. \$247,000 (35HEA) (248) 524-1600



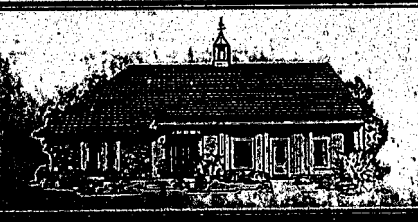
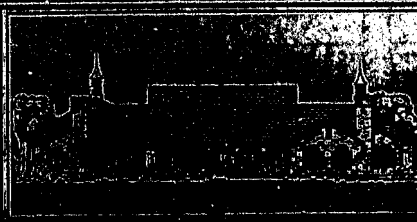
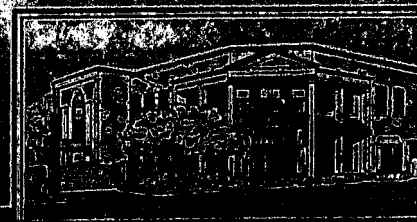
CUSTOM BUILT waterfront estate. Fabulous home with over 4700 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 ceramic baths and 3 car attached garage. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, spectacular setting - steam room, loads of decking and deck are just some of the amenities. \$349,950 (47OH) (248) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Stunning detached condo with custom features. 1st floor master bedroom, library, laundry, expansive kitchen and breakfast area, fabulous lower level walk-out with custom wet bar, cherry cabinets, bonus room, full bath. Tasteful decor, enjoy the 3 decks. \$385,000 (25HER)



CHARMING TROY 3 bedroom ranch. Move in condition, finished basement w/huge family room. Brand new carpeting through-out (98), newer shingles (97), new kitchen floor, sink & counter top (98). Freshly painted interior (98). All appliances stay. \$156,900 (91COL) (248) 626-8800



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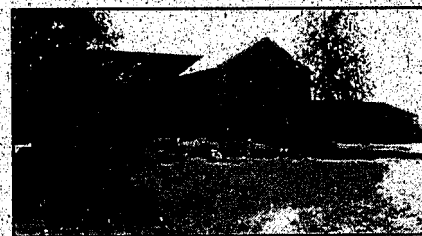
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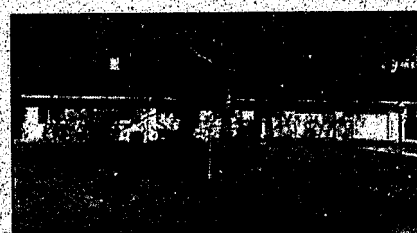
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WEST BLOOMFIELD - Ranch condo with vaulted ceilings throughout, neutral decor, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, study, marble fireplace in living room. Large cedar closet. Move in condition, close to shopping, West Bloomfield Schools. \$195,000 (29 FOX) (248) 642-8100



1.3 ACRE COMMERCE RETREAT - Treat with Proud Lake Privileges. 2 master suites plus 3rd bedroom, living space galore, hot tub, nature trail that's all yours too! Located within walking distance to established sub. \$219,000 (60SUN) (248) 363-1200



EXCELLENT HOME IN TROY - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch on .50 acres, with Birmingham Schools. Updated bath with ceramic tile. Home warranty. \$204,900 (40WAL) (248) 363-1200



AFFORDABLE LUXURY - Super clean and neat 1994 built colonial with 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Finished basement & attached garage, fabulous fireplace in great room, large new deck with lovely yard. Just move in. \$164,999 (32MAN) (248) 363-1200



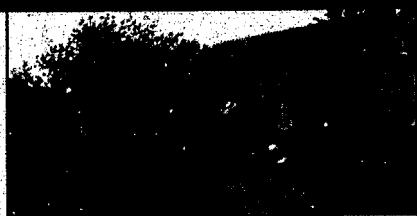
WHITE LAKE BEAUTY - Spacious tri-level home in White Lake Township, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms, CA, large lot, 2 car attached garage. A beauty! \$149,900 (03REN) (248) 363-1200



TERRIFIC RANCH, TERRIFIC AREA - Popular Golf Manor sub. Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, finished lower level, attached 2 car garage and sunroom. Award winning Walled Lake Schools and central location \$139,900 (73PIN) (248) 363-1200



0-DOWN FINANCING - Mechanics garage with maintenance free 3 bedroom, full basement ranch on large lot with country view. \$129,900 (20SHE) (248) 363-1200



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IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL in Bridgewood Farms. 3,000 sq. ft. 2 fireplaces, 4 huge bedrooms, master bedroom with walk-in closet and full bath. Large kitchen with oak cabinets. Finished basement. 3 tier deck, professional landscaping. Immaculate! \$299,900 (60WED) (248) 652-8000



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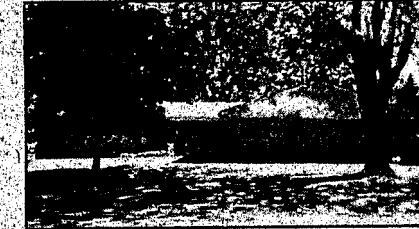
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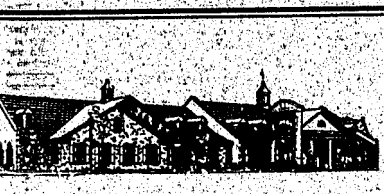
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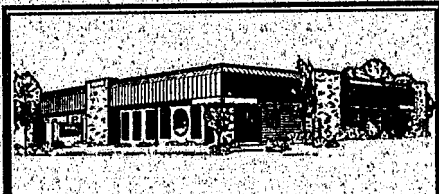
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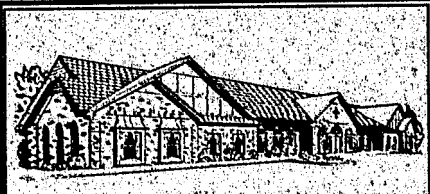
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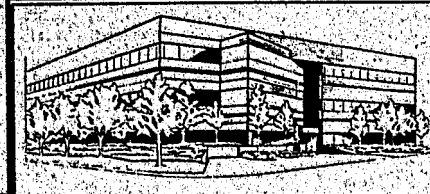
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JOE GAGNON

A few months ago I was introduced to a lady by the name of Evelyn Stern from Call for Action who works out of the offices of WXYZ-TV. Evelyn has become a weekly part of my radio show and spends a few minutes each week describing what's happening

in the world of rip offs.

