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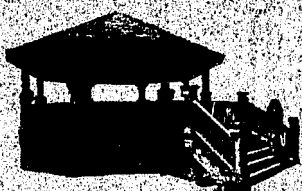
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VINTAGE



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Often when I talk to groups of young students about Clarkston history, they are most amazed not at what was accomplished by the early pioneers, but at the many things that did not exist back then. Entertainment today, from television and video games to movies and electronic toys, surrounds children and is so readily available to them that its absence seems unfathomable. One little boy, on being told that the pioneer children didn't have Nintendo to play, looked at me with certainty and said, "But they did have Sega, right?"

Though without the electronic wonders that our children love, the pioneer children experienced many things that today are absent in our modern society.

In the middle of the 19th century, the Barnum and Bailey Circus came each year to Pontiac. Many Clarkston families took their children to watch, but those who missed it had another chance to see the animals, acrobats and performers.

When they packed up their tents in Pontiac, the circus people loaded them onto wagons, mounted their animals and marched up Territorial Road (Dixie Highway) from Pontiac to Flint. Clarkston residents jumped in their wagons and parked along the road to watch as the parade of elephants, camels and various other exotic animals and exciting people went by.

Often one of the heavy wagons would become stuck in the rutted road, and the elephants would have to work to push it out as the children of Clarkston watched in amazement. It was great entertainment, made special because it came only once a year.

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



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Civic center, police millage OK'd



■ A bond proposal for a new civic center/library in Springfield Township and a crucial police millage in Independence Township were both easily passed by local voters Tuesday.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Strong support for two local millage proposals in the townships of Springfield and Independence indicates voters' careful consideration of the issues and recognition of a need for services in their growing communities, local officials said.

Such was particularly the case in Springfield Township, where close to 57 percent of voters approved a \$4.5 million bond proposal to pay for construction of a new civic center.

"I had the sense that residents out there recognized the need," said Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole, who wasn't surprised by the community's strong support.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls agreed, saying, "I think the margin by which it passed for a tax issue is a good indication of community support and recognition of reality."

Discussion and activity surrounding the civic center millage also had a positive tone, compared to ads and campaigning for some of the state's higher offices, Strole said.

Therefore, voters were able to study the issue and make an informed decision, she said. "The contrast struck me — this is, maybe, a breath of fresh air."

Likewise, support for Independence Township's four-year police millage

was also substantial; the 2.7264 millage rate, a combined renewal of two police millages expiring in December, passed by nearly 65 percent of the vote.

"I'm very pleased that the residents of Independence Township recognized the service — and quality of service — that we're receiving," said Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Although Stuart said he was disappointed that "many people voted against (the police millage)," he said some opposition is always expected with tax issues.

Approval of the Springfield Township

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Storytelling tradition comes to Andersonville Elementary



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Draw me a picture: Natalie Bourdan presents one of Royal Oak author/artist Matt Faulkner's drawings to the class. Faulkner told the group he used to come home every day from school and draw. That passion became his life's work.

Listening Intently: Enya Moran and Kirsten Simons listen to Faulkner tell them he hopes the children will see themselves in his work.



BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Back in third grade, his elementary teacher gave his beloved drawing of a jet a check-minus.

Today, Royal Oak artist Matt Faulkner is an illustrator, sculptor, the author of eight children's books and an art teacher at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

And when he thinks about his third-grade teacher, he smiles. Maybe that observation wasn't

exactly the point of Faulkner's "Author's Day" visit to Andersonville Elementary in Springfield Township Wednesday. But the local author did give youngsters at the school a glimpse of what they can become if they believe in themselves, work hard and possess a passion for something.

Faulkner showed his third-grade drawing — to which the kindergartners and first-graders gave two thumbs up, by the way — and then presented the story

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Pot-laced brownies sold by students

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Three Clarkston High School students and a tin of marijuana-laced brownies proved to be a recipe for trouble last Thursday.

The boys, two 15-year-olds and one 16-year-old, have been suspended from school, but charges have not yet been filed in the matter, police said.

Clarkston Schools police liaison Chuck Young received a tip that students were selling marijuana-laced brownies on school grounds. According to police reports, the brownies were sold for \$10-\$12 each. Young said he knew of one incident, in which 10 to 15 brownies were sold inside the school building.

With the support of Ronald Santavica and Janice Meagher, assistant principals at the school, Young was able to act on the tip immediately.

"The school takes a dim view (of the incident)," Young said. "There are some things we are working on."

Clarkston High School Principal Brent Cooley said the students will go before a disciplinary review board. Punishment could include expulsion.

Cooley called the incident "a very serious offense," adding "everyone needs to be vigilant" about student drug abuse.

Police reported confiscating a plastic bag of marijuana, a pipe, razor blades, finger scales, a plastic tin believed to have contained the brownies, and other drug paraphernalia from the students.

Drug use among high school students is not unusual, according to an annual survey by PRIDE USA, an Atlanta-based organization. The survey showed that 33.4 percent of students in grades 9-12 used marijuana during the 1997-98 school year.

The three Clarkston youths have been turned over to the supervision of their parents.

"All of the parents have been very cooperative," said Young. "All have been advised and are working on getting help for them."

What matters the most, Young said, is getting the kids away from the use of narcotics. He suggested that the students become involved in the school's drug and alcohol intervention program.

"The kids are all seeking help," Young said. "The school is helping in every way they can."

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Chuck Young
Clarkston High School liaison

Community joins in motivating students to improve grades

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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It's that time of year again. Report card time, that is.

As the first marking period of the 1998-99 school year draws to a close, parents can expect to receive their children's report cards sometime during the first week of November. Students with high marks can get more than a pat on the back for their hard work, if they know where to look.

Community organizations, school administrators and local businesses provide incentives and rewards for high-scoring students in Clarkston. With a K-12 enrollment of 6,839 in the district, plenty of Clarkston students have a chance at a rewarding activity or surprise.

Within the community, businesses help boost kids' motivation to work for

high grades.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, 7149 Dixie Highway, gives free food to students who fare well on their report cards. Bring in the report card — which an employee will sign as

proof of receipt — and collect your meal.

For three "A's" Wendy's offers a junior hamburger, small french fries

and a 12 ounce drink. For three "B's" students can get a small order of french fries and a 12 ounce drink. The rewards program is limited to students up to the eighth grade.

"They really seem to like it," general manager Trina Collins said. "I think it's great. It's making them proud of what they're doing. Sometimes it's the little things that make a difference."

David Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary and middle school operations, recalled that in the past

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studying
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Visible dedication: Pit Crew parents like Mike Davenport sport tell-tale jackets that advertise their place with the band.

True crew

Band members' parents are supportive bunch

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

They're parents of Clarkston High School teens.

You know the kind of teenagers we're talking about. Kids who enjoy beating on things. Kids who like to stomp on the grass. Kids who routinely blow their own horns. Kids who lose their shoes in the mud.

Because their kids are, well, the way they are, these adults say they've spent more than a few weekends in the pits. Weighed down by a lot of fairly old baggage.

But don't feel sorry for these grown-ups.

And don't write Dr. Laura to seek help for them, either.

(And, by all means, don't call their kids, "noisy" — unless you want a spit valve emptied on top of your head.)

No, the Pit Crew — parents who move pit equipment and other instruments for Clarkston High School's 200-member marching band — say they couldn't be happier with their lot. They're proud to be the band's roadies. And they're good at it.

According to Rick Redker, head of this year's pit crew, the CHS band's movers and shakers took first place in a good-

Please see PIT CREW, A6



Keep it together: The Marching Band's official Parent Pit Crew comes together for football games and invitations.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Keeping the beat: Bob Emick saunters onto the field carrying drums for a member of the Clarkston High School Marching Band.



For the kids: Bev Shaw and Ryan Hart lug xylophones for the band. The Pit Crew parents say they're proud to help out.



One big, happy family: Pit Crew members Bill Kreager, Rick Redker and Cathy Redker cheer on the musicians.

Pontiac man injured during incident in local parking lot

Road rage apparently extended to a local bowling alley parking lot Oct. 25, leaving one driver injured.

While sitting in his vehicle at the Cherry Hill Lanes North parking lot on Dixie Highway in Independence Township, a 35-year-old Pontiac man was approached by a man with a folding knife and was stabbed in the left hand.

John W. Gibbs, 26, of White Lake was arraigned Sunday on a

charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm, a felony.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Gibbs at the arraignment. He posted \$500, or 10 percent of a \$5,000 bond, and was released.

According to police reports, the assailant had shouted to the victim to move his vehicle. When the victim refused, the assailant exited the car from the passenger door and approached him through the driver's-side win-

dow. The victim's hand was resting out the window when he was cut.

The cut was about 2 inches deep and occurred between the thumb and index finger of his left hand.

The victim was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and was listed in temporary serious condition.

Gibbs' preliminary exam is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today, Nov. 5.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Oct. 30, a license plate was reported lost or stolen from a vehicle at an unknown location.

Vandalism

On Nov. 1, a mailbox was reported stolen on Ridgewood. At the same location, a vehicle was covered in white tape, barbecue sauce and eggs.

Illegal burning

On Oct. 30, the illegal burning of leaves at a residence on Hillcrest was reported.

Independence Police

Car accidents

On Oct. 29, police reported that a driver traveling along Sashabaw Road, near Pelton Road, was unable to stop the car as a pedestrian ran across the road. The driver hit the pedestrian, a 12-year-old Clarkston resident.

The pedestrian was found to be at fault for the accident. Reports showed that the pedestrian suffered incapacitating, but

not fatal injuries, and was transported to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital.

Vandalism

On Oct. 29, police reports showed that a large rock was used to break through the window of a parked vehicle on Royal Saint George.

On Oct. 30, a vehicle traveling on Sashabaw Road was hit with pellets from a pellet gun, according to police reports.

On Oct. 30, key scratches were reported to a vehicle parked on Upland Drive.

On Oct. 30, three Clarkston boys, between the ages of 15 and 17, were found at the site of a house under construction on Sashabaw Road. Police found broken boards and walls and graffiti written with an oil-like substance at the site.

On Oct. 30, a pellet gun was reportedly used to shoot through the glass door-wall of a residence on Upland Drive.

On Oct. 31, a mailbox was reported broken at Staghorn Drive.

On Oct. 31, landscaping at a location on Oak Forest Drive was reportedly damaged. Stakes were pulled out of the ground and burlap was removed.

On Oct. 31, tires were reported flattened at a vehicle parked on South River.

On Nov. 1, two vehicles parked on Everest were reportedly damaged. One was dented in the rear trunk area, while the other

had a broken front passenger-side window.

On Nov. 1, a vehicle parked on Deerhill was reported as scratched. The key-like scratches extended around the entire length of the car.

Thefts

On Oct. 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Clawson Tank Drive.

On Oct. 31, a license plate was reported lost or stolen from a vehicle parked on Ortonville Road.

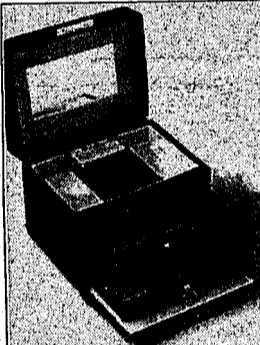
On Nov. 1, a compact disc player and pair of sunglasses were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

Independence Fire

Between Oct. 29-Nov. 1, firefighters responded to 17 calls. Among them were eight medical calls, three personal-injury accidents, one vehicle fire and three complaints.

On Oct. 29, a 75-year-old woman at Fawn Valley was experiencing weakness and numbness to one arm when firefighters arrived. She was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's Medical Center for evaluation of a possible heart attack.

On Oct. 31, firefighters investigated an overheated water heater at a location on Bluegrass Drive.



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A map showing the location of 'THE PALACE' at the intersection of 'JEWETT RD.' and 'WILLOW RD.'. To the north is 'OLD WORLD CANTERBURY VILLAGE'. To the east is 'LAKE ORION'. A north arrow points upwards. Distances are marked: '3 MILES OFF I-75' and 'EXIT #63, NORTH, JEWETT RD.'.

O'Brien beats Kaplan for circuit court seat

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Fortunately for both candidates in Oakland County's only contested circuit court race, Tuesday was not a long night.

Both had things to do in the morning.

The race was, figuratively, decided by midnight, with Colleen O'Brien an easy winner over Steve Kaplan.

"I knew I had lost when the first results came in," said Kaplan, a West Bloomfield resident who was back on his job as an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County. "At least people in the office were kind. They said Oakland's loss is Macomb's gain."

O'Brien also had work to do Wednesday morning. "My husband (attorney Tom Cory) took the day off and we're going to pick up yard signs. I promised a lot of people who let me put signs in their yard that I'd pick them up soon."

"The full impact of winning hasn't sunk in yet," said the Rochester Hills resident. "Before it does, we'll be picking up



Steve Kaplan

signs."

O'Brien credited yard signs — and the name recognition they generate — as a large part of her victory. Uncertified results from the election division of the Oakland County Clerk's office state O'Brien pulled 161,464 votes — or 54.5 percent of the vote — compared with Kaplan's 234,815

votes.

"I also worked hard," said O'Brien, 42, "and I had some good television ads."

Besides taking down yard signs, O'Brien said she planned to savor her victory with her husband and three youngsters.

She's also going to judge's school. "We (she and Kaplan) both received notification from the court administrator's office about training for new judges, two days in November and two in December. I'm looking forward to it."

Probate Judge Barry M. Grant, who supported O'Brien, said her being a qualified woman was part of her success. "The voters were obviously aware of her qualifications and her determination to do an outstanding job."

The county results in the attorney general's race is one factor that will likely be analyzed as pundits try to assess the impact of women voters. In GOP stronghold Oakland County, Democrat Jennifer Granholm came within one percentage point of beating Republican John A. Smietanka.

Kaplan declined to speculate about which factors — the women's vote or Proposal B — played the biggest role in his defeat. "I'm not thinking about that, at least not right now. Maybe at a later date."

This was the third consecutive loss in a county wide race for Kaplan. "I can't be bitter about it," he said. "I'm just moving on with my life. I lost, but I'm still holding my head high."

Asked about any future political aspirations, Kaplan said he would not rule out any possibilities. He laughed when asked about the possibility of his running for prosecutor in the year 2000. He ran, and narrowly lost, in 1996 and in 1992.

"It's way too early to think about that," Kaplan said.



Colleen O'Brien

Oakland voters say no to 'B'

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of Proposal B blame television advertising for the lopsided defeat of the referendum on legalizing assisted suicide.