You only need spend a short time listening to this lady before you can feel the emotion and caring this person has for others. Call for Action is a national organization which helps consumers throughout the country and they really have a good pulse on what's happening nationwide.

Her most recent alarming story was about a lady who spent \$12,000 for a furnace installed in her home. The normal price should have been about \$2,000, but this consumer fell for the old scare tactic used by the few unethical heating companies that get rich quick.

They will tell you that the furnace has a hole in the heat exchanger and carbon monoxide is filling your home and this can kill you. They'll tell you that the safest thing you can do is spend the night in a hotel rather than staying in your home and while you're away, they'll install a new furnace and take care of the problem. To sum it all up, they will scare the pants off of you and keep the change you left in the pockets. As Evelyn said, "Please, stop and think, and use good judgment when and if this should happen to you."

Every year without fail, we see or read stories about several consumers

being ripped off by some heating company. Sometimes the company names are the same as last year and before or a new name comes up which used to be one of the old names. Either way, we know if happens in the heating industry and we also know that it is the few who make the whole industry look bad. I can assure you that the majority of heating companies are good, hard working guys who run an ethical business. The point I'm trying to make here is that you as a consumer must be sure you're dealing with one of these whenever you have a furnace question.

Advice: Get more than one estimate on replacing your furnace. If you have been told you have a leak in the heat exchanger, call the gas company to check it out. If you happen to fall for the old con job, call another company on the phone and ask what the price is for a furnace to match the square footage of your home. A good heating guy will not scare you, he will help you with the least inconvenience to your time and money.

This is now October in Michigan and most of you have turned the furnace on and everything seems to run fine. In a few weeks the temperature will tumble down into the 20s and thousands of you will be calling a heating company because the furnace won't heat the house. You may go several days with not enough heat in the home because the heating industry can not handle such a great influx of service calls all at one time. If your furnace is four or five years old, I doubt you will have any trouble. If it's over five years old I suggest you have it checked and lubricated every two years. If it's over 10 years old I suggest you have it looked at every year.

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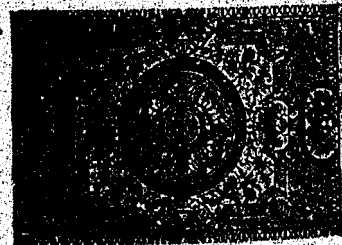
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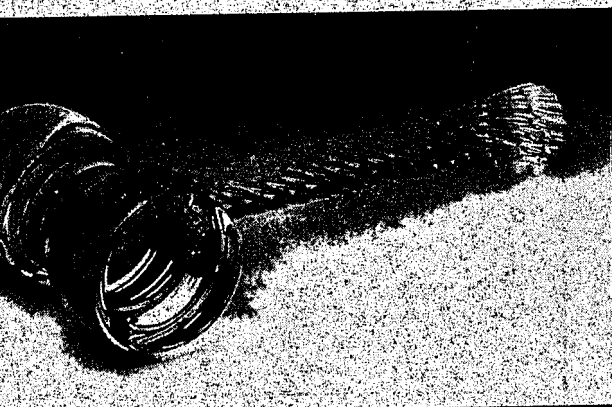


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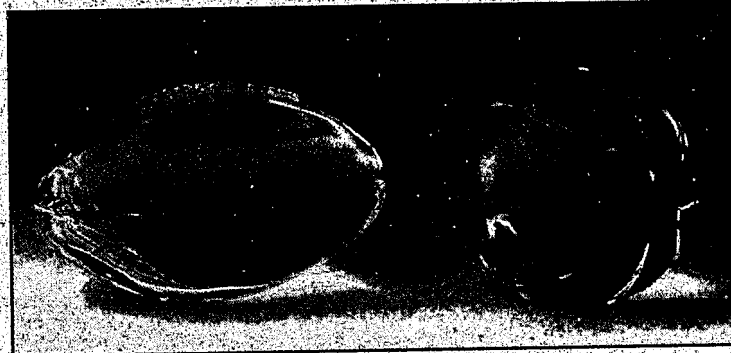


I had a hammer...

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AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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Second place:

Doreen Walkuski of Livonia took second with this tin-loose-jointed creature aptly named Tin-Pan Man. Doreen says he does a little dance in the wind that drives the critters away.



Boo! Scarecrows are

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

I'm sure all of you who entered our Scarecrow Contest are very anxious to know if you won! Well, I wish there could be a first prize for everyone, but you are winners in my eyes for entering.

But I'll not waste another minute to announce - drum roll please -

FIRST PLACE: Mary Ann Flores of Canton. **SECOND PRIZE:** Doreen Walkuski of Livonia.

Mary Ann will receive a \$100 gift certificate and Doreen will receive a \$50 gift certificate, both generously given by English Gardens. Many thanks to English Gardens! The winning photographs will be displayed in their West Bloomfield store on Orchard Lake Road.

Mary Ann named her scarecrow "Crow Boy" or she says, "The kids refer to him as pothead because his head is made with a clay pot." She used mostly recycled materials, and he carefully guards her garden.

Doreen fashioned her scarecrow from tin and named him "Tin Pan Man." She says, "He has no heart, brain or courage but when the breeze starts blowing and he starts his swinging dance all the critters of the city go looking for another back yard restaurant." She plans to retire him amongst their young apple trees in the north woods deer country.

A special accolade goes to Norine Ladd, also of Livonia. Her scarecrow was inspired by the book "Scarecrow" by Cynthia Rylant and is a great replica of the one on the cover of the book, which she will read to her chil-



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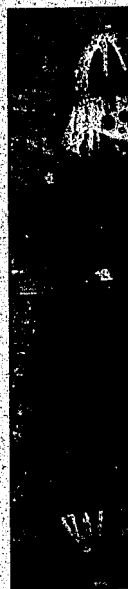


Caw: It looks like the crows in Waterford weren't fooled a bit by Rhonda Harroun's funny fellow.

On the cover:

Crow Boy, the creation of Mary Ann Flores of Canton, took First Place in our Scarecrow Contest. His head is fashioned from a clay flower pot. Mary will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

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ren. Her creation will be donated to a second-grade class in a school where the students will make their own garden to surround it. Cynthia made a little mouse for the hat and a crow sits on the shoulder. She said, "I will make another, maybe for another school or maybe for my garden - or maybe both."