Those television ads contained false and misleading information designed to frighten people, said Birmingham resident Dorothy Conrad, who circulated petitions to get the issue on Tuesday's ballot. "But they were effective."

Voters in Oakland County — the home of assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian — rejected Proposal B by more than 100,000 votes. Uncertified results had 265,554 "no" votes, compared with 129,480 "yes" ballots.

On a percentage basis, 67 percent of county voters — compared with 70 percent statewide — were against the measure

| Proposal A | |
|------------|---------|
| Yes | No |
| 237,061 | 144,586 |
| Proposal B | |
| Yes | No |
| 129,480 | 265,554 |
| Proposal C | |
| Yes | No |
| 267,897 | 120,027 |

that had been supported by Merian's Friends and opposed by religious groups, foremost the Catholic Church.

"Opponents obviously felt strongly against assisted suicide," said Conrad, a former Birmingham mayor, "and that's to their credit." But those ads

contained false and misleading information, she insisted.

Conrad worked as a poll worker at a precinct in Bloomfield Township Tuesday, a job that enabled her to hear comments. "I didn't ask for any views on Proposal B," she said, "but people offered them anyway."

Conrad said one man volunteered that he had voted against the proposal because he didn't want people coming into Michigan from other states to end their lives. A woman said she supported the measure, Conrad said, because she didn't want people in Lansing eliminating her individual choices.

Ironically, Kevorkian probably didn't have much, if any, impact on Proposal B, said Conrad. "I know he (Kevorkian) came out against B. But I didn't see him taking out any ads, and I didn't see him speaking out against it very much."



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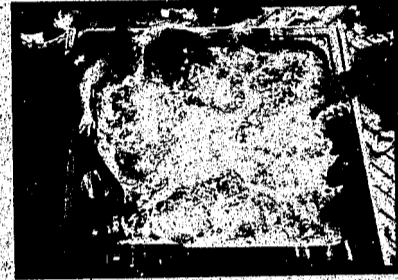
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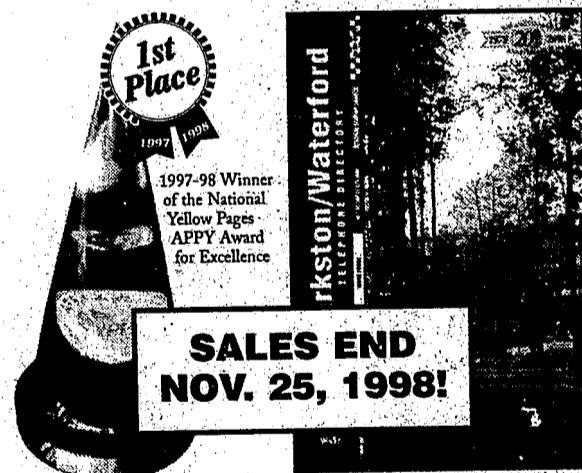


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Pit Crew from page A3

natured pit crew contest several weeks ago during a band invitational at Livonia Franklin High School.

The trophy?

An empty Craftsman tool box.

In a recent interview, Redker chuckled about that prize and said he hoped the pit crew would win "the tools" next year.

However, the pit crew leader said that he and about 29 other parent volunteers aren't really lugging around tubas from Pontiac to Plymouth for fame and fortune, anyway.

"The recognition doesn't matter," Redker said. "We do it for our own kids and for the other kids in the band. What makes us feel good is when the kids come off the field and they've got smiles on their faces."

His first year as head of the crew, Redker said the group works like a well-oiled machine to get the band's large equipment where it needs to be, when it needs to be there. Those big pieces include trumpets, trom-

bones, tubas, drums, xylophones, chimes, bells and cymbals.

For most band invitational, the pit crew begins its moving routine in the morning. And the entire process isn't completed until the equipment arrives back home in Clarkston and is unloaded by the crew — around 8:30 p.m.

Redker described the role of a pit crew member on a typical band Saturday: "You go get the band trailer, which is stored on a parent's property, and you take it to a car wash that morning," he said. "Then you take it to Clarkston High School, load up the equipment and leave for the invitational. When you get there, you unload it at a certain spot, take it onto the field and set it up. Then you load it back onto the trailer, sit down for a minute and relax."

Though his son, Jonathon, is a senior in the percussion section, Redker said he expects to be involved with the band program for awhile. His younger son, Andrew, a fifth-grader at North

Sashabaw Elementary, also plans to join the marching band when he enters CHS.

"Once you get involved in helping the band, it's in your blood," the pit crew leader said. "You can deal with the cold, the rain, whatever. It's sort of like a big family. You spend a lot of time together. You lose a lot of weekends."

Redker illustrated the degree to which pit crew parents are dedicated to the marching band. "About eight-to-10 of our pit crew parents don't even have children in the band," he said. "Their (band) kids went on to college, but they stayed on."

And that assistance is valued by those who do have children on the field, the crew leader said.

Band season isn't short. It begins with summer parades and band camp. Then the band performs at CHS football games, six invitational and the state championship at the Pontiac Silverdome in November.

Shaunie Murphy, wife of CHS Band Boosters' president Hugh Murphy, said recently that she, too, enjoys being a pit crew member. The Murphy's daughter, Jennifer, is flute section leader

for the marching band in her senior year at CHS.

"It's a wonderful experience," Shaunie Murphy said. "I cried really hard at the last invitational because I knew this was the last time (daughter Jennifer would perform at one). I thought as I was watching her on the field, 'What a wonderful thing you've done during these past years. And what would our lives be without music?'"

For Bob Way, a first-year pit crew member, helping to move equipment and provide snacks for the marching band are opportunities to be involved in the life of his daughter, Jennifer. Jennifer, a junior, plays in the percussion section.

"It's time-consuming and it's sometimes hairy, but we're having the best time with the kids," Way said recently. "When I'm on the field working, I'm close enough to be able to whisper to my daughter, 'Good luck, play great.'"

Rick Redker agreed.

"This is what my kids do — and I'm proud of it."

Author from page A1

and illustrations from his latest book, "The Giving Season."

Set in a renaissance castle, the tale chronicles the adventures of two characters — a kind young princess named Sophie, and her newfound friend, Phelonus, a greedy court jester.

Faulkner's Andersonville audience seemed dazzled by the story's lush illustrations, as much as they appeared to be captivated by the author's voice changes as he read the narrative.

The Boston native declared his morning Andersonville assembly a success.

"As a child, I used to tell a lot of stories — a lot of fibs," Faulkner told his audience.

"And one day, my mother sat me down and said to me, 'No more fibs. Draw me a picture.' And for the next few years, everyday I would come home from school, I would sit down and draw. That's what you need

to do if you want to become an artist or an author. You have to draw. You have to write ...

"I carry a sketchbook around with me all day long and I even have one by my bed in case I wake up in the middle of the night and have a great dream and want to write it down."

A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Faulkner described himself as "a bridge" over which children can see their own futures.

"I remember in school, thinking that this stuff — books — just popped out of people's heads and that all of these grown-ups were born 35-years-old," the author remarked during a break between presentations.

"I'm just trying to show that I love to do what I do — that I loved drawing and making up stories when I was younger — and that I followed that interest into adulthood."

Grades from page A1

"all kinds of merchants have provided incentives for kids to get good grades." But the businesses vary from year to year.

While there are a number of students who become motivated through such incentives, he said, "it's really a reward more than a motivation."

At the end of the school year, Family Video, 5480 Sashabaw Road, encourages students to bring in their report cards to receive free video rentals. For every "A" students get one free rental.

Store Manager Kendra Smith said the program is very successful with kids in the community. The program lasts from June through July and is advertised on the store signs.

"I think the kids that have participated in it look forward to it every year," Smith said. "I would like to see kids recognized for doing hard work in more instances. It shows that hard work pays off."

Penny Shanks, administrative assistant at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, said she too would like to see more such programs.

"(Children) work so hard to get these grades," said Shanks. "For some of them, it's such a triumph."

The schools themselves recognize their brightest students as well as those who are working hard to improve. Clarkston Middle School Principal Vince Licata said that honor roll assemblies, given at the end of each marking period, spotlight those students worthy of recognition.

The honor roll is divided into three categories: all "A" students, "B" or better students, and the "bringing up grades" honor roll for students who've shown a full grade level of improvement. Assemblies are

given in each grade level and honor roll achievers are presented with certificates.

Licata said that being rewarded in front of one's peers works two ways: the honored student is given that extra incentive to keep working, and the students who did not make the honor roll are given more motivation to try harder next time.

"We recognize the kids who work hard day-in and day-out," he said.

Andersonville Elementary School Principal William Potvin shared a different perspective on the subject. He

favors a more personal recognition of accomplishment over the usual publicized pat on the back for hard work. Potvin sends home letters congratulating students who achieved a perfect attendance record, or made one of the three school honor rolls.

"I don't know if that's a great incentive," said Potvin. "But I know a lot of the kids put them on their bulletin boards at home. We put a lot of self-success pressure on them while they're learning to do their best. But there's no public recognition. It's private, more personal."

Potvin said he's not against recognizing the efforts of his students, but he does not find value in comparing one student to another.

As grades are distributed and report cards are sent out, students reflect on their performance during the previous marking period. Educators and members of the community have an opportunity to recognize those efforts.

"We really appreciate when the community gets behind (the schools)," said Reschke. "That says a lot."

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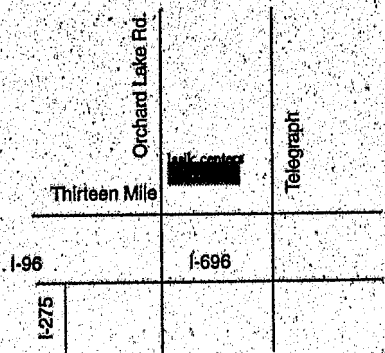
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New signs spell out fight against drunken driving

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Traffic signs reminding drivers about the hazards of drunken driving are a welcome addition to the streets of Oakland County, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

But at least one MADD official, the administrator of the Oakland County chapter, is looking for a way to improve on the signs. "Perhaps using the names of victims might personalize the signs and make them more effective," Michele Compton said.

Compton and scores of other interested people were on hand at Crooks and Long Lake Monday as county officials unveiled the first of 21 traffic signs to be installed at locations around the county before Jan. 1.

The first sign — a striking red, white and blue beacon stating, "Drunk Driving, You can't afford it" — stands out, Compton and others agreed. Furthermore, they're a more permanent reminder to the heartache and expense associated with drinking and driving.

"But when I first saw them, I thought there might be a way to personalize them," Compton said.

The MADD board of directors briefly considered that possibility, but took no action, she said. "After seeing the signs, I think that's still something that should be pursued."

The sign dedicated Monday commemorated the June 3, 1997, crash that took the lives of Ashley Easterbrook, 18, Andrew Stindt, 19, and Michael Jamieson, 19. They were killed when the car in which they were traveling was struck by a car that ran a red light. Tests indicated that the driver, also killed in the crash, was drunk at the time.

"Ashley died under that tree," said her father, David Easterbrook, as he pointed to a willow tree about 100 feet from the sign.

Easterbrook said the need for more deterrence is underscored by the fact that drunken driving deaths in Oakland County increased in 1997 (to 84) while they were decreasing (by 2 percent) statewide.

"The cure for drunken driving is simple," he said. "It's just don't drink and drive."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks



The price of pain: David Easterbrook, whose daughter Ashley was killed in an accident involving a drunken driver last year, says the need to remind people not to mix alcohol and automobiles remains strong. "The cure for drunken driving is simple," he said. "It's just don't drink and drive."

Patterson said the lives taken in the crash were those of innocent victims "who had their whole lives ahead of them. They were taken by somebody who acted irresponsibly."

Hopefully the signs will be a reminder, Patterson said. If they deter one person from drinking and driving, they will be

well worth the cost, he said.

Compton said the signs might be improved — made more distinctive — by attaching a small metal plaque naming the victim of a fatal drunken driving crash and the date it happened. "It's a small thing," she said, "but I think it's worth pursuing."

■ Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said if the signs deter one person from drinking and driving, they will be well worth the cost.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Birmingham

Birmingham planning board members recently got a glimpse of the preliminary site plan for the new Jacobson's store at Woodward and Willits. The Jacobson's plan was on the agenda for the Oct. 28 meeting, however the board and store design representatives spent several hours discussing the community impact study (CIS) for the facility and decided to table the site plan review until a Nov. 11 meeting. Board members approved the CIS, but only after raising a number of concerns that could be alleviated through site plan changes. City planner Keith Edwards said most questions were about Jacobson's valet parking proposal, the connection from the store to the north.

Bloomfield Hills

The Barnes & Noble in Bloomfield Hills will play host to Detroit Red Wings legend Alex Delvecchio at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. Delvecchio is appearing to promote the new book, "Total Hockey: The Official Encyclopedia of the National Hockey League." The store is located at 6575 Telegraph Road.

Oxford

Real Estate Interests hopes golfers will be teeing off in Waterstone's golf course, Boulder Pointe Golf Club, by the spring of 2000.

REI, developer for the 1,275-acre project in northern Oxford, is also looking for tentative preliminary approval on its Bluffs and Shores subdivision, Waterstone's second phase. The 27-hole golf course is being presented along with the residential development.

The township planning commission and site plan review committee have given their blessings on the tentative preliminary plat and have forwarded it to the township board, where it's set to be discussed at a Nov. 11 meeting.

Bluffs and Shores is expected to include the priciest homes in the development, referred to as resort residential. The subdivision will include 131 homes with a minimum frontage of 100 feet, all of which will front either a lake or the golf course. REI's Jon Weaver estimates the lots alone will sell for \$100,000-\$200,000.

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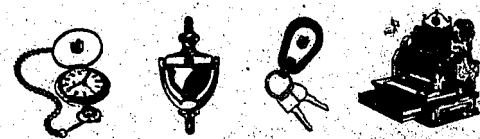
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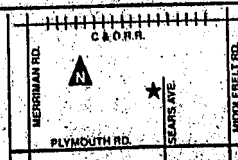
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Questions surface over drain's \$1 million cost overrun

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Concerned about the high cost of sewer and drain projects — including cost overruns associated with the Acacia Park Combined Sewer Overflow Drain — the city of Birmingham is asking the

Oakland County Drain Commissioner to explain.

Birmingham is specifically concerned about construction costs that exceeded estimates by more than \$1 million and county services that were \$211,200 over budget.

The city's bigger concern,

however, is about relations with the county drain board that oversees large drain projects — such as the Twelve Towns Drain — and routinely passes costs along to individual communities.

These and other concerns were included in an Oct. 21 letter from Birmingham City Manager Thomas M. Markus to Oakland County Drain Commissioner George W. Kuhn.

A copy of the letter was provided to The Eccentric Newspapers by a Birmingham official who asked not to be identified. The official speculated, however, that Birmingham's concerns, as expressed in the city manager's letter, are shared by other communities that are incurring enormous bills as they are forced to comply with federal and state environmental regulations.

Drain Commissioner Kuhn was not available for comment earlier this week. However, his chief deputy acknowledged the city manager's letter, and Tuesday said a formal response was being drafted.

But the letter, and the questions, are not unreasonable, said James E. Porter. "We should be responsible for these dollars," he said, "and we are not reluctant to answer questions."

At issue are costs associated with the Acacia Park CSO Drain, one of three combined sewer overflow drains built as part of a consent agreement negotiated in U.S. District Court. The Acacia Drain — along with the Bloomfield Village and Birmingham drains — are designed to prevent combined storm and sanitary sewer overflow from flowing into the Rouge River after heavy rainfall.

The city manager's letter notes that costs for the Acacia drain were \$14,673,479, instead of the \$13,923,479 estimated in 1995. To pay the additional costs, \$750,000 in

Douglas: Concern won't go away

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham might be among the first communities formally asking questions about costs associated with sewers, but it won't be the last, according to a member of the Oakland County Drain Board that oversees drain projects.

"Birmingham has been hit hard," said county Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, who is also one of three people on the county drain board. "No wonder it is asking questions."

Other members of the drain board are Drain Commissioner George W. Kuhn and county Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Nowi.

Douglas hadn't seen the letter in which Birmingham City Manager Thomas M. Markus asked pointed questions about the Acacia Park Combined S (CSO) drain that cost more than

Markus questioned some costs as well as the general relationship between the Drain Board and individual communities. The county drain commission was in the process of drafting a response earlier this week.

Although Douglas hadn't seen the bodies, she said she understood the frustration of not being able to find them. "Birmingham is paid to find the bodies in the River as well as the Clinton County area," she said.

Douglas said the letter was and it will get the appropriate amount.



■ **'Communities always have the right to ask questions.'**
Sue Ann Douglas
county commissioner

ation. "There was nothing mean-spirited about it," she said. "And communities always have the right to ask questions."

—Douglas, however, emphasized that Kuhn and his staff are meticulous and knowledgeable. "They're also good at getting federal grants to help offset the cost to local communities," she said.

For the three CSO drains in Birmingham, for example, more than \$42 million in demonstration grants was obtained to help offset the \$85 million cost, Douglas said.

A separate drainage project, the Twelve Town Drain, is expected to cost more than \$145 million over the next decade. Officials are hoping to get federal grants, but they acknowledge that most o

the cost will fall on the communities served by the projects.

While the cost of these drains is substantial, bigger projects with higher price tags are on the way, according to Kuhn and other officials who predict that every community in Oakland County, as well as the state, will be assessed to meet the cost of federal and state environmental regulations.

The drain board meets twice a month, Douglas noted, and routinely oversees million dollar projects.

"We welcome questions from individual communities," she said.

ties. "There are always questions about higher expenses," he said, "although Mr. Markus has asked them in a more formal way."

Some expenses were less than estimated, Porter said, while others increased. The sale of bonds to cover the additional costs was approved by the Drain Board following established procedures, he said.

tions in the spirit that they are meant to be received," Birmingham's Markus wrote. "That is, a constructive suggestion for improvement of the relationship between the Drain Commission and the communities you serve."

While the specific response to the letter is pending, Porter said the general response is higher costs that were passed along to individual communi-

bonds were sold last month, obligating Birmingham to pay \$216,255 more than originally anticipated.

The letter also asks for some explanation about contracted engineering services exceeding estimates by \$1,064,308, and county services being \$211,200 over budget.

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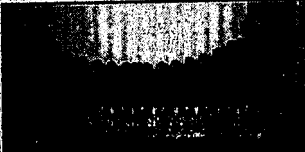






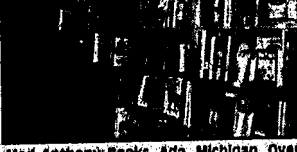


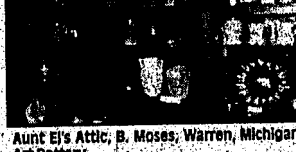









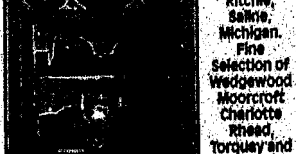


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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

Expo time Fun, contacts await attendees

Some people have said it's like trick-or-treating for grown-ups.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 12th annual Clarkston Community Expo at 6 to 9 p.m. today in the Clarkston Creek Golf Club on Maybee Road between Sashabaw and Dixie Highway.

Those who attend will visit tables staffed by 88 Clarkston-area businesses and community groups, collecting business cards, informational fliers, brochures and — here's the best part — assorted free gifts. There will also be free hors d'oeuvres and door prizes.

We encourage readers to go. Admission, payable at the door, is only \$1 per person, and parking is free. If the lot is full, attendees can park at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Maybee Road, east of Sashabaw, and catch a free shuttle ride back to Clarkston Creek.

While the free gifts, free hors d'oeuvres and

door prizes are the obvious treats, there's a less tangible reward awaiting those who go — the chance to get to know Clarkston businesses and the services they have to offer.

Clarkston-area residents probably will be surprised by the variety of businesses and quality services available so close to home. They may also be surprised by how much those businesses give back to the community in monetary donations and volunteer efforts to school groups, youth programs, community events and the like.

Obviously, the chamber hopes residents will patronize its businesses in the future. That's the purpose of the expo.

We hope readers do, too. With the explosion of commercial development in the neighboring areas, this is a good time to find out what Clarkston businesses have to offer and return to them a measure of the support they have so generously given the community.

Token candidates Laughable races rob voters of choice

Third party candidates take heart — if it will take the death of the two-party system to legitimize your chances of attaining public office, we may be seeing that right now. Far too many races this past election were without true opponents; instead, voters were faced with names on the ballot which were little more than, well, names.

And in some cases, they didn't even have that.

It's difficult to single out anyone for blame.

Both political parties were amazingly lax in giving voters real candidates to choose from in a number of races.

In Oakland County, the Democratic Party was unrepresented in several Oakland County Board of Commissioners races. That's right, unrepresented. There were no candidates from the Democratic Party in county commission districts three, four, five, six, eight, 16, and 17. We will grant that the Republican Party has a virtual stranglehold on Oakland County government, but this lack of opponents speaks to a much deeper problem than a weak Democratic Party.

In other important races, there were candidates on the ballot, but they were candidates in name only. Need proof?

Look no further than the state House and Senate races, where several key seats were being challenged by token candidates. This time it's not just the Democratic Party.

In the state Senate 14th District race, the incumbent Democrat Gary Peters was challenged by Mike Christie. Christie did not return the Eccentric's repeated attempts for an interview or fill out a questionnaire.

In the state Senate 16th District Race, the incumbent Republican Mat Dunaskiss was challenged by Mike Odette. Odette did respond to interviews and attended several candidate's nights, but we question his sincerity. He spent no money, placed no signs, mailed out no literature. We certainly don't believe that it is necessary to do these things, but we wonder about the fact that Odette just two years earlier ran for Oakland County Sheriff — as a Republican. His explanation? He danced around it for a while but his answer — that parties mean less and less — was unsatisfying.

In the state Senate 28th District Race, the incumbent Democrat John Cherry was challenged by Republican Jodi Spalding. Spalding did not return our repeated attempts for an interview by phone or in person.

In the state House 36th District Race, incumbent Democrat Nancy Quarles was challenged by Republican Elizabeth La Hood. La Hood did not return our repeated attempts for an interview by phone or in person.

In the state House 45th District Race, Republican primary winner Mike Bishop was challenged by Democrat Margaret Zande. Zande did not return our repeated attempts for an interview by phone or in person.

In the state House 46th District Race, Republican primary winner Ruth Johnson was challenged by Democrat Roxanne La Montaine. La Montaine did not return our repeated attempts for an interview.

The difficult time we had in reaching some candidates for what is ostensibly free publicity was unprecedented. And we weren't the only information gathering organization or group that had a problem.

Indeed, we expect a little reticence when it comes to people talking to the media. Far more distressing, however, were the inadequate efforts of candidates to respond to the League of Women Voters guide that was distributed throughout Oakland County this past month.

In recent years, some candidates have challenged the League, calling it a biased organization that spins its election guide to favor liberal candidates by asking only certain questions or asking the questions in a certain way. We point out that we've heard the same charge the other way: It is a biased organization that spins its election guide to favor conservative candidates by asking only certain questions or asking them in a certain way.

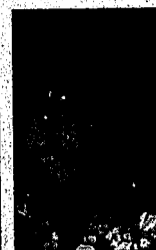
Frankly, we question such charges, but even if it were true, we question any candidate who is afraid to reveal his or her stand on ANY issue.

One of the best ways to judge a political system is by the strength and vitality of the debate it fosters. Clearly, our political system is in jeopardy. It appears voter apathy has spread from the general populace to the active participants.

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QUESTION:

What do you think of the new \$20 bill?



"It looks kind of funny — that big face. But, if it spends like a 20, it's a 20."

Leanne Schuster
Springfield Township



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Debbie Chivers
Independence Township



"Do the looks really matter?"

Gail Reading
Independence Township

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

LETTERS

Shame on Clarkston El parents

To fellow parents of Clarkston Elementary School students:

Shame on us, each and every one of us. At the public hearing on the redistricting of elementary schools on Oct. 27, I had a sinking feeling as committee members introduced themselves and the individual schools they represented. Not one committee member represented Clarkston Elementary.

Shame on me for not being aware enough to realize the need for volunteer committee members from my neighborhood, the Village of Clarkston. My failure to participate in the redistricting process has resulted in what appears to be the intentional carving up of the Village of Clarkston into three separate school districts.

Although one of the guidelines for redistricting is keeping neighborhoods together, the committee chose to slash our neighborhood into three pieces. Under their plan, my five kids would be bussed north across I-75 to the new school. Their buddy on Holcomb would be bused into Springfield, while our next-door neighbor would continue to walk to Clarkston Elementary.

Shame on me for not being the committee member who would have defended our neighborhood and the neighborhoods of others.

Another guideline was transportation concerns, including transportation costs. The committee's decision to turn a population of "walkers" into "busers" defies even the most rudimentary logic.

Shame on me for not being the committee member who pointed out the cost-effectiveness of not adding to the total number of bus riders in the Clarkston area, saving tens of thousands of dollars in equipment, insurance, maintenance and labor.

Another consideration before the committee was future community growth projections. The current plan buses a community that does not yet exist (the Victor development at White Lake and Dixie) into Clarkston Elementary while it buses a stable, no-growth community (the Village) away from its closest school.

Shame on me for not being the committee member who could point out the logic of keeping a stable, no-growth area connected to the nearest school. With a no-growth area like the Village, there will be no surprise spikes in student population. Growth areas should be restricted to the new and outlying schools.

Shame on me for not reading every issue of the local papers and every word of every flier that is sent home with my Clarkston Elementary School children.

I offer my humble apologies to my children and to my neighbors' children.

Leif A. Gruenberg
Clarkston

Asset builders lead the way

Many thanks to the 130 people who attended and participated in the second annual "Clarkston Cares" Awards Dinner at Clarkston Creek on Oct. 26.

What an evening of celebration and renewal — from the opening table blessing by Pastor Jonathan Hejerman, dinner music by the CHS Woodwind Ensemble, an entertaining and inspiring keynote speech shared by twin brothers Ron and Rich Coleman, to the closing charge and benediction by Father Robert Humitz. It was truly an evening of grassroots charm and reflection on what it means to have Clarkston as our "hometown."

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the asset-builder awards and the humble, heartfelt response of the recipients — Dave Bihl, Ann Conklin, Ray Delasko, Dan and Jan Fife, Rachel Hurley, Katie King, Nicole Maier, Dan and Laura Niewoit, Kelly Orlando, Patrick and Sandy Seyferth, Bonnie Watson and Mary Zarzycki. The wonderful thing is that none of these people performed their "asset-building" efforts with thoughts of getting an award, but purely out of love and caring for Clarkston kids (and because that's just the kind of people they are).

Despite the inevitable organizational growing pains, we are excited that so many in the community are hearing about, and beginning to talk in, terms of "developmental asset-building." It's not a new or novel concept, but rather a common sense (and research-based) hometown approach for a community experiencing its own kind of growing pains.

Perhaps Father Robert Humitz said it best when he reminded us of the effort begun three years ago to "come together as friends and neighbors, to open a community dialog about the substance abuse issues facing us, to look together for solutions." For it is only as we know the truth about ourselves and our community that we can hope to meet the challenges that we and all suburban American cities in today's society face. These 12 asset-builders and hundreds more like them, although unidentified and unrewarded, are leading the way with love, hope, and courage — making Clarkston still a great place in which to grow up!

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

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POINTS OF VIEW

Boundary committee will decide best plan for all pupils

Forty good people, representing all of our schools, put aside hours of personal time to perform an important — albeit difficult — task: the realigning of school boundaries.

This committee, convened in April and met throughout the spring, summer and fall to prepare a preliminary recommendation. Recently, they published a draft plan and conducted two public hearings to find out what they might have missed. The hearings were always part of their strategy, as was the desire to listen to the comments and suggestions that would surely be brought to the table.

The committee understood from the beginning that boundary realignment is a chore that is stressful. After all,

moving children to another location can be unsettling for youngsters, especially when mom and dad appear to be upset. However, this group put personal interests aside and made a commitment to operate with complete integrity. They were aware that there would be those who might see their work as "political," but they were never deterred from their charge — to develop a plan that would create the best attendance plan for the entire district.

These 40 citizens realize that it makes no sense to build a new school to reduce class sizes, then refuse to move children from older, overcrowded buildings. How could they justify a plan that created lower class sizes in



AL ROBERTS

one elementary school while maintaining a higher class size somewhere else? They dealt directly with the issue, the need to distribute our elementary youngsters throughout the district in a way that will provide the smallest class size possible to the

greatest number of kids. Now that the public hearings have concluded, the committee will look at all concerns and perspectives from the standpoint of what is best for all Clarkston kids, not any particular subset. By December, they expect to return to the school board with a final recommendation.

Once board members receive the amended plan, they will study it before making the final decision. While they will need time to consider every aspect of the new boundary, a decision that is in the best interest of all of our children will be made. That is what you elected them to do. You can expect our board members to use their best judgment based on all the

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

Running for office is humbling, enriching experience

Election day has come and gone. The votes have been counted. Power has passed, the consequence of the fundamental right of democracy: hundreds of thousands of people, each in the privacy of the voting booth, making their own choices about who shall lead them.