Sara, Mark, Paul, Kristen, Philip, Alice and Mary Rockwell of Farmington Hills worked together to make "Mr. Scarecrow" out of old wood. "We clothed him in painted old rags and clothing and put it in the garden." He helped keep the birds away, but not the groundhogs, squirrels or weeds. They added, "We were the best scarecrows, we spent most days just checking out the gardens and butterflies."

Young and old, it was our intent to get many generations involved in this project. I believe we succeeded. We do appreciate all of you who submitted photographs.

Each scarecrow was very clever and it was difficult to choose the winners. Submissions came from as far away as Irons; also from Plymouth, Waterford, Farmington Hills, Troy, Milford, Royal Oak, Walled Lake, Detroit and Lathrup Village.

There are some wonderful ideas about making scarecrows that may help when we run this contest next year, from the book "Scarecrows, Making Harvest Figures and Other Yard Folks" by Felder Rushing (\$19.95; Storey). It's filled with many pictures of unique 'scareys,' made from such things as pots, rags, straw, paper plates, gourds and other neat stuff. Directions for each design are easy to follow and complete, including how to support the figures in various ways. Learn the low-down about a bottle tree - a fun and unique project that could take many months to complete, not a scarecrow, but interesting anyway.

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Smile: What bird could be scared of Hillary Taylor of Walled Lake's happy strawman?



Dashing duo: In Milford, Karen Waltz's flowered hat makes a lovely scarecrow, above left. Lynn Forbush's creation looks as if the crows in Royal Oak were doing the scaring.

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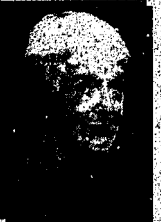
Books, \$27.50) contains a lot of good information. Her conversational style is a plus as she relates personal experiences throughout. As the title indicates, activities are broken into things to do in the four seasons: Spring "brings hope, revival, life - and color,

planting, attracting hummingbirds, etc.; Summer "is the time the gardens come alive," feeding, watering, pruning, potential problems, ornamental grasses; Fall "the potpourri of color woven into the landscape makes working outside irresistible," bulbs, wreaths, vinegars, bats; and Winter "... there's something very special about being indoors curled up by the fireplace reading a good gardening book," houseplants, making seed tapes, bath bags. A checklist of things to do is included in each season; tips are highlighted.

"The History and Folklore of North American Wildflowers," by Timothy Coffey (Houghton Mifflin, \$14.95) includes lore, social history and practical uses for nearly 700 native wildflowers; 350 illustrated with 19th century black and white botanical drawings. Each plant is identified and has been researched to share important historical information that pertains especially to the way people used them long ago. Writings of many plant explorers show the hardships and dangers they faced searching for the

plants. It's interesting to see the folk names given to many. This is a fascinating account that can be studied and enjoyed for many years. Don't miss the foreword by Steven Foster.

"I love the way Cassandra Danz writes. Her latest book, "Mrs. Greenthumb Plows Ahead" (Crown, \$25), will teach and entertain. The subtitle, "Five Steps to the Drop-Dead Gorgeous Garden of Your Dreams," gives a hint of what's to come. Her practical advice is interspersed with humor and slightly earthy remarks as she describes various garden types, how to get the most out of perennials, plants to use that are suitable for your garden, bloom throughout the season and color in the



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garden. This accomplished comedienne is funny, honest and direct and relates personal events that have happened to her as a gardener. Who says gardening needs to be boring?

"Rodale's Weekend Gardener. Create a Low-Maintenance Landscape to Enjoy Year-Round," by Erin Hynes (Rodale, \$27.95) is for those who have little time to spend in the garden and want to enjoy, rather than be a slave to it. Hynes shares tips from successful gardeners, tells how to develop a garden that is easy-care,

i.e. low-maintenance lawns, easy seed planting techniques, mulching magic, watering the correct way, easy weed and pest control, and many other practical ideas. A short chapter is devoted to each plant category with descriptions of plants that require little care. Good, practical information.

Even if you don't garden, "Backyard Battle Plan, The Ultimate Guide to Controlling Wildlife damage in Your Garden," by Cooper Rutledge (Penguin Studio, \$16.95) is worth

reading. From controlling alligators to woodchucks (and all animals in between, including bears, coyotes and deer), Rutledge has a solution to them all. He describes animal habits, then, with that knowledge, the battle plan can begin. Funny, yet serious, you'll learn a lot from this book. Not only animals but poisonous plants, diseases and legal procedures are discussed.

"Bringing a Garden to Life," by Carol Williams (Bantam, \$22.95) gently guides the reader in proper gar-

dening techniques and shares the soul of gardening. All facets are covered: vegetables, flowers, trees, shrubs, herbs, bulbs, compost and shrubs. She writes about moving plants around more often than is necessary. "Plants, unlike furniture, are not things, but beings with their own intentions to which attention must be paid... but arrangement needs to be implemented slowly, bit by bit, bending to the season of each plant." The reader will learn that making the garden is as important as having it.

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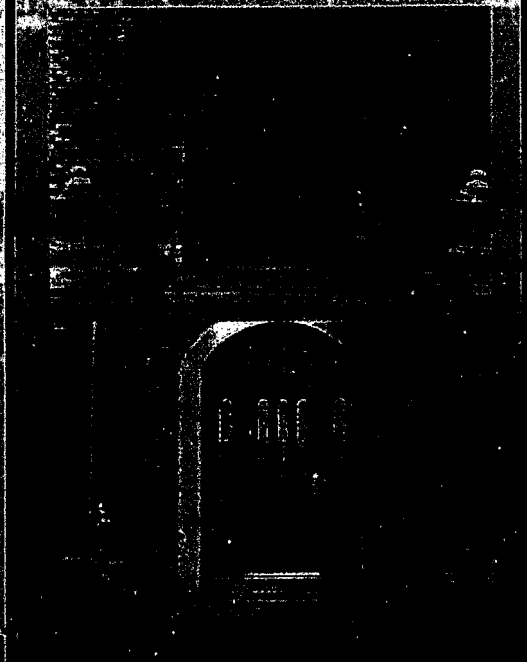
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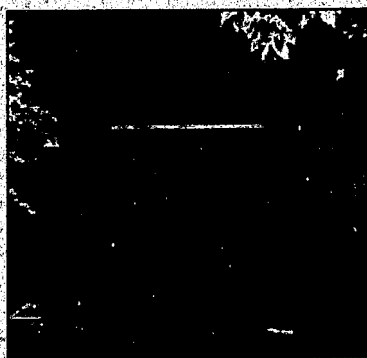
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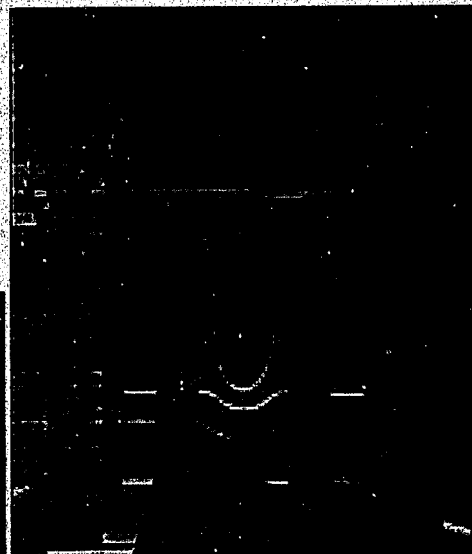
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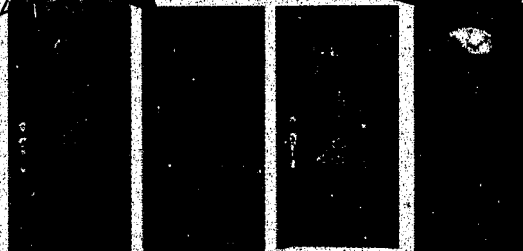


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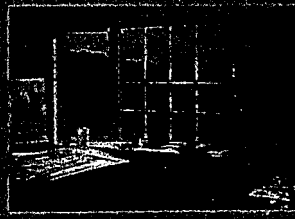
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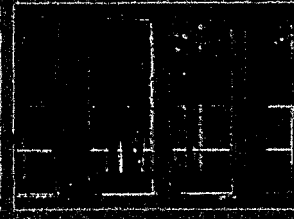
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SATURDAY

Gail Sahney and Joshua Dawson are featured in St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's season opener, "Social Security," 8 p.m. at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors 62 and older, and students, 18 and younger, call (248) 644-0527.



SUNDAY

First Theatre Guild presents "The Sound of Music," 2 p.m. at Knox Auditorium, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Tickets \$8 adults, \$54 seniors and students, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 151.



The best way to get "Goosebumps" based on the popular books written by R. L. Stine, is to see it live on stage through Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12.50-\$35, call (248) 433-1515.

Reinterpreting forbidden love theme *Lucia di Lammermoor*

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The proverbial operatic fat lady has been replaced. Vibrato-shaking no longer has a gravity-defying jiggle.

Indeed, the leading "fat lady" in the Michigan Opera Theatre's upcoming production, "Lucia di Lammermoor," has the svelte sexuality of a pop diva more in the tradition of Mariah Carey or Celine Dion.

While the talent — oh, my — has the same awesome girth, there's a decided angelic resonance traveling the up and down road to octaves seldom heard.

The title role of Lucia in one of Donizetti's finest operas opening this Saturday at the Detroit Opera House will be shared between two of the opera world's most promising and winsome coloratura sopranos, Sumi Jo and Youngok Shin.

Not only do Sumi and Youngok alternate performances in what is acknowledged as the most demanding acting and singing role for sopranos in the classic opera repertoire, they're both from South Korea, and even went to the same performing arts high school.

They're only separated by a few years, slight differences in style, and the Atlantic Ocean. Sumi makes her home in Rome, while Youngok, a graduate of the Julliard School of Performing Arts, lives in New York.

The Korean press has billed the shared performance at the Detroit Opera House as the equivalent of Pavarotti meets Placido Domingo.

A broader perspective of the opera, however, indicates that the better metaphor might be that "Lucia di Lammermoor" is like a United

States opera. "My bartitone is Russian who lives in Austria and speaks German," said Mario Carradi, the Italian-born director, speaking in his second language, English.

While the opera is set in Scotland and sung in Italian, Carradi and baritone Evgenij Dmitriev communicate in German.

In addition to Sumi and Youngok, whose native language is Korean, the cast includes Mexico-born tenor Fernando de la Mora, Italian tenor Giorgio Casciarri, and American bass Brian Matthews.

"Opera is the most cosmopolitan of all art forms," said Carradi, who was last at the Opera House in 1996 to direct "Carmen."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACQFIELD

States opera. "My bartitone is Russian who lives in Austria and speaks German," said Mario Carradi, the Italian-born director, speaking in his second language, English. "An opera is not a mystery movie," he said. "We know the story beforehand. What's interesting is how the story reveals itself."

alternating performances in the lead role of "Lucia di Lammermoor" called one of the most demanding in the opera repertoire. Steve Benson.

A night to remember
The story of "Lucia di Lammermoor" is similar to "Romeo and Juliet." There are, of course, a few plot twists and melodramatic dirges that offer an operatic indulgence to the theme of forbidden love.

Set in the late 1500s Scotland, the opera revolves around Lucia's love for a man who is the sworn mortal enemy of her brother. In fact, she is secretly betrothed to the proclaimed enemy of her sibling.

When her brother discovers the ultimate act of

disloyalty, he forges a letter supposedly written by the subject of his sister's affection to instigate the break up. In due time, Lucia is forced to marry a wealthy aristocrat and forgo the love of her life.

As far as wedding nights go, this one is unforgettable for another reason altogether. Filled with anguish and rage, Lucia goes mad and murders her new husband. (So much for seeking counseling.)

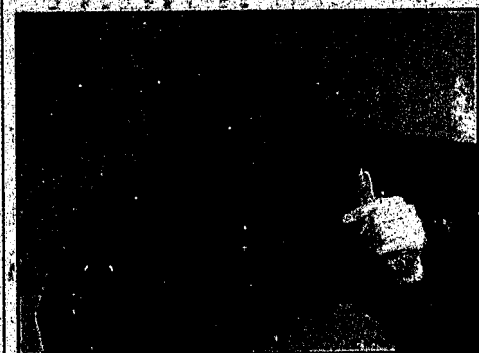
The "mad scene" is the operatic equivalent of the soliloquy in Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Because of their physical slightness — both Sumi and Youngok stand close to five feet — the interpretation of "Lucia di Lammermoor" takes a more fragile and delicate histrionics.