What follows are a few personal reflections on what it's like to be a candidate for statewide elective office, in my case the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

First, it provokes anxiety, lots of it. A campaign is a process by which the public scrutinizes your credentials for elective office or, in the case of incumbents, your record while in office. In effect, you're putting yourself and your record on the line for all to see.

This judgment process can easily and insidiously mutate in your own mind into an evaluation of your ultimate worth as a human being. I suspect that's why there is so much anxiety to be read in the eyes of most candidates. Winning validates who you are; losing means you, personally, are a loser.

That's why so many politicians come across as being both so insecure and so self-absorbed. They have good reason.

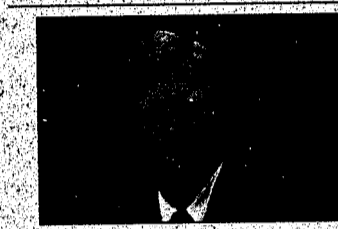
Second, a campaign, particularly a statewide one, is also an exercise in insignificance.

Michigan is a big state: nine million people, two peninsulas, 5,608 voting precincts, 555 school districts. You are only one candidate.

You start out for a day on the campaign trail, and if you're energetic and lucky, you shake hands with maybe 500 people. That's today, leaving only 8,999,500 to go. With only 34 days left until election day, you think, "How am I ever going to move all those people to vote for me?"

That's why every candidate worth his or her salt at some point in the campaign experiences an episode of frenzy — a feeling of overwhelming urgency to knock on 100 more doors, to buy yet another ad, to put another 5,000 pieces in the mail.

The feeling of insignificance is especially intense when you're running for one of the statewide educa-



PHILIP POWER

tional positions, races that take place largely in an information vacuum. You're hardly a household word, so there's relatively little you can do to effect the outcome of your particular race. So you plod on and on, stubbornly hoping that each individual contact you have with a real voter will eventually summate by mysterious alchemy into hundreds of thousands of votes.

But by the end of the day, having gone through the entire campaign, my predominant feeling is one of gratitude.

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moment, into the ordinary lives of other people. In the eloquent words of James Agee, it involves recognizing "the stature of a portion of unimagined existence ... an independent inquiry into certain normal predicaments of human divinity." It is a profoundly humbling and moving experience.

I remember going to an evening meeting of the Westside Ministerial Alliance. It was in a tumbledown brick building on Livernois, in the worst part of Detroit's northwest side. Two bare light bulbs lit the stained ceiling. Some dozen Baptist pastors sat on folding wooden chairs, some broken, as the president of the alliance led from the lectern.

After the opening prayer, a reading from Scripture and an exegesis, their talk turned to drug abuse and how their churches could work with the drug rehabilitation people. Most of

these pastors were older men. Some looked bedraggled. All looked tired. But there was a sad and determined hope in their voices as they struggled to deal with the epidemic that continues to sweep their community.

In the ordinary course of my non-campaigning life, I never in a thousand years would have wound up at the Westside Ministerial Alliance and heard their talk.

I entered into a portion of unimagined existence.

And I never again will think about drug abuse and Baptist pastors in Detroit in quite the same way.

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Holiday programs offer opportunities for community giving

Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston, a subsidiary of Lighthouse of Oakland County, will be celebrating its fourth annual "Tree of Caring" ceremony. The Tree of Caring offers residents the chance to remember loved ones, and at the same time help people in need of emergency assistance.

This holiday season, Lighthouse Clarkston is partnering with the Clarkston Rotary Club. Every year the Clarkston Rotary Club decorates the downtown area with festive holiday lights as a symbol of joy and goodwill.

This year, the Clarkston Rotary Club has partnered with Lighthouse to designate the evergreen tree at the corner of Main and Church Street that stands tall behind the wrought iron bench as the Tree of Caring. This tree serves as

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a focal point in the community where people occasionally rest when they are visiting local shops and businesses.

The Tree of Caring is a way to help be a beacon of hope for those who are less fortunate. Residents will have the opportunity to purchase "love lights" in honor or memory of

family and friends. Your contribution to the Tree of Caring will assist Lighthouse in its mission to respond to families and seniors who have an immediate need for food, medicine, transportation, utilities and shelter.

We invite the community to attend the Tree of Caring Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the corner of Main and Church Street. Join us for a traditional evening of caroling, refreshments and holiday cheer. Local merchants and businesses are also invited to join the festivities.

Love lights are available in a variety of colors and range in price from \$5-50. The tree's top star may be purchased for \$100. Acknowledgment cards will notify individuals of gifts made in their honor or in a loved one's memory.

Lighthouse is grateful to the Clarkston Rotary Club for partnering with us and for their continual support of the community. Other opportunities are available for your participa-

tion and include the following:

Thanksgiving Basket Project

For 22 years, thousands of low-income Oakland County families and seniors have counted on Lighthouse for their Thanksgiving dinner. Lighthouse will once again provide a traditional meal to more than 1,600 families, many of them the working poor or seniors.

Lighthouse is in need of non-perishable donations of boxed stuffing, yams, pie crust mix, pumpkin pie filling, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, Jello-O and dessert mixes for the 1998 Thanksgiving Basket project. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase turkeys.

Food donations can be dropped off at Lighthouse, Clarkston on Sunday, Nov. 15, from noon to 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, through Friday, Nov. 20, during normal business hours; and Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Program

Lighthouse will once again provide a brighter holiday for thousands of low-income families and seniors in northern Oakland County. Last year, Lighthouse brought a joyous holiday to 1,180 families and seniors. Lighthouse matches these people with donors who request to assist in a variety of ways.

Donors can "adopt" low-income families and seniors and provide "wish list items" or give general donations of new clothing, and gifts which will be used to stock our Christmas Store; or contribute financially to the "Good Neighbor Fund" to help those with special needs, i.e. job related expenses.

For more information about the Tree of Caring, Thanksgiving Project and Holiday Program, contact Lighthouse, Clarkston at (248) 673-4949.

For your information, the Lighthouse clothing closet will be temporarily closed during the holidays and will not be accepting clothing donations. The clothing closet is closed from Nov. 16 until Jan. 3. The clothing closet will reopen Jan. 4, 1999.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Task Force for Youth.

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CAROLYN WALKER

John Glenns of the world keep us moving forward

As I write this on the morning of Oct. 29, astronaut-the-elder John Glenn, 77, has not yet lifted off for his second great mission in space. Probably, even now, he is dressing in his space suit, bidding his family and friends adieu, and saying his prayers.

All across America, people — especially the elderly — are weighing in conversation on whether his trip is worth the effort, money and overall hoopla that it is creating.

I read one gentleman's comments recently which said the money being spent on space exploration should instead be going into the social security system.

May the heavens and stars protect us from all similar curmudgeons who would hold back the dreamers, inventors and scientists to wait while the rest of the world catches up!

While the United States has had a great and remarkable record in its quest to understand space, that record is not flawless. I, of course, do not need to remind you that astronauts Gus Grissom, Edward White II and Roger Chaffee lost their lives during a ground fire aboard their Apollo space capsule in 1967. Or that teacher Christa McAuliffe gave her life along with the others aboard the Challenger space shuttle in 1986.

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Light touch: Students in a sushi class offered by Clarkston Community Education practice making the elegant Japanese dish.



The technique: Instructor Kristine Mathorn demonstrates how to assemble and roll sushi, a simple, but tricky process.

SOPHISTICATED PALETTES ASPIRE TO MASTER CRAFT

By NICOLE STAFFORD

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It's fresh. It's healthy. It's filling and delicious.

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Art form: Each piece of sushi is different, but attractive.

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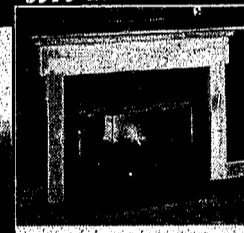
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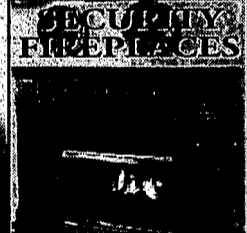


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Surely, these tragedies have scarred our country's psyche. Fortunately, they have not scarred our dreamscape.

Who besides God can know at this moment how Glenn's flight, along with that of six other astronauts aboard the space shuttle Discovery, will turn out?

We all should care. I can remember the time in our history, during the 1960s, when almost all space flights generated the kind of excitement and interest that is accompanying the Discovery flight. Unfortunately, for most of us, space travel and its associated lessons have become commonplace in our lives.

Who would ever have imagined? Back then, who could have guessed that so many could lose their sense of wonderment?

I'm sure ours was not the only family in America that dragged its television into the kitchen to watch splash-downs during dinner time. (I have since wondered if it might not have been easier to drag our diners into the living room.)

Nevertheless, I can remember how my sister, parents and I used to stall our bean-laden forks in mid-air, awaiting the moment on the television screen when a single astronaut would emerge — alive! — from his capsule, which was adrift in some ocean.

During those years, I knotted my mother's poor, fringe-encircled tablecloth into a merciless twist of confusion — feeling, right along with the rest of

America, the astronaut's stress, anticipation and probable glee.

I can remember too — it is one of my favorite memories — how my father stopped our old Pontiac on a country road, while en route home from a 1968 family Christmas Eve gathering, so we could all listen as Frank Borman read the story of the creation from Genesis, while circling the moon.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth It was a black-and-white night in Michigan that night, a full moon casting its wondrous glow on fields of snow and quiet ice-encrusted homes.

My family sat silently, awestruck, looking at the sky and listening while God's words came ever more alive from the heavens!

I even seem to remember that my mother wiped away a tear that night.

Frankly, I think the world could use more John Glenns, more people — more adventurers of all ages — who are willing to defy societal stereotypes and fears. Who are willing to dare.

They are the people who move us forward, even though that movement sometimes comes at a snail's pace.

They are the people who expand our horizons and stretch our thoughts about what it means to be truly alive. Here's to John Glenn and to a safe journey home.

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

Sushi from page A13



The sticky factor: (Left to right) Janet Knieper of Clarkston and Valerie Cook, of Independence Township, find that getting the rice off their hands and onto the seaweed is more difficult than they expected.

"My husband and I love sushi and spend a fortune going out for it," said Valerie Cook, an Independence Township resident who enrolled in the hands-on class.

Left to their own devices, Cook said she and her husband would

probably consume the costly Japanese food for dinner once a week.

"But, you can't get it here in Clarkston," she lamented.

While the Clarkston area is booming in population and development — and likely attracting a diversity of individuals with a variety of tastes — satisfying the most sophisticated of palates seems to be an area where the community is lagging at present.

On the other hand, sushi lovers also seem to relish in the food's rarity and the fact that many people will never brave consuming raw fish, a traditional sushi filling.

"It's the thrill. It's a change," said Dale Thomas, an avid sushi lover from Waterford who enrolled in the class. "I probably like it because people say, 'You eat sushi?'"

The ingredients are simple enough: fresh, uncooked fish for traditionalists, vegetables and a



Healthy and delicious: Students were able to sample their work in the hands-on sushi making class.

variety of fillings — from cream cheese to smoked salmon for vegetarians and novices who are still clinging to an American flavor, plus rice and dried seaweed.

As the forum's teacher, Kristine Mulhorn, put it, "It doesn't take much to satisfy the Japanese palate when it comes to ingredients."

The challenge in Japanese cooking, said Mulhorn, of Clarkston, "is learning what it should taste like."

Mulhorn delved into the world of Japanese cuisine after meeting and marrying a man of Japanese descent, Ayumu Yokoyama, who assisted her in teaching the class and answered students' questions about sushi etiquette.

While Mulhorn's students were obviously quite familiar with sushi, the process of assembling it — never mind detecting subtle distinctions in flavor — proved rather challenging.

Again, simplicity is at work; but, like they say, never judge a book by its cover.

Prepare the rice, place a piece of dried seaweed on a rolling mat and cover about two-thirds of it with rice, leaving space in the middle for fillings. Add fillings and roll.

The first problem comes with determining exactly how much rice to unfold onto each sheet of seaweed. Too much will cause the sushi to break apart after the roll is cut into small sections, Mulhorn said.

Perhaps the most challenging task is getting a handful of rice, which serves as an adhesive in the dish, out of one's hands and onto the seaweed.

"This is very gooey, sticky work," Mulhorn said, offering a few words of encouragement, as her students struggled to remove excess rice from their fingertips and wrists, giggles and smiles

abounding. "You can't be afraid to get messy," she said.

Jaysen Paulson, 15, of Clarkston, who enrolled in the class because he's interested in "anything Japanese," wasn't afraid to get messy. He had second thoughts, though, when it came time to retrieving a napkin from a plastic bag without using his rice-covered hands.

The rolling process is also more difficult than it appears and requires a light touch. Unlike, for example, rolling together the contents of a pita sandwich — which can be done somewhat willfully — sushi requires the use of a bamboo mat to gently guide the outer seaweed layer into a roll shape.

While some students' creations turned out more uniform than others, Mulhorn pointed out that every piece of sushi is ultimately unique in color and design — a work of art.

Japanese culture isn't afraid of asymmetry, she said, showing her students the half-circle and hemisphere-shaped platters that she uses to present and serve sushi in her home.

After demonstrating how to cut and arrange sushi, as well as prepare wasabi — a throat- and nose-blazing sushi condiment — Mulhorn relinquished her students' creations for consumption.

Grins were everywhere in the room, as the students sat down with their chopsticks and sides of wasabi and soy sauce in preparation for the feast.

After a few "umms" and "ahhs" — not to mention, many wasabi wet eyes — the motivation behind the students' quest to master this painstaking craft was obvious.

"It's the opposite of fast food. It's slow food," said Thomas. "It's an atmosphere. It's an experience."

Clarkston High School achievers named

Two Clarkston High School administrators — Principal Brent Cooley and Advanced Placement Coordinator Judith Medlin — have announced the outstanding achievements of students on the May 1998 advanced placement examinations.

Nine students at Clarkston High School have been named AP scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level advanced placement examinations. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP examinations. Only 13 percent of more than 635,000 students who took the examination in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams).

At Clarkston High School: ■ One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams, and grades of three or higher on four or more of the exams. The student was David Haverstick.

■ Eight students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations with grades of three or higher. The AP scholars are Derek Bannasch, Courtney Bomier, Elizabeth Cook, Adam Graves, Lynda Gronlund, Shaun Manning, Eric Romein and Catherine Thorndycraft.