"Lucia has so many layers and interpretations," said Carradi. "With the two beautiful women (portraying Lucia) it was clear that it should be played with a frailness, a defenselessness."

But don't mistake a portrayal of a defenseless character with weakness or compromise to contemporary commercial pressures. Nor is the MOT's "Lucia di Lammermoor" a case of svelte sopranos replacing a larger-than-life emotion.

The fat lady may be dead. But hey, this is opera.

Long live the fat lady.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACQFIELD

Interpreter: Mario Carradi directs a "more fragile Lucia" in the upcoming performance of Donizetti's famous opera.

What: "Lucia di Lammermoor," presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 4, 6 & 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.
Tickets: \$18-\$95; (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

Purple Rose gives Midwest first-class voice

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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It isn't Broadway. No sea of neon lights, no triple-parked yellow taxis, no glitz and glitter.

But the Garage Theatre of the Purple Rose Theatre Company is a place where serious theater takes place.

"Everything's not necessarily better in New York, in fact isn't as good," said Alan Ribant, managing director of the Purple Rose. "The Midwest doesn't have to be treated as a second-class citizen."

In 1986, movie actor Jeff Daniels and his wife, Kathleen, decided to move back to Chelsea and raise their children in the small town, Midwest environment where they were reared.

"Jeff wanted to do more than write a check to an arts group," Ribant said. "He wanted repay the place where he got his start and help artists here in the Midwest."

Seven years and 34 productions later Daniels is happy to declare his theater an artistic success.

"It's the culmination of many years of hard work by talented directors, writers, actors and designers," he said in a recent interview.

What: Jeff Daniels' play "Boom Town"
Where: Purple Rose's Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea
When: 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 29.
Tickets: \$20, Wednesday-Thursday, Sunday, \$25 Friday-Saturday. Call (734) 475-5617.



Tense moment: Sandra Birch, Guy Sanville and John Lepard (left to right) perform in Jeff Daniels' taut drama of adultery in a small but growing town.

The theater was named for the Woody Allen movie "The Purple Rose of Cairo," in which Daniels starred as a movie character who escapes from the silver screen. In the real world Daniels is able to escape from Hollywood and operate a theater dedicated to producing new plays by regional playwrights and employing local talent in front of and behind the footlights.

"We're not doing theater to do the 50th production of Neil Simon's 'Odd Couple,'" said Ribant.

The current Purple Rose production is Daniels' "Boom Town," a tense three-

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POPULAR MUSIC

Rapper Sen Dog burning for solo project

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Things are a bit hectic for Cypress Hill rapper Sen Dog. The couple weeks that he has off of touring is supposed to be spent with his funk/rap band SX-10.

"But with 'Led Zeppelin IV' blaring and a child crying in the background of his Huntington Beach, Calif., home, he doesn't feel very optimistic.

"I really need to get going before the real major touring starts," he said with a sigh. "All the materials ready to go out. I just need to start the project and move forward with it," said the Havana-born Sen Dog known to his mother as Sennen Reyes.

The SX-10 project hit a snag last week when the producer who had attached himself to the recording project pulled out.

Sen Dog is hanging there for a couple months.

But we put two and two together. Now we're looking for someone else."

All that may be up in the air, but Sen Dog has something else on which to focus — "TV" the appropriately named fourth album from Cypress Hill. The album marks Sen Dog's return to the band, best known for its hit "Insane in the Brain."

Who: Cypress Hill and Incubus
When: Tuesday, Nov. 3. Doors open at 8 p.m.
Where: St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress Hall, Detroit
How: Tickets are \$27.50 and available at all ticketmaster outlets for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 964-MELT or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

He left the band in 1994 to pursue other musical interests.

"I joined Cypress Hill with the intention that I was going to do other projects," Sen Dog said bluntly.

SX-10 released a sampler on Flip Records earlier this year but returned to his hemp-supporting cohorts because of pure music business politics. Sen Dog gives the impression that he's biding his time with Cypress Hill until his solo project kicks off.

"There was a lot of politics involved. How can I say this. Of course I missed being part of the Hill and doing things with them. But it was obviously clear to me that I would not be able to put out any other music until I went back to Cypress Hill. Then possibly the gods' from above and the label stuff

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Promoting new album: Cypress Hill plays a special club show Tuesday, Nov. 3, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit in support of its new album "TV."



Classic: Stacie Guerreso (Helen Keller) and Lauren Dowden (Annie Sullivan) in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker."

Cast works 'Miracle' with Gibson play

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Miracle Worker," through Sunday, Nov. 15 at Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$24-\$35, call (248) 377-3300.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Meadow Brook Theatre's "The Miracle Worker" is a gripping look into the intimate lives of a dysfunctional post-Civil War Alabama family coping with the impossible. An acute congestion of the stomach and brain has left an infant daughter with two crippling disabilities. Now the unruly blind, deaf and mute 7-year-old is ruling the household with food throwing tantrums and screaming fits. The family placates her with candy. Miracles, like beauty though,

are magnified in the eyes of the beholder. This wonderful William Gibson classic gets its impact through the close up and personal view of the miracle that took place between the unmanageable, and anything but dumb Helen Keller and the indefatigable Annie Sullivan.

Meadow Brook Theatre's production gets its impact from Lauren Dowden's prominent portrayal of the Irish Annie, Helen's famous and once blind teacher. Dowden gains favor with the audience with her humorous manner of saying her lines and the favor of the Kellers (skeptical of the Annie's tough love approach) when she teaches Helen to fold a napkin. Dowden is spontaneous in the way she plays the famous dining room scene with Stacie Guerreso as Helen. Her responses to Peter Ayiward's harsh Captain Keller

are well timed. Chris Ann Voudoukis foils these two with a soft version of mother Kate. As the sarcastic brother James, Adam Roehkind is a solid force that finally brings about the turning point in the plot. Sandra Lovs Aldridge makes a kindly maid. Ashley Calhoun, Garrett Gooch, and Lujuana Lightfoot as Martha, Percy, and Juanita add a light hearted charm to the story, softening its severity. Katherine Hardy, Katie Johnston, and Claire Kander as the three blind children are worthy of mention.

Unlike in the intense 1962 film, this Meadow Brook production, with its honey Victorian setting by Peter W. Hicks, and Debra I. Wicks' direction, dwells on the captivating reality of the story, benefiting from the play's infallible theatricality. Of

course, Helen, played by 10-year old Guerreso is the heart of the story. She must learn only one syllable to one word for this entire role but acting out Helen's aggression is demanding.

Guerreso does it with static eyes, an expressionless face, darting movements that startle and lots of screaming. Later in life, Helen herself turned all that screaming into audible speech to become a world famous lecturer — after she graduated from Radcliffe College with honors.

The miracle in this play takes place when Helen conceptualizes the relationship between finger spelling and objects, which unfortunately takes place behind the well instead of in front of it where everyone can see Guerreso. Despite that, she turns those few moments, when Helen identifies the spelling of water, into a Kleenex moment.

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character drama about adultery, featuring razor sharp performances from the theater's artistic director Guy Sanville and Sandra Birch and John Lepard, actors who have become part of the Purple Rose informal company of regional talent.

Ribant said the theater is dedicated to producing local playwrights.

"We've looked around and tried to get plays developed. We get about 200 scripts a year from playwrights asking if we can produce them," he said. "We try to discover works that have something to say."

A recent coup came this past winter when nationally recognized playwright Lanford Wilson brought his new play "Book of Days" to the Purple Rose for its debut production. Daniels has a longstanding relationship with the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, having appeared in several of his plays on Broadway and television. Ribant said "Book of Days" helped bring national attention to The Purple Rose.

Ribant has been with the Purple Rose from the beginning and

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Alan Ribant

Purple Rose Managing Director

his story is similar to Daniels'. He is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Wayne State University. He worked in sales for several Broadway productions and then decided he wanted to come home. He found the commercial New York theater wasn't interested in doing non-musical theater. Ribant said even Neil Simon has been forced to take his plays off-Broadway.

Ribant said the New York theater scene is also centered around the Big Apple.

"People here in the Midwest don't necessarily need to know the New Jersey jokes and what matters in midtown Manhattan is not that important," Ribant

said. "We do have a Midwestern voice, things that relate to working class people, people who've decided to make Michigan their home."

The Garage Theatre has a history as well.

"This building has been here in Chelsea for 70 years. In the 1920s, it was a garage to store Oldsmobiles as a dealership owned by Jeff's grandfather. Then it fell out of the Daniels family hands and was a plumbing company, a pizzeria and a bus and truck garage," Ribant said.

Daniels bought the building and spent \$300,000 turning it into an intimate 119 seat the-

ater-in-the-round. He rents it back to the theater company for \$1 a year.

It is a small but comfortable place where the audience is close to the action. A capital development program will expand the seating to 170 by adding a row of seats on all three sides without destroying the special intimacy.

The theater operates on a \$1.1 million budget, raising half from ticket sales.

In addition to providing professional playwrights, directors, designers and actors an opportunity to work, the theater all has an apprentice program to help train five full-time apprentices each year. The program was developed by Daniels based on his experience working at New York's famous Circle Rep.

In seven years, the theater has attracted 169,000 people to its tiny space. The biggest hit has been Daniels' UP hunting comedy "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," for which crowds would line up outside hoping to get a ticket.

Continuing his dedication to producing in Michigan, Daniels hopes to turn "Escanaba" into a movie made in Michigan with Michigan talent.

"Boom Town" is scheduled to run through Nov. 29; followed by world premiere of "The Hole," by Wendy Hammond, Jan. 28 through March 20; "The Big Slam," a comedy by Bill Corbett, April 8 through May 30; and "Criminal Genius," a comedy by George F. Walker, July 1 through Aug. 22.

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would see it to be cool and let me explore and go to another label where I'd have freedom to be creative," Sen Dog explained.

It worked and SX-10 is now signed to Elektra, he said. Sen Dog also felt that it was time that the public heard from him.

"They only heard the Cypress Hill point of view. A lot of things have been said and done. I had been away from the hip-hop scene for awhile. I thought maybe it was time to show up a little bit and let people know I'm still around and that I'm up to a bunch of other things."

"I had to start with the Cypress Hill album."

"TV" is a bone-chilling album of graphic street scenarios shrouded in gloomy soundscapes of hip-hop, rock and jazz courtesy of DJ Muggs (Lawrence Muggerrud), Rappers B-Real (Louis Freese) and Sen Dog trade off on songs such as the gangsta homage "Steel Magnolia" and "Looking Through the Eye of a Pig."

"Muggs is the one who puts together all the music. I just showed up and wrote verses and stuff to songs. That's my part of it. In my other band, I'm more directly involved in writing the music and formatting and all that."

Still, Cypress Hill works as a cohesive unit, Sen Dog said.

"We don't jam anything that nobody else digs. If somebody's not vibing into it, we usually don't go with it. It's like, here's a track and if I'm vibing with it really strong or if I have a medium vibe, I have to perform on it," he said.

Sen Dog wrote seven songs with Cypress Hill and five of them ended up on "TV."

"Hopefully on the next album, I'll have more of a bigger role vocally and things like that."

After burning through a sold-out Smokin' Grooves show at Pine Knob in late July, Cypress Hill is returning to play the 1,000-capacity St. Andrew's Hall. Although unaware that his band is gigging at a small club, Sen Dog said he's thrilled to do that.

"I'm not really directly involved in the gigs and stuff like that. But that's a cool thing to do. It's cool to do the big arenas or the small stadiums or whatever. But when you get down in front of the small joint like it used to be in the early days, that's cool."

For Sen Dog, it will even be cooler to do his own thing and tour with SX-10.

"It's a total live thing," Sen Dog said of SX-10. "We bring the guitars and drums and everything. We get hard at times with the raps but it has a real '70s metal feel with a bit of funk and rap in there. That's the formula I guess."

In contrast, DJ Muggs is the sole provider of music for Cypress Hill's live shows.

"I have faith that down the line I'll be able to put out music that's gonna make people take notice of my talents. I want to be a musician and do what makes me happy the most which is perform and hopefully one day have fun again."

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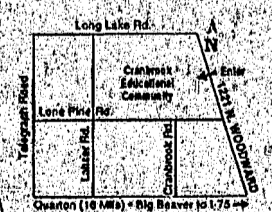
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STREET SCENE

Songwriter has fun with 'Lilith' at his 'Frasier Fair'



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Humor is no stranger to singer-songwriter Steve Poltz. His songs with his band the Ruggburns cover the ABCs of love and tree-hugging hippies. On his solo album "One Left Shoe" (Mercury), he compares his love to Impala cars.

years ago, nobody knew who Lilith was except for a character on television," Poltz explained. A few women, however, took offense to the name. "I think they've had one too many cups of coffee. They're (Lilith performers) our older siblings, I think it's more of a way of praising them. Gee, I should be one of the spin doctors for Clinton, I can put a positive spin on everything. Too bad I can't put a positive spin on the Padres getting swept in the World Series."