■ Of this year's award recipients, two are juniors and/or underclassmen: Eric Romein and Catherine Thorndycraft. These students have at least one more year in which to do college-level work and possibly earn another advanced placement award.

AP examinations, which stu-

dents take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a five-point scale (five being the highest).

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, NOV. 5

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg: Bingo. No charge. While NWOCSS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For additional information, call 634-9570.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Noon. Independence Township Senior Center. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries group style on the second Wednesday of each month with free cake and ice cream. Those celebrating birthdays also receive a free lunch at the center on their special day. If your birthday falls on a weekend or holiday, celebrate on the next day that we're open. The center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston.

VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH

Noon. Independence Township Senior Center. All veterans are invited to be our guest for lunch. Share with us your memorabilia and if you have your uniform, feel free to wear it. We ask all veterans who will be participat-

ing to call 625-8231 for reservations at least 24 hours in advance. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston.

BLOOD DRIVE

2-8 p.m. Andersonville Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room, Andersonville and Big Lake Roads, Clarkston.

NOV. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21

DEPOT THEATER

7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Clarkston Village Players present Bullshot Crummond by Ron House, Diz White, John Nevill-Andrews, Alan Sherman and Derek Cunningham in association with Samuel French Inc. A parody of low budget 30s detective movies, it pits Teutonic villain Otto Von Bruno and his evil mistress against the famed Bullshot Crummond. The fiendish duo kidnap Professor Fenton and his diamond formula. Beseched by Rosemary, the professor's beautiful daughter, Bullshot defies the paralyzing Converse Forcefield, and in a wild and zany car chase rescues the professor and saves the world. This madcap comedy is fat with laughs. \$9 Thursdays, \$10 Fridays & Saturdays. Theater is located at 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. For tickets call 625-8811 or 625-2511.

SATURDAY NOV. 7

NATIVE AMERICAN TIES

1:30-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. The knowledge of plant and animal lore, canoes and maple sugaring are just a few gifts from Native Americans. Ages 10 and older will learn string figures, games and other skills of Native Americans. Cost \$2.50 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

VEGAS NIGHT

7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Sponsored by Clarkston Eagles, 5460 Maybee Road, Clarkston. \$5 entry fee includes 2 \$1 chips. \$500 maximum winnings. For additional information call 625-9838.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

BASIC ORIENTEERING

1 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Can't find your way out of a paper bag? Then this is the class for you! Learn basic map and compass skills, then navigate an outdoor course. Open to families, scouts and individuals. Ages: 4th grade and up. We will provide the compasses. (Not appropriate for young

children or folks who are experienced orienteers.) Free. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

ONE STOP SHOPPING NIGHT

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Road (Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road East), Clarkston. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 599 as a fund-raiser for their August trip to the national Girl Scout headquarters in Georgia. Many vendors will be selling products; the girls will sell crafts and Clarkston Wolves blankets and will be having a Beanie Baby raffle.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

7:30-9 p.m. Independence Township Library, Heritage Room. Informal discussion of quality fiction and nonfiction led by Patience Beer. Book for November is Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood. Everyone is welcome. No registration needed. The library is at 6495 Clarkston Road (east of Main St.) in Clarkston. Call 625-2212 for more information.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m. Scenitments Student Floral Shop, Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus, 8211 Big Lake Road, Clarkston.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

CLARKSTON VARSITY AND POM PONY CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clinic for girls grades 3 through 8. Held in new Clarkston High School gymnasium. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Forms are available at each of the elementary and middle schools with limited registration available the morning of the clinic. Will need white-soled tennis shoes, shorts, T-shirt and a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Cost \$15. Join the fun with the award winning pom squads of Clarkston Community Schools. Girls will be taught age appropriate dance techniques and routines, with performances being held for family and friends at 2:15 in the gym.

FALL STAR PARTY

7:30-9:30 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Crisp nights remind us that winter is near. In the sky, Orion is rising higher and higher, always facing Taurus the bull. Enjoy an evening of star gazing through the Oakland Astronomy Club's telescopes (clouds permitting)

and the Starlab planetarium. Round out the night's activities with a craft and snack. Not suitable for preschoolers. Cost \$2. per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

BASKET WEAVING

2 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Who says basket-weaving is only for college athletes? Test your skill at constructing a hand-woven basket, then fill it with fresh mums for a lovely fall centerpiece. Ages: 3rd grade to Adult. Cost: \$2 per person. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

MONDAYS THROUGH

NOV. 16

VATICAN II: HISTORY & DOCUMENTS

6-9 p.m. St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Learn more about the historical events and documents that made such a difference in the Catholic church. Course will include discussion and sharing on the impact of the Second Vatican Council on parish life. \$85 for 10-week series or \$5 per session up to a maximum of \$35; book \$14. Highly recommended for parishioners involved in parish leadership or ministries and anyone interested in church and church history in general. Call 625-1750 for more information.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m. Annual auction will be held at the Independence Township Library Meeting Room, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Auction following business meeting. Items to be auctioned are craft projects made by members, baked goods and homemade candies. All monies raised help projects that the club donates to such as the library, Youth Assistance and the Lighthouse. Any questions, call Gail at 623-9462 or 335-6986.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

THANKSGIVING DINNER

6 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. It's a time to be thankful and enjoy the harvest of the season. Join your friends for a great turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There will be musical and vocal entertainment. Cost: \$7 per person. Avoid the rush-register early call 625-8231. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston.

Rotary Raffle Party planned for this weekend

The Clarkston Rotary Club is offering an evening of raffle drawings and entertainment for the 17th consecutive year. The Raffle Party will be held at the Deer Lake Racquet Club, White Lake Road in Clarkston, beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7.

There will be a floor show, buffet and cash bar. The floor show will feature Totally Unrehearsed Theater, a comedy workshop troupe, performing extemporaneous skits involving audience participation.

First prize is set at \$10,000; the first runner-up prize is \$1,000, and the second runners-up will receive \$250. The donation to Clarkston Rotary is \$150 per couple.

Clarkston Rotary, chartered on May 8, 1940, continues to do things "people think just happen." The club supplies and installs the Christmas decorations on Main Street, sponsors the Labor Day Parade, and supported the 1997 blitz build for Habitat for Humanity, providing dollar support as

well as building-trade skills and supervision.

Also, each Christmas hundreds of pairs of shoes and boots are provided to those in need, in conjunction with local churches providing mittens, hats and scarves.

Past projects have included annual college scholarships, two vans for the Independence Senior Center, medical equipment to Kiev, Ukraine, for the Children of Chernobyl, and flag poles for Independence Township.

Currently, Clarkston Rotary has sponsored the drilling of a well at a hospital in Nigeria. The club has also sponsored an Interact Club to provide a service club avenue for extracurricular activities at Clarkston High School. Funding for these and many other projects is dependent on the Annual Raffle Party, the Holiday Goodfellows Paper Sale and the club's spring fund-raising Kentucky Derby Party.

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Agency's aim is Thanksgiving Day meals for seniors

BY BARR PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Sitting down to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey, stuffing and a slice of pumpkin pie should be a given, but for some Oakland County seniors it will actually be a gift.

That is, as long as the generous donations of food usually given by people across the county start pouring into the Oakland/Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA). The agency sponsors an annual food drive that benefits low-income and disadvantaged seniors, said administrator Joyce Allen.

As of the last week in October, OLHSA had 75 names on the list of those in need of a helping hand for Thanksgiving.

"People start calling earlier every year and we have them calling every day now," Allen said. "We generally end up servicing between 100 and 200 seniors for Thanksgiving."

Donations come from a variety of sources including other senior citizens, employees at local auto plants who take up collections, church groups and scores of individuals.

Items such as canned goods, small stewing chickens and small turkeys and hams are welcomed. Donations that include the trimmings, like sweet pota-

toes and stuffing, are also greatly appreciated by the seniors. Most love the chance to prepare the holiday meal in their own kitchens, too.

"They don't mind if the pies and cakes aren't cooked either. They love to make their own sweet potato pie," Allen said. "And also their own homemade stuffing."

Beyond food, community members often donate gift certificates to grocery stores like Farmer Jack and Kroger, Allen said.

No county funds supplement the 9-year-old program. The seniors' meals are all strictly provided by donations.

"I started this because I saw so much need for it with the type of work I do," Allen said. "So many of these seniors have to pay a utility bill or a house note and they aren't able to purchase food."

Allen worked in a similar post when OLHSA was known as the Office of Economic Opportunity in the late 1960s. She left that position for similar employment in Pontiac. She returned to OLHSA offices a decade ago and plans on staying for good this time.

Garnering financial assistance for the needy keeps Allen busy at the agency's Intake and Service Department, which helps people who need of assistance



Help for the holiday: OLHSA's Joyce Allen, left, helps Dorothy Gonzales of Pontiac look over donated items that will be used for Thanksgiving food baskets.

paying their utility bills and rent or who are already homeless and

need food stamps.

"We get monies from grants

and from begging, like I do,"

said Allen, who despite the

■ 'So many ... seniors have to pay a utility bill or a house note and they aren't able to purchase food.'

Joyce Allen
OLHSA

struggle her work sometimes presents, enjoys the task just the same. "We really try and we do the best we can here."

Thanksgiving food donations will be accepted from Nov. 2 to Nov. 24. They can be dropped off at the OLHSA Intake and Service Department between 8 and 11 a.m. or 1 to 4 p.m. The center is located in the basement food stamp entrance, 196 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac.

In most cases seniors are expected to pick up their meal packages at the center. For those who are unable to get to the agency, delivery is available "on a very limited basis," Allen said.

"This program is really special to me because this time of year is my favorite," Allen said. "I like to make homemade dressing, chitlins and greens and sweet potato pie myself. It's really the only time all year when I get a chance to bake anything."

For more information on OLHSA's food donation program, call Allen at (248) 209-2682.

Oakland Community College graduates are in high demand

Employers seem to like Oakland Community College graduates. Six months after graduation, 96 percent of alumni had jobs, "even during times of high unemployment," says the two-year college's Office of Institutional Research.

And now employers are being invited to join advisory committees not only on technical applied science programs, but also on the liberal arts and business programs.

"Continued guidance on the direction of our degrees" is how OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson described the Oct. 26 meeting of 36 people — half faculty and administrators of OCC, half representatives of businesses and governments that employ graduates.

The assembly was broken down into

three 'focus groups' of 12 persons each," said college spokesman George Cartsonis, "to consider three categories of OCC degrees — liberal art, business and applied science." It was the first of several sessions of the Business and Community Alliance. The next will be March 8.

What did the focus groups have to say about each curriculum?

■ **Liberal arts** — Although designed for students transferring to a university, its graduates impress employers with the "flexibility, breadth of outlook and critical thinking attributes," reported Imogene Bailey, counselor at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Judith Eaton, personnel director of Oakland County, said liberal arts grad-

uates show awareness of the broader world, critical thinking and communications skills. Liberal art includes English, humanities, science, social science and math.

■ **Business administration** — This, too, was designed as a transfer degree for universities with a foundation in accounting, economics and math.

The advisory group said instructors, as well as students, need to keep current with "real life" experience in the workplace including "externships" for faculty.

■ **Applied science** — The 100 or so technical specialties prepare students for entry-level employment in fields ranging from dental hygiene to robotics. Industry advisers liked the general edu-

cation component, though one suggested the physical ed requirement be dropped in favor of more class hours in the specialty.

Others disagreed, saying "it's our job to finish them up" after graduates get a good foundation at OCC.

Thompson said there has been upward pressure on the number of credit hours to earn both an associate degree at a community college and a master's degree from a university graduate school.

In many vocational specialties, the associate degree now requires 75 credit hours instead of 62. Master's degree programs have tended to grow from 32 to 45 credit hours. With a few exceptions, the bachelor's degree requirement

has stayed at 124 credit hours, Thompson said.

Graduates earn more when they find jobs in their areas of study, the Office of Institutional Research said.

In the class of 1996-97, those working in related fields earned slightly more than \$30,000; those in unrelated fields reported incomes of about \$22,400.

But more graduates are finding work in the fields they studied, the research showed. A decade ago, 58 percent of students found related jobs; currently, three-fourths found jobs related to their field of study.

Written by Tim Richard of this newspaper's staff from reports by the Office of Institutional Research and George Cartsonis, college spokesman.

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Clarkston trio headed to state harrier meet

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Stan Ford knew his Lake Orion boys cross-country team would have to put together their best effort of the season to advance out the Holly Regional.

The Dragons simply delivered.

In the most competitive Class A regional in the state, Lake Orion placed two runners in the top five and placed second overall with 90 points at Springfield Oaks, landing the Dragons in the Lower Peninsula Class state meet this Saturday at Michigan Speedway.

"I would have to say that this was

probably our best overall, most balanced effort of the season," said Ford. "And even if it weren't our best effort, I'd lie and say it was because we qualified out of this regional, which is by far the toughest in the state."

Milford won the title with 83 points, while White Lake Lakeland, the defending Class A state champion, finished third with 100. The top three teams plus the top 10 individual not on qualifying teams advance to the state meet.

Meanwhile, Clarkston and Brighton, which finished with 103 and 105 points, respectively, were left on the outside looking in. Oxford finished 11th with 292 points.

"It's disappointing because we came close again," said Clarkston coach Mike Taylor. "But that's the way it goes sometimes."

Lake Orion senior Jordan Desilets used a powerful kick in the last 500 meters to win the race with a 15:54 clocking, edging Walled Lake Central junior Todd Mobley by six seconds.

Lake Orion senior Eric Lohr finished fifth, while junior Spencer Aston (26th), senior Mark Rice (28th) and senior Pete Minton (30th) rounded out the scoring for the Dragons.

Clarkston juniors David Sage (6th) and Matt Haver (7th) also qualified as

individuals.

"Jordan ran another good race, but one big key was Eric Lohr finishing fifth," said Ford. "He beat David Sage for the first time and by him finishing in the top five, that made a huge difference."

In the girls meet, Brighton defended its title with 81 points, while South Lyon (132) and Romeo (149) took the other two qualifying spots.

Clarkston was sixth (209), Lake Orion took 11th (261) and Oxford, competing in its first season in Class A, placed 15th with 341 points.

Romeo freshman Teresa Bongionanni

took individual honors with a 19:38 showing. Oxford junior Karen LeRoy was clocked in 19:41 to place fourth and Clarkston senior Jennifer Rooding placed 18th in 20:23 to round out the local individuals qualifiers.

The fourth place showing marked the third straight year that LeRoy has made the qualifying cut.

"She's had a good year and she ran really well at the regional," said Oxford coach Ray Sutherland, noting that LeRoy placed 12th at last year's Class B meet to gain all-state recognition. "I think she has a very good shot to medal based on the times she's had this season and her capabilities."

Laker spurt dooms Clarkston

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Clarkston Wolves successfully sagged in on West Bloomfield's taller post players early in Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association Division I girls basketball game.

Unfortunately for the Wolves, it was only for a little while.

The Lakers, who lead the OAA I after jumping from Division II, pounded away inside early in the third quarter and pulled away for a 50-31 win over Clarkston.

West Bloomfield (13-4 overall, 8-2 OAA I) took a half-game lead on Troy Athens, which was off Tuesday night.

The Lakers used an effective combination of inside power and outside touch to put the Wolves (7-10) away in the second half.

"Our inside players did pretty much what they wanted to do," Laker head coach Lance Davis said. "When (Clarkston) did sag on us inside, we got it back out and started hitting some threes."

The key stretch came at the start of the third quarter. West Bloomfield nursed a 21-18 lead into halftime, then got inside consistently and outscored the Wolves 13-0 in the first 5:30 of the third quarter to take a 34-18 lead.

Six-foot-one senior Kim Kilpela and 5-11 junior Heather Robbins did most of the damage during the run, combining for eight points. As soon as the Wolves collapsed on Kilpela (13 points), senior guard Heather Pederson drained a 3-pointer to keep Clarkston honest.

Clarkston's Corinne McIntyre hit two free throws and Lindsey Prudhomme hit a running jumper from the baseline with 13 seconds left to account for Clarkston's only third-quarter points.

McIntyre and sophomore Sarah Morgan, Clarkston's two best available post players, sat out parts of the second quarter, and that might have hurt the Wolves. Clarkston also played without two of its top players, junior Rachel Uchman and freshman Kaye Christie, each out with illness.

"Corinne and Sarah were probably a little tight (when they came back in),"



Photo by Jeff Kinszel

In between: Clarkston's Lindsey Prudhomme (4) gets by West Bloomfield's Heather Robbins (background) and encounters Kim Kilpela on her way to the basket during the Wolves' 50-31 loss to the Lakers Tuesday.

Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said. "West Bloomfield is huge. You can't coach size. We probably should have tried to get them in the air and get some fouls, but we didn't."

The Wolves hung tough through the first half. The teams were tied 11-11 after the first eight minutes. Sarah Morgan had four points in the period, and Candace Morgan drained a 3-pointer. Kristen Falk's jumper from just inside the arc tied the score.

After former Laker Deana Kanipe hit a layup early in the second, West

Bloomfield went on a 7-0 spurt. But Heather Combs hit a 12-foot jumper with 1:35 left, and Candace Morgan converted a three-point play with 42 seconds left to pull Clarkston within 20-18.

Kanipe hit a 3-pointer to start the fourth and added a layup later. Sarah Morgan and Lindsey Prudhomme scored the only other Clarkston points.

Clarkston is at Rochester today (Thursday) and hosts Troy Tuesday. Game time both nights is 7 p.m.

Gridders look to successful future

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite not making the state playoffs for the second year in a row, the Clarkston football team proved in 1998 that it has become a perennial power Oakland County.

After utilizing a strong passing attack for three years behind quarterback Dane Fife, the 6-3 Wolves used an option attack and nearly made the playoffs with a first-year quarterback and an extremely young offensive line.

Head coach Kurt Richardson said the changes forced many players to take on different roles, and he was pleased with the results.

"The biggest adjustment with our option was for our wide receivers," said Richardson, whose squad won all four of its non-divisional games. "Guys like (senior) Erich Poley had to learn to become a good downfield blocker and didn't get as many catches. I think the backs really handled the change well."

Clarkston jumped out to a 5-0 start before running into the toughest part of its schedule. They fell 7-6 to Troy at home in week six, then lost by four points on

the road at Rochester Adams. In both of those games, Clarkston had a chance to win down the stretch but costly turnovers proved to be the difference.

"You could say we should've won the Troy game, I don't know," said Richardson. "But in both of those games we're driving with a chance to win and losing the ball is just a killer."

After rebounding with a victory at Berkley, the Wolves still had slim chances of a playoff berth, but fell in the season finale to a determined Lake Orion team by 11 after the visiting Dragons jumped out to a 19-0 halftime lead.

But there were many positive moments for Clarkston. The first thing that jumps to Richardson's mind was the thrilling 14-13 come-from-behind victory over Pontiac Northern in week five in which the Wolves drove the ball 83 yards in the last minute and a half, and won on the last play of the game when Chris Himburg kicked the extra point just after senior quarterback Eric Jenks scored on a one-yard plunge.

The Wolves also won close

games against Rochester (17-14) and Troy Athens (16-13). Combined with an impressive opening season victory over Waterford Kettering and a 57-point outburst against Brandon, Clarkston certainly proved its collective mettle.

These successes came despite the fact Clarkston was not supposed to win many games in the eyes of some local media outlets.

"I think the question with that is whose expectations are you talking about?" said Richardson. "I mean our coaches and the kids had high expectations for our team and we played very well much of the time."

He praised Jenks who improved in all areas, particularly as the season wore on. After rarely putting the ball in the air in the first four games of the season, Clarkston utilized its passing attack to a greater extent in the final five games and Jenks seemed to improve with each attempt.

A big reason for his improvement in throwing the ball was continuous work with assistant coach Mike Stefanski before and after regular practice.

"I think Eric made some

big strides," said Richardson. "Maybe as coaches we didn't do a good job with our plays (earlier in the season). Maybe we should have passed the ball more early on."

Richardson, who will return approximately half of his letterwinners to the varsity team in 1999, also gave kudos to seniors Ron Wells, Jeff Oliver, Steve Bradford, Mark Whiteman and Dave Chavers. Oliver competed well despite being severely undersized at the linebacker position and Bradford continually came up with big plays on defense from his position in the middle of the Clarkston defense.

Two other seniors who excelled on defense recovered from major injuries the previous season. Both Spencer Hynes and Matt Baker were consistent in the secondary as opposing teams rarely made big plays in their passing game.

"We'll miss our seniors quite a bit," Richardson said. "It was a good group of guys who all really worked hard."

Clarkston played arguably the toughest schedule in the state. Four opponents

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

McGrath hoops

Registration has begun for the 17th annual McGrath League basketball clinic at Clarkston High School.

The clinic is open to players in grades 4-9, and starts Dec. 5. Cost is \$65 for the first child, \$50 for additional children in the same family.

Registration deadline is Nov. 27. For more information, call the Clarkston athletic office, 623-4002.

Sessions are scheduled for Dec. 5, 12 and 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Sessions start with fourth-graders at 11 a.m. and run an hour apiece through 5 p.m.

Players who are playing more than one hour must get permission and pay for the additional time. The first three Saturdays are clinics; games take place the rest of the way.

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Track help

The Oxford Wildcats are looking for community assistance to get over some "hurdles."

The Wildcats would like to replace their hurdles before the 1999 track season starts next spring.

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Send donations to Oxford Wildcat Track Team Hurdle Fund, c/o Oxford High School, 1420 Lakeville Road, Oxford, MI 48371.

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■ Sandy Koufax (13-14) — Kevin Wilkinson, (313) 274-5405.

■ Mickey Mantle (15-16) — Jerry Kwiatkowski, (734) 379-4464, or Mike Ossy, (313) 278-3895.

■ Connie Mack (17-18) — Bob Radu, (734) 479-4955.

Specialized indoor training is set to start in February.

BRAD KADRICH

District hoop title could mean a close shave

I've done some silly things in the past, but I haven't done any lately, so it's time.

Oxford, which jumped up to Class A this season, and Clarkston are in the same girls' basketball district.

Lapeer East is the other major contender for the district title. In fact, the Eagles beat Clarkston in the final a year ago.

Neither the Wolves nor the Wildcats has had the kind of success they envisioned this season, especially Clarkston, which was the favorite in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race when the season started.

But with talent like Rachel Uchman, Corinne McIntyre and Deana Kanipe, plus youngsters like Kaye Christie and Sarah Morgan, the Wolves can certainly hang with the other district contenders.

And Oxford has Liz Holbrook and a superb defensive supporting cast.

So here's the deal: if EITHER of those teams wins the district title, the winner can shave my head right in the middle of the Oxford gymnasium.

That's right, Paul McDevitt: I said SHAVE MY HEAD. Here's the catch: I MUST hear from Clarkston's Deana Kanipe or Rachel Uchman or Oxford's Andrea Fedorinchik or Kim Welter this week. No substitutes; it must be one of those two for each team. The number is (248) 693-4900.

'Picking' on Kosmo

I know he's going to do it, and I think I can do it at least, as well, maybe better.

Kosmo, the sage seer for Oakland County's only daily paper, has been picking football games in Oakland County for years.

I only do it when one of our teams makes the playoffs, which means I haven't done it much lately, so I'm out of practice.

But I have a challenge for the Kosdog, if he's man enough to take it. I will pick the entire slate of Class AA and Class A state playoff games, all the way through each week, and I think I'll have a bigger winning percentage than the ol' Koz Monster.

(But no fair calling me a clown, as he did the last time I mentioned him in my column in 1992. Let's play nice.)

And here's the deal: If I win, I get a Kosmo T-shirt; he wins, it's lunch at Red Knapp's American Grill in Oxford.

Now, let's rock (sound familiar?)

Class AA, Region 1

Midland (7-2) at Grand Ledge (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Grand Ledge. Jenison (7-2) at Rockford (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Rockford.

Class AA, Region 2

Monroe (8-1) at Lake Orion (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Lake Orion. Westland John Glenn (8-1) at Brighton (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: John Glenn.

Class AA, Region 3

Dearborn Fordson (8-1) at Detroit Catholic Central (8-0). Pick: Catholic

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Central.
Troy (8-1) at Detroit Henry Ford (8-1). Pick: Troy.

Class AA, Region 4

Sterling Heights (7-2) at Sterling Heights Stevenson, 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Stevenson.

Rochester Adams (8-1) at Fraser (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Fraser.

Class A, Region 1

Midland Dow (7-2) at Flint Kearsley (9-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Kearsley.

Escanaba (8-1) vs. Saginaw (8-1) at Gaylord High School, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Saginaw.

Class A, Region 2

Okemos (8-1) at East Lansing (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Okemos.

Portage Central (8-81) vs. Hudsonville (8-1) at Grandville High School, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Hudsonville.

Class A, Region 3

Hartland (7-2) at Farmington Hills Harrison (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Harrison.

Redford Union (9-0) at Dearborn (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Dearborn.

Class A, Region 4

Oxford vs. Pontiac-Northern at Wisner Stadium, 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Oxford.

Oak Park (8-1) vs. Detroit Central (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Detroit Central.

So there they are. Easy pickins' for somebody as good as ol' Koz.

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When Lake Orion had put the finishing touches on its 19-8 win Friday in the regular season finale, Wolves head coach Kurt Richardson was emphatic in his praise of the Dragons' defense.

Many coaches who have faced the Dragons this year have said the same thing: Lake Orion plays excellent defense.

Considering the offensive output of the Monroe Trojans, Lake Orion's playoff opponent Friday, the coaches better be right.

The Trojans, who finished 8-1 in the regular season, averaged 37 points a game. They scored more than 45 points four different times, including a wild 54-50 win over Adrian in the regular season finale last week.

Monroe's offensive capabilities are front-and-center on the minds of Lake Orion coaches.

"They've got good speed and a lot of size," Dragon head coach Chris Bell said. "They run the Wing-T, but they run a lot of things out of it. They're very good offensively. We're going to have to be very fundamentally sound."

The Trojans are quarter-

backed by senior Brad Ruman, who is the school's top all-time passer. He scored the game-winning touchdown with 15 seconds left in Friday's win over Adrian, which erased a 50-47 lead and propelled the Trojans into the playoffs.

"He's had a good year," said Monroe coach Ralph Carducci, whose Trojans tied for the Michigan Mega Red title with Dearborn and Fordson. "His strength is his leadership. He's a captain, a tremendous leader for the team and he's a great kid."

The running game centers around senior halfback Carl Ford, with a solid support cast that features senior fullback Andy Marchese, junior fullback Chad Mosher and junior Kent Brinson. Marchese, for instance, scored on a 21-yard run Friday. Ford, who set a record for receiving yards, also rushed for 129 yards against Adrian.

"He's phenomenal," Bell said of Ford. "Their offense centers around him. He's the real deal."

If the Trojans can be had, it's defensively. They produced three shutouts this year, but gave up at least 40 points three times. Even their coach acknowledged defense is their weak spot.

"Our defense has been spotty,"

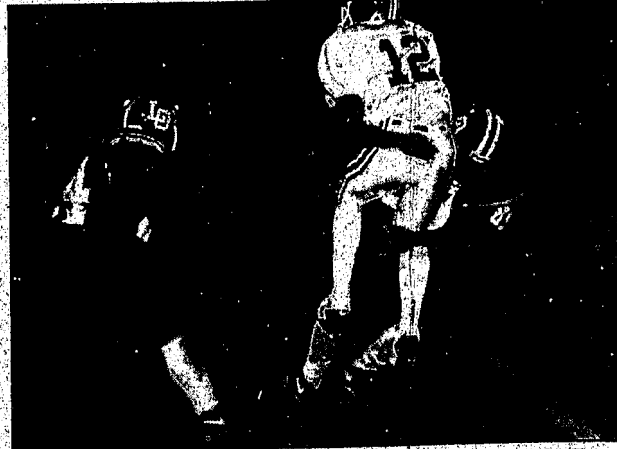


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Defensive posture: Lake Orion's Dave McKay and Zak Keasey (left) take care of Rochester quarterback Chris Potts.

Carducci admitted. "We've done OK, but some teams have scored a lot of points on us."

Bell believes big plays will be one of several keys to the game. He knows his defense has to contain Monroe.

"We have to keep their big plays down," Bell said. "We can't turn the ball over, and field position will be huge."

Bell also noted that Monroe's defense could be had, as their point total surrendered might suggest.

"They play a lot of 4-4, with eight guys in the box," Bell said. "They try to cover man-to-man, and when you do that, you're going to give up big plays."

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(Rochester Adams, Troy, Lake Orion and Pontiac Northern) qualified for the playoffs and had a combined record of 31-5. Waterford Kettering won seven of its last eight games and won the OAA Division II championship outright after beating Birmingham Seaholm on the road in their final game.

Brandon shared the OAA Division III championship with Birmingham Groves and finished 6-3.

Even Berkley, who won only three games this season, pummeled OAA Division IV champion and playoff qualifier Oak Park in the final week of the season.

But Richardson doesn't take any particular gratification with seeing so many of Clarkston's opponents still playing this weekend.

"It doesn't help the hurt we have from not making the playoffs," he said. "It's a tough schedule for sure, but we still wanted to get in."

Things won't get any easier for Clarkston next season when they play the same nine squads. But some things will change, most notably the offense.

Clarkston will go back to a pro-

style set, mixing the passing and running games. Junior Ross Martello and junior varsity quarterback Ryan Kaul will compete for the starting quarterback job, a decision which will be made in large part based on their success in quarterbacking camps.

"The option was a one-year deal to take advantage of (Jenks') running ability," said Richardson. "We're going back to the offense we used before."

And prospects are positive for another strong season. Nearly the entire offensive line returns intact, led by Bubba Clement and Brent Schermerhorn.

Tailback Chris Mitchell, who was leading OAA Division I in rushing before suffering a concussion against Pontiac Northern, also returns.

On defense, linebacker Jeremy Williams and corner Rocky Lund are expected to be the leaders and Richardson hopes they improve as a unit against the run, an area which proved to be Clarkston's Achilles Heel in the first half against Lake Orion when Steve Seargeant of the Dragons helped give the visitors a commanding lead early.

"These kids have made some commitments for the season and for Friday nights," said Richardson of his returning unit. "We started off-season work today and I think there were about 30 kids in the weightroom."

"It's so important to have a good off-season working out and a good summer practice," he added.

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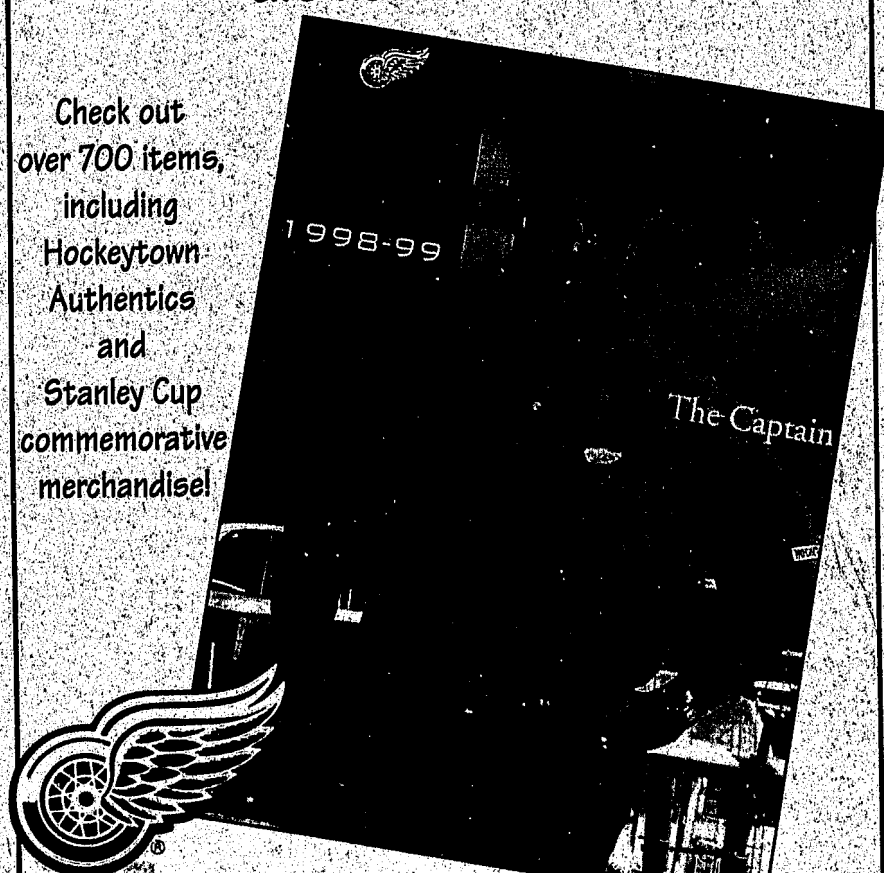
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ARCHERY

Time is right for hunters to cross paths with prey

The mature buck ambled up over the top of the oak ridge with his nose predictably glued to the damp, forest floor. He stepped briskly and confidently along the crest of the hardwood ridge following a path to some heavy bedding cover down below. Not surprisingly, it was the same path three does had followed just minutes earlier.

It was mid-afternoon on a brisk fall day in the peak of Michigan's whitetail rut.

The warm and welcomed morning sunshine had melted the frost and dampened the forest floor, which made moving quietly much easier for both predator and prey.

Unable to remain in my stand any longer since I was already cutting it close and was due at work in little over an hour, I was sneaking my way back to the car, along an adjacent ridge, when the buck appeared to my left.

I had just enough time to drop to my knees and duck behind a small, sparse patch of thistle before the high-tined, 8-point crested the ridge.

I watched from 30-yards away as the beautiful buck crossed behind me and headed further down the ridge.

I held tight in my impromptu blind and let the buck pass before I made a move. Once I was out of his direct line-of-vision I turned slowly, raised my bow and gave a soft, subtle grunt on my tube call.

The buck stopped in his tracks. He swiftly swung his head in my direction to look for the boisterous intruder.

He was closer to 50-yards away now and looking directly at me. I worried that he'd see my hazy breath hanging in the cold fall air, or hear the deafening beat of my heart as it thumped away in my ears.

His large, dark eyes quickly surveyed the ridge and when he found no adversary the buck grunted three times then turned to a nearby young beech tree and thrashed the sapling back-and-forth with his mighty antlers.

After he had ripped up the tree enough to leave a slightly message the buck turned back to his task and rambled down the ridge and out of sight.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

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 more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West

The rut is on. Bucks are on the move and does are on the run.

Over the next couple of weeks nature provides bow hunters with a terrific opportunity to cross paths with a mature buck.

When the mating urge strikes a buck instinct takes over and locating a receptive doe is of utmost importance. Feeding and resting become secondary endeavors. With his sex drive in overdrive, a rutting buck is always on the lookout for an estrus doe.

Bucks are more active and on the move more during the rut than at any other time of the year.

Serious bow hunters will spend as much time as humanly possible in the woods over the next few weeks.

Bucks will abandon some of their survival tricks - like becoming nocturnal - during the rut.

They'll leave their traditional heavy cover at all hours of the day and will frequent areas that consistently hold does. If you've been hunting an area and seen lots of does but not many bucks, sit tight. The boys are on the way.

Hunting scrapelines during the rut can also be a productive technique.

If you locate a hot scrape, or a line of scrapes, be careful not to disturb them - don't touch them or walk on them - and don't contaminate the area with human scent.

Set-up your blind on the downwind side of a scrape or scrapeline, approximately 18-25 yards off the trail.

Be sure you have a clear shot and don't be afraid to clear a few twigs and branches to ensure a clear shot.

Bucks will often use their nose to check scrapes from downwind and won't go directly to the scrape.

Know the area you're hunting and be sure you have open shots to the areas you expect a buck to travel.

Get out and enjoy Michigan's bountiful autumn.

Hunt hard and be safe.

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MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. 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.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The first half of the archery deer season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season runs Nov. 15-30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3 statewide. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

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.

ELK

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

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.

GROUSE

Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

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

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

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season ended Nov. 2 statewide.

QUAIL

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Nov. 14 are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays; noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; On Saturday and Sunday the rifle and pistol range is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first; and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. 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) 693-6767 for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

1998 PERMITS

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

FINDING YOUR WAY

Junior Girl Scouts can complete all the requirements for the Finding Your Way badge during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Indian Springs. Participants should call ahead for times and pre-registration is required.

SLOPPING THE HOGS

Ages five and older can help feed and water the farm animals during this program, which begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Kensington.

BASIC ORIENTEERING

Families, homeschoolers and scouts ages nine and older will learn beginner map and compass skills during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Indian Springs.

WATERFOWL WATCH

Take a drive through the park and view some of the many kinds of ducks and water birds that migrate through the area during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 at Kensington.

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Adams optimistic as playoffs approach

BY JOR KYRIAKOZA
STAFF WRITER

Rochester Adams coach Jim DeJaeger was optimistic when he remembered that he had game film on Fraser, the Highlanders' state playoff opponent this Saturday at 1 p.m. The tape comes from the preseason when the Highlanders joined Fraser, Detroit Denby and Birmingham Groves in a four-way scrimmage. But things are a bit different with the Ramblers since then.

Try a future Big Ten quarterback playing at the top of his game, a 1,400-yard rusher and a perfect record (9-0) to name a few.

"That was so long ago," DeJaeger said, whose 8-1 Highlanders will play at Fraser. "They're a much different team. I did take that film out and I thought I had something. But (Fraser quarterback Jim) Sorgi didn't play much. They're just a much better team than what we saw."

That's because Fraser's high-powered offense, led by Wisconsin-bound Sorgi, has racked up 287 points (31.8 per game) and super-charged the Ramblers through the Macomb Athletic Conference with relative ease.

"We're a team that likes to throw the ball," Fraser coach Ray Barr said, "but we're very diversified on offense. We're a very explosive offense that can score in two or three plays."

But Adams' defense isn't too shabby, either, having given up only 94 points (10.4 ppg) this season.

"I know we're facing a very good defense," Barr, in his 10th year at Fraser, said. "We have to work hard on offense."

The Highlanders' defense, though one of the best in the Oakland Activities Association, has an extremely tough challenge in stopping the Ramblers' scoring attack.

"This is probably the best defense Adams High School has ever had. We've faced some very

good quarterbacks and some solid running backs. But the big difference is Fraser has both," DeJaeger said, speaking of Sorgi and tailback John Hammer. "We haven't seen a one-two punch like this tandem."

And while Barr can breathe easily with a duo like Sorgi and Hammer, DeJaeger can only cross his fingers and hope that his two key starters in the backfield — senior quarterback Kirk Anderson and senior wingback Lee Ritter — are ready to go. Anderson suffered a concussion against Rochester last Friday and Ritter is also slowly recuperating from an injury.

"Everybody's cautiously optimistic about (Anderson) being ready to play," said DeJaeger, whose Highlanders have reached the state playoffs for the second straight season. "We're not sure if (Ritter) will be healthy for the game. He's kind of iffy right now."

DeJaeger places much weight on third down conversions determining the outcome of the game. The Highlanders have struggled to convert 30 percent of its third downs, which is a glaring concern to the coach.

"I think it's going to come down to third downs and doing everything we can to make ourselves more efficient," DeJaeger said. "We're not very good at that. I think we're 30 percent on third downs which is amazing with our record."

Fraser's senior leadership has been the catalyst of its success this season. Barr's roster boasts 28 seniors. "This has been a great senior class," said the veteran coach, who has led the Ramblers to five state playoff appearances, including a stretch of four straight (1991-94).

Besides the traditional advantages of hosting a big game — a familiar field, adrenalin from the crowd — Fraser plays on a field without lights, which means the game takes place in daylight and which means it will be a new experience for Adams this season. The Highlanders have played all of their contests on Friday evenings.

"I think it's a slight advantage," Barr said.

But DeJaeger doesn't see a difference.

"I think it'll be OK," he said. "Last year (playoffs) against Detroit King (won 44-28), we got the kids up early and went out to breakfast. By game time they were fine. We're up at 8:30 on Saturday mornings for practice anyway."

But when the pads are donned and bodies are bashing Saturday afternoon, Adams will steer its thoughts away from intangibles and turn to old reliable — its defense, one which exudes an unmatched intensity and leadership. Led by first-year defensive coordinator Jeff Howell, Adams has found success shutting down the run as well as the pass during the season. Experienced leaders such as senior two-year starter Brandon Bradney and three-year starter Andy Avery, junior linebacker Tony Cribari, and the senior duo of twin brothers Mark and Luke Lazzo at the corner positions are responsible for the Highlanders' winning ways.

"It's mainly a very senior group," DeJaeger said of his defense. "Our four down linemen are seniors. We have a very experienced group up front."

The Lazzo brothers not only bring strong cornerback skills, but an intense competitive spirit.

"They are excellent cover corners," DeJaeger said. "They can really stymie the deep threat. They're also very good on run support."

"They're both all-state wrestlers, so they bring that competitive edge to the field with them."

Adams has posted impressive wins this season over the likes of Troy and Clarkston, so big games are not unfamiliar to them.

And Barr, who has a history against DeJaeger during previous coaching days, knows that as well.

"I'm sure Jim will have them ready to play," he said.

Colts begin playoffs with big road test

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

The signs are similar, now if only the results can be the same.

Three years ago and six years ago, Troy's football team began its state championship run with a playoff-opening win over Detroit Henry Ford. Saturday, the Colts engage on a similar voyage when they begin their quest for their second Class AA crown in the last four years with a contest against the Public School League Trojans.

The one difference between this affair and the last two, and it could be a crucial one, is the Colts will be the ones doing the traveling. Gaining the No. 3 spot after last week's regular season finale win over Troy Athens, the state's No. 8-ranked Colts begin post-season play on the road for the first time in their last six playoff appearances.

"This late in the year, we've already had four away games, so how you prepare shouldn't make a difference," Troy coach Gary Griffith said following Tuesday's practice. "Hopefully, we'll go in there and play well because they have a very good team. They have tremendous speed at the skill positions and some big horses up front."

Experience will be a strength for the Colts heading into their 1 p.m. battle with the Trojans (8-1) as a year ago they managed to win their opening-round game against Detroit Redford before coming up short in the blizzard bowl with Redford Catholic Central. Back from that squad are offensive stalwarts Michael Clinton, Tim Fralick and Mark Boehms. Thanks to the anchor up front provided by 6-6, 295-pound senior Brian Ottney, the Colts have aver-

aged nearly 33 points in defeating eight of their nine opponents.

Clinton-to-Fralick and Clinton-to-Boehms have been two popular ways the Colts have successfully moved the football. Clinton, in his second season as starter, has thrown for 1,400 yards and 15 touchdowns, 10 of which were hauled in by Fralick. Boehms has collected three TD passes.

Junior Sheldon Sofer should once again be the workhorse on the ground after totaling nearly 700 yards.

For the Trojans, whose lone loss came in Week 8 to Cass Tech, youth has been a blessing in the form of sophomore quarterback Damon Dowdell. The Trojan signal-caller has enjoyed a stellar varsity campaign, mixing in a big-play passing game with a solid running attack. The result has the Trojans racking up nearly 23 points per game.

"We have to go in there hoping to control the big play and make them drive the ball," Griffith said. "If it comes down to a foot race, we'll get smoked."

Senior wide outs Dennard Jackson and Durocher Miller have been two of Dowdell's favorite targets, while the fleet-footed Jeff Atkin has been the catalyst behind the running game.

Defensively, the Trojans have yielded just 51 points all season, thanks mainly to the efforts of senior tackle DeVaul Neal. Griffith feels coach Mike Marshall's Trojans will look to plug up the line of scrimmage with as many as eight players in the box.

"We're going to have to execute offensively to offset some of their size," Griffith said. "We need to hang on to the football and have our big guns come up with some big plays."

Charter Township of Springfield

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Raymond C. Garrison, 204 Hickey, P.O. Box 41, Davisburg, MI 48350, to allow construction of a detached accessory structure with 1) a front yard setback of 31.5 feet rather than the required 50 feet and 2) a rear yard setback of 24 feet rather than the required 35 feet. P.L. #07-17-226-004.

2. W.S. Walls, 4055 Parker Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, 1) to appeal administrative and Board of Appeals calculation of accessory building floor area, 2) request an interpretation of floor area to be suitable floor area and 3) to request up to six months to remove excess floor area if requests 1 & 2 are denied. Part of P.L. #07-18-376-007.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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500 Help Wanted General

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Spartan Stores, Inc. is looking for an individual to provide service to retailers in Metropolitan Detroit area. Accountabilities include product ordering, display, advertising, pricing, shelf replacement and general record keeping. Retail experience preferably in the grocery store as well as general knowledge of the supermarket industry. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required. Selling and organizational skills are a necessity. This position offers a competitive salary, flex benefits and 401k plan. To be considered for this position, send your resume in confidence to: Spartan Stores, Inc. Attn: Human Resources-GM, 9075 Hagerty Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170

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Edward Rose & Sons, a large property management firm seeks full-time, year-round, groundskeeper. Positions throughout metro Detroit. Position requires a large, responsible, individuals who enjoy working outdoors. Advancement available. Pay commensurate with experience. Please call: Toby at 248-535-2302 or fax resume to: P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154.

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RECEPTIONIST
Busy full service Novi salon looking for full & part time Receptionist. 248-344-9944

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HAIR CARE
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HAIRSTYLIST
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HAIRSTYLISTS BoRics Is Growing Again!
Our newest salons are set to open in the Super Kmart, Southgate and Canton. We are looking for experienced salon managers, assistant managers, full and part time stylists. We offer the best compensation package in the industry, all equipment provided, paid holidays & vacations, advancement opportunities and more. To join our team apply in person on Monday at BoRics, 1790 E. Toledo in the Sears Plaza or call Krista at 1-800-668-8464.

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500 Help Wanted General

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• Director of Sales
• Food & Beverage Director/Executive Chef
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At Red Roof Inns, our goal is 100% Guest Satisfaction. We are committed to delivering friendly service, superior value and exceptional accommodations. We're looking for friendly individuals who are dedicated to guest satisfaction. Computer skills helpful.

We offer BETTER BENEFITS FOR FULL TIME POSITIONS! Upon eligibility, we offer FULL TIME employees:

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Wanted immediately. Apartments and homes in Southfield, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. Willingness to work with older adults. Reliable transportation a must. Generous benefits. Call Carolyn Davidson at: (248) 559-1500 Equal Opportunity Employer

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Experienced. Excellent pay, benefits & retirement. Company vehicle. Year-round work. (734) 591-3310

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LEASING AGENT
Edward Rose & Sons, a large property management firm seeks to fill full-time and part-time leasing consultant positions throughout metro Detroit. Position requires energetic individuals with excellent communication skills. Sales or customer service experience helpful but not required. Advancement available. Pay commensurate with experience. Please call: Toby at 248-535-2302 or send resume to: P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154.

500 Help Wanted General
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR-Full time for mobile home park. Wages commensurate with experience & ability. Apply in person 9-4pm, Mon.-Fri., 22600 Middlebelt Rd., N. of 9 Mile.

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Experienced maintenance supervisor for mid-size apartment community. Experience in all aspects of maintenance including HVAC, live on-site or nearby. Competitive salary and benefits including pension.
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Experienced maintenance supervisor for a manufactured housing community located in Canton. Start immediately. Salary, benefits and spacious home included.
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2200 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI (Canton City Rd. S. of Ford Rd.)

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MANAGER PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT
Oakland County service firm seeks a high-energy individual with outstanding managerial skills to manage a publishing team (graphics, print, etc.). Candidates must have extensive supervisory experience dealing with personnel, budgets, and performance evaluations. Ability to function in a fast-paced environment with changing priorities required. If you like a variety of tasks, have a flexible attitude, and are a team player, send us your resume. Frequent overtime required. Box #11443 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

MANAGER
RESIDENT MANAGER & ASSISTANT MANAGER - needed for a new 100-unit apartment complex who are organized and detail oriented. Previous management experience a plus. Must live on site (no pets). Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: D.P., P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154.

★ MANAGER ★
Singh Management is seeking a highly motivated individual to manage Main Street Village downtown. NO QUALIFICATIONS: 2 yrs. experience in property management, apt. leasing, work well with the public and supervisor. Position offers competitive salary and benefits plus the opportunity to work with a growing and successful company. Call Marilyn at 248-885-1600 or FAX resume: 248-885-1630

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For Metro Detroit gasoline, C-store chain. Retail experience helpful. Will train. Send resume with salary requirements. Betsy Windsor, Dr., Troy, MI 48068

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Full-time position. Great area. Kim's Hair Salon (248) 553-2480

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Full-time position for full time employees. No experience necessary. Will train. Benefits. Ask for Linda. 10-248-345-7670

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Panel Wiring, experience for Industrial, Electrical Controls. Day shift, full time. IBEW Union shop and benefits.
Substitute Layout/Assembly positions for Industrial, Electrical Controls, will train. Accepting applications for full time positions. At Commerce Controls Inc., 41069 Vincenti Ct. (N. of Grand River & E. side of Meadowbrook) Novi, MI

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Responsible for materials control functions including receiving, production and inventory control, material storage and distribution shipping and traffic control. Good benefit package. Send resume to: P.O. Box 970132, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Roof related metal work. Company truck. Excellent pay & benefits. Send resume to: PO Box 55 Milford, MI 48361

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Major waste hauling company is seeking qualified individuals to fill 2nd shift positions. Must have minimum 2 years shop experience. Will pay additional \$0.15 per hour for up to 6 ASE certifications in heavy truck class (\$30 maximum total).
Additional benefits:
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• BFI
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Oil Change, Brake, tire and alignment a plus. Working bet. Troy & Southfield (2 locations). 800-832-4762, 1297

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Small engine, 2 stroke & 4 stroke. Generator knowledge a plus. Great pay, great hours. Call Peter: 248-534-0534

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500 Help Wanted General
MECHANIC WANTED - working on heavy haulers on nights. With tools, experience, benefits & sign on bonus. Call Gary 1-800-878-2000

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Associates Degree in a related field or its equivalent in demonstrated skills. Ability to demonstrate troubleshooting, work with computer network systems, do staff and student training in hardware and software. Ability to do video production. Excellent communication skills. Please send letter of interest and supporting documents to: Personnel Dept., Farmington Public Schools, 32500 Shilavasse, Farmington, MI 48336-2183

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Nationwide Company seeking billers. PC required, no experience necessary. Earn \$31,500+ potential. Call 1-800-824-1478.

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Established Mortgage Co. is expanding its headquarters in Southfield and is adding 2 processors. 2-3 yrs. experience in either Conforming 30, 45, or 60 FVA lending required. Compensation package includes outstanding salary & bonuses. Our impressive new facility & comfortable environment can't be beat. Join the fastest growing mortgage team in MI. Fax resume or call for confidential interview. Operations Manager, Homeowner Financial Services, Phoenix, AZ 85008-2800 or fax: (248) 228-2801

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Programming a plus. Wages based on experience. Health Insurance, 401K after 90 days. Send resume to: P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154

★ NEW STORE ★
Bargain book store chain, opening soon in Great Lakes area. Manager, Sales Associates, Cashiers & Stockingers. Good experience preferred. Part-time hrs. Please call: 1-800-251-1155, ext. 507 to schedule an immediate interview.

THE BOOK MARKET
Auburn Hills
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
Is Seeking Qualified Candidates For The Beech Woods Wellness Center
Immediate part-time supervisory position available at our fitness center. Must have 3 yrs. experience and maintain exercise equipment. Some experience in weight training and cardiovascular exercise or athletic background a plus. CPR certification required. Shift availability: Mon., Thurs., Fri., 7am-2pm. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Rate of pay \$8.50/hr. Call for interview 248-354-9510.
An Equal Opportunity Employer

PART-TIME HELP wanted: Small Co. in Walled Lake needs RESPONSIBLE help for 3-5 hrs. per day. Mon.-Fri. Will pay well for someone who fits our needs. (248) 363-7133, between 9am-11:30am & 1pm-3pm

PEER MENTORS
Are needed for our STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM, based in Royal Oak. The Common Ground Sanctuary is seeking individuals to fill full and part-time positions. Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 23, have a valid driver's license and are able to relate well to both peers and adults. Evening and weekend hours available. Send resume to:
(NO CALLS PLEASE) to:
The Common Ground Sanctuary
Human Resources Dept., 1410 S. Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 Attn: Posting #JA0111

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Truck provided. Cross Plumbing, 18806 Grand River/Southfield (313) 836-2110 (800) 842-1329

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PLUMBING TECHNICIAN COMMERCIAL
Well-established company in western suburb. Company vehicles provided. Excellent benefit package, including 401K w/50% match, profit sharing and educational reimbursement. Applicant should have 3 to 5 years commercial plumbing experience. Call Carl at 914 Dan-bolise 248-471-2230

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Scott Shuprine's continued growth has created an additional opportunity for full-time Furniture Salesperson at Troy Store. Our employees enjoy an excellent work environment. Benefits include medical, dental, 401K, and paid vacations. Interested applicants apply in person, 377 E. Fourteen Mile Road, Troy, MI (248) 585-3300.

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Experienced on 4-Color Mini Web Press. Full or part-time. Excellent wages & benefits. Please call Randy at: Troxter Graphics (877) 876-9835

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For electronics company in Wixom. Part-time. Clean, sit down work. No experience necessary. Training provided. Selected candidates: \$8.75/hr. On-site interviews with immediate starting dates possible. Call Rick or Paul: (248) 926-8922

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Large automotive component manufacturer, offering excellent growth opportunities & top compensation/benefits program including 401K, dental, optical, etc. Will consider relocation. On-site interviews with immediate starting dates possible. Manufacturing supervisory experience in any product line will be considered. Send or fax resume to: P.O. Box 2950, Southfield, MI 48037. Fax: 248-352-6639. (EOE)

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★ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Property Management company seeking an experienced professional to manage a large portfolio of residential properties in Oakland County area. Successful candidate MUST have 4 years of experience and be skilled in the areas of monthly financial reporting, tenant relations, and property maintenance. Computer experience with Microsoft Word/Excel preferred.
ONLY EXPERIENCED
Send resume with Salary Requirements to: Director, P.O. Box 252054, West Bloomfield, MI 48325.

PROPERTY MANAGERS
Edward Rosa & Sons, apartment owner and developer, seeks a Property Manager to work out of our Farmington Hills office. Responsibilities will be to oversee Resident Managers on several large apartment complexes. Send resume to: Director of Property Management, P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154 or fax to 248-539-2135.

PROSTHETIC ORTHOTIC TECHNICIAN
Requires good mechanical skills, working with hand tools and light machines. \$9 per hour. Send or fax resume to: Pros-Tech 1717 Stephenson Hwy, Troy, MI 48063. Fax: (248) 880-2804

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL WORK
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PURCHASING/ADMIN. ASSISTANT
Milford area machine shop needs experienced buyer/administrative assistant. Fax resume to: (248) 684-2529 Attn: JPH

PURCHASING AGENT
Manufacturers' seeks a buyer responsible for placing and negotiating orders, obtaining quotes, and evaluating vendors. Additional responsibilities include Q9000 documentation and safety training. Excellent pay and benefits. Send resume to: Purchasing Agent, PO Box 5380, Northville, Michigan 48167. EOE

PURCHASING AGENT
Leading area residential builder is seeking highly motivated purchasing agent with a minimum of 3 years residential purchasing experience. Candidate should have a bachelors degree in job construction related field. Job requires contract procurement, estimating, budget control, good negotiating skills and working knowledge of construction related computer programming. Serious candidates must be able to relate to people and fast paced environment. Fax resume to: (248) 684-9222

QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR
Immediate position. Redford Davenport Sore Machine Company seeking to employ day shift, QC Inspector with experience in all aspects of manufacturing. Degree of blueprint reading & gauges. Experience on computer helpful but must be willing to learn. Blue Cross, dental, profit sharing. Ask for Mark Chubb. 313-266-3400

★ PURCHASING BUYER
For growing industrial Distributor in Livonia. Ideal candidate will have 1-2 years experience in purchasing, negotiating, inventory control and systems experience with distribution software preferred. Must have strong interpersonal communication skills and the ability to support sales staff. Salary \$27K plus. Comprehensive benefits. Please send or fax resume to: Bearing Service, Inc. 13400 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Human Resources Fax 734-591-1474 EOE

QUALITY DEPARTMENT
Duties include inspecting incoming & floor inspection for small manufacturing company. Experience a plus. Apply in person: M & H Industries, Inc. 32300 Capitol, Livonia, or fax resume: 734-261-9210

QUALITY CONTROL
supervisor, expanding precision injection molding company, is seeking QC supervisor. Qualified candidate must be experienced in all facets of high volume automatic related production. This individual should possess an in-depth broad knowledge.

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Must have experience, valid driver's license for a long standing business. 248-354-2080

HOLIDAY HELP WANTED
Christmas on the Mall is coming to the Twelve Oaks Mall. We are seeking individuals for full and part time for responsible people with retail experience. Industry leader in hourly wage starting at \$7.50. Full store apply in person starting immediately. Don at the Twelve Oaks Mall.

★ CHRISTMAS ON THE MALL
Retail
Store Manager wanted in Christmas Retail Store. Christmas on the Mall at Twelve Oaks Mall. Novi, MI. Send resume to: Santa Claus, in person IMMEDIATELY or call 248-735-3840, ask for Don or Kevin.

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Full Reynolds Tobacco Co. an industry leader in consumer package goods seeks qualified applicant for the position of Retail Representative in the Detroit area. Responsibilities include calling on Retail accounts to implement promotions and to merchandise display and advertise R.J.R. cigarette products. Candidates must have retail merchandising experience. High school diploma or equivalent and valid