Poltz met Doe at the Mercury Records offices where the former X member was visiting friends. He was introduced to Droge through friends, and he and Phillips share the same booking agent. Droge, on the road supporting his rocking third album "Spacey and Shakin'" (Epic), said it's nice to tour with peers. "It's not only cool to watch them play every night but it's cool to sit in the van and talk about music, the music business and your career. It's been really enlightening and educational," said Droge, best known for his song "If You Don't Love Me, I'll Kill Myself" from the movie "Dumb and Dumber."

one crew guy. We're changing our own guitar strings, loading our own equipment. It's nice to get away from that rock star mentality. It's fun to get back to basics," Droge said. The tour comes at a perfect time for Poltz. He's about to head to Australia to open for ex-girlfriend and songwriting partner Jewel. (He co-wrote "You Were Meant For Me" with her.) And a second song from his album, "Good Morning (Wakin' Up With You)" will be featured in the Fox television show "Party of Five."

All he needs now is to find a woman. "I want her to be a secretary for the WWE." Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets for the performances from Glenn Phillips, Steve Poltz, John Doe and Pete Droge, Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100, (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.961melt.com.

Seven Golden Vampires? It's an older movie that got released on video. It's a kung fu horror movie, said Zombie, who plays a sold-out show at the State Theatre Wednesday, Nov. 4, with Monster Magnet and Fear Factory. The movie may not be easy to find in local video stores, but information about "The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires" is available at http://welcome.to/hammerfilms.

Combustible Edison wants out of lounge

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

The Millionaire doesn't want to sound like "the misunderstood pop star" but he's frustrated with people stuck in the rut of the lounge culture.

"One of my feelings about the swing movement is it's great that people are learning how to dance. But how come nobody makes up their own steps. They just learn the ones they saw in the Gap ad. Somebody had to make up that one," The Millionaire explained.

"We're hoping that we're calling on people to progress. We're hoping to open up this sort of forgotten byway of American culture and rehabilitate its reputation."

When the martini lounge soundtrack band, who scored the music for the Quentin Tarantino-produced "Four Rooms," toured overseas, it noticed that fans weren't trying to latch onto some lost culture. Listeners just took the music for what it was. They accepted Combustible Edison's high class ways of sipping martinis and dressing their best.

"We just don't feel anymore a part of that (the swing movement) than anything else. All along we've been trying to propel certain values and qualities of things, stylistic affectations. But predictably that's showbiz. You hook on to the stylistic thing. You

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The Millionaire Combustible Edison

glom onto that first, and then it (the music) sinks in."

Just then, the musician with the bald head and sharp nose, stops.

"I feel embarrassed doing a lot of these interviews because I feel like I sound like one of the most odious byproducts of popular culture. I don't want to sound like 'the misunderstood pop star. The audience are fools. They don't understand my art,'" The Millionaire said.

"But with that mania, that's not what we mean. Obviously we're not making ourselves clear. That's the problem with human communication in any form. But that's fine, you know. I'd take that over anything else on the radio. Better jump, jive and wail than Stone Temple Pilots."

In an effort to steer away from that, Combustible Edison brought on board producer/engineer John Holbrook, who mastered The Who's "Tommy," and Jimi Hendrix's "Electric Ladyland," and "Scanner" who served as "dubmaster-general" to work

on its latest album "The Impossible World" (Sub Pop).

"For us, this whole record was like starting all over again. When we first started, we didn't know how people would react to it. We didn't know if anybody would like it. It was extremely possible that nobody would like it or us. That period was, at least for me, an emotional holocaust," The Millionaire explained.

"But things turned out great. Now we've had lineup changes and we're drastically tinkering with the formula. If we wanted to make a commercial move, we would have done the exact opposite of what we did. We're trying to strip ourselves of all these retro associations. We didn't like them in the first place. But we could have cashed in and played them up completely."

"The Impossible World" marks the first time that Providence, R.I.-based Combustible Edison used outside producers.

"We'd just like leave the room and he'd do things to them (the songs). Usually, we're like, 'Oh great.' But this time we said, 'You guys are the pros. Make a lot of suggestions.' We're paying them so we were a lot more open to making changes in our songs," The Millionaire explained.

"Unlike any of our previous records, this one was written exclusively to be a record first. We'd figure out how to play it later."

The result is a seductive, hypnotizing blend of science fiction and baroque stylings. Combustible Edison fans will be able to take in the sonic landscape of smooth sounds on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Mill Street Entry. Despite being a little jaded about his band's trendy followers, The Millionaire is looking forward to hitting the road.

"That's where we make our living. Being at home is like being under siege. Economic sanctions were imposed on us," he said dryly.

Combustible Edison performs Friday, Oct. 30, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362, (248) 645-6666.



Celebrating new album: Combustible Edison brings the smooth sounds of "The Impossible World" to the Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

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Detroit's Opus One reliably impressive for over a decade

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Zagat restaurant survey dubs Opus One "reliably impressive," additionally rating food, service and décor in the extraordinary to perfection class. Opus One is truly one of America's top restaurants and for suburbanites, a destination.

Detroit's renaissance is happening. Live theater and opera play to full houses. You now need to reserve early for best seating in Detroit's upscale restaurants.

Opus One, however, takes the hassle out of a night on the town with dinner and live theater packages including complimentary shuttle service. Packages are available and are listed in the accompanying box.

When Opus One owners Jim Kokas and Ed Mandziara opened on Aug. 27, 1987, they served dinner to 52 people; all but two were invited family and friends. The next night, nine dinners were served. Today, the weekly average is 1,200 meals. From a quiet beginning, the visionary owners have built a reputation on high quality for both food and service.

The owners, along with maitre d' and wine steward Chip Fater run the front of the house, making sure that each diner's experience is first rate. From the one-of-a-kind Palladian marble floor in the entry and bar to the 14-foot dining room's intricately vaulted ceilings, you get the immediate impression that there's something special here.

Pastel dining room colors come alive with a combination of Tivoli, neon and incandescent lighting. Beveled mirrors and etched artglass sparkle while accenting rich, traditional tapestry.

Talented executive chef Timo-

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- **Fox Theater**
Nov. 27-Dec. 30, Rockettes - \$125
- **Masonic**
Nov. 11-22, "Evita" - \$125
- **Opera House**
Oct. 31-Nov. 8, "Lucia di Lammermoor" - \$140-160
Nov. 27-Dec. 3, "Harlem Nutcracker" - \$110-130
Dec. 10-19, "Nutcracker" - \$110-130
March 25-27, "Don Quixote" - \$110-130
April 17-24, "Madame Butterfly" - \$140-160
May 6-8, Paul Taylor Dance Co. - \$110-130
May 17-22, Eugene Onegin - \$140-160
June 5-12, Samson & Delilah - \$140-160
- **Music Hall**
Nov. 6-9, José Limon Dance Co. - \$110
Dec. 1-6, "Play On" - \$115
Jan. 19-24, "The Gin Game" - \$115
Jan. 26-31, Cirque Ingenieux - \$105
Feb. 16-21, Dance Theatre of Harlem - \$110
March 15-21, Penn & Teller - \$105
April 16-18, Ballet Internationale - \$110
April 27-May 1, "Fame: The Musical" - \$115
- **Fisher Theater**
Nov. 17-21, "Jolson" - \$125



Elegant dining: Detroit's Opus One is housed in a completely renovated Albert Kahn-designed building. Its elegant food is served in impressive dining rooms with intricately vaulted ceilings and overall impressive decor.

thy Giznsky, a Johnson & Wales (Rhode Island) Culinary Arts graduate, has been with Opus One since it opened, working first in the capacity of sous chef and promoted to executive chef in 1994.

Cooking since age 17, Giznsky, a Michigan native, considers his specialty area soups and sauces. His Corn Clam Chowder is only one of his Opus One signatures. Using the highest quality ingredients, Giznsky's plates are art-

fully designed, but not architecturally overdone with towers and such. While creative, they signal a respect for natural ingredients with each plate garnish impacting the overall palette of flavors experienced.

Chefs who like to hunt wild turkey and deer in the wilds of upper Michigan as Giznsky does, generally know what to do with specialty cuts of meat. Giznsky does! Whether it's sauteed wild

mushrooms in crisp filo medallion, char-grilled New Zealand lamb chops with balsamic glaze, spice-rubbed fillet of gulf swordfish with tropical fruit salsa, sauteed medallions of Provolone or the daily special, results are succulent and sumptuous.

Gourmet magazine lists Opus One as one of America's Top Tables. A fine dining experience is enhanced by fine wines. Opus One's list is award winning. Annually since 1989, Wine Spectator magazine has rated it "one of the outstanding wine lists in

the world." Since 1992, Opus One has been annually honored with the DiRoNA (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) award for "highest standards for food, wine, spirits, service, atmosphere and value."

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oehomecomm.net

■ **Nov. 1 - Crittenton Hospital Gourmet Gala**, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Twenty-second annual event offers tastes of 40 of metro Detroit's most popular restaurants including Kruse & Muer Restaurants, Scallops Gill and Grill and Rochester Chop House. Tickets \$75 (friend) \$125 (patron) and (\$175) benefactor, call (248) 652-5945. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a nurse/patient communication system for Crittenton Hospital's 6-East medical/surgical floor.

■ **Nov. 3 - Single Malt Scotch tasting** 6:30-9 p.m., \$45 per person, at the Southfield

Manor (25625 Telegraph Road, north of 10 Mile Road, Southfield) sponsored by Merchants Fine Wines. Formerly held at the White Heather in Ferndale, the popularity of this event each election day for the last six years required a larger hall. In addition to an outstanding collection of Malt Whisky, there's a bigger selection of foods. To reserve

Restaurant news

■ **Pike Street Restaurant** - 18 W. Pike Street, Pontiac (248) 334-7878, while remaining committed to its new California theme, has again reorganized at the helm of its kitchen. Owner Jim Fitzpatrick named Randy Garver as executive chef and Tim St. Peters and Matt Piasiecki as sous chefs.

Twenty-six-year-old Garver earned an associate degree in Culinary Arts from Schoolcraft College, Livonia, in 1994. He credits his Schoolcraft instruc-

tors Chef Dan Hugelier and Chef Joseph Decker as inspirational.

Prior to Pike Street, Garver was the executive chef at Capital Grill in Somerset Collection, Troy. At Pike Street, he plans to augment the California theme by tying in regional and seasonal dishes.

He cited Searched Pork Loin with Sweet Potato, Caramelized Onion Salad, Horseradish Slaw and Branded Fruit Sauce as an example of a dish filled with autumn flavors. "My concept of California cuisine is that anything goes as long as all the flavors of the dish work together," he remarked.

■ **Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn** - hosts "Taste of France" beginning Thursday, Nov. 12. Two events will be part of the celebration, a Wine-Maker dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 and Wine Tasting 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

The dinner will feature a six

course gourmet dinner with wines to complement each course and live entertainment. The cost is \$90 per person.

The Wine Tasting will feature hors d'oeuvres, a variety of wines including Beaujolais Nouveau and an Authentic French Trio. The cost is \$35 per person. A portion of admission proceeds will benefit Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts and Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospital.

Special selections from France will be featured in The Grill, the hotel restaurant, at lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch from Nov. 12-25. Early reservations are recommended, call (313) 441-2100.

Matt Prentice's - Flying Fish Tavern Birmingham - is now open. Located at 17600 W. 13 Mile Road at Southfield inside the Corners shopping Center in Beverly Hills, the restaurant offers fresh fish and

seafood and selected Tavern on 13 favorites including a variety of pastas, sandwiches, burgers and desserts. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 647-7747 for dinner reservations and information.

Thanksgiving - If your restaurant will open on Thanksgiving let us know. Send menu information to Keely Wygonik at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, address listed at the

front of this column. We're planning to write about Thanksgiving dinner specials on Thursday, Nov. 19. Deadline for consideration in the story is Thursday, Nov. 5.

The Golden Mushroom - Czar Nicholas II Russian Dinner, Monday, Nov. 23, at the restaurant 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, features a special menu complete with Beluga caviar and other Russian delicacies. Tickets \$120, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

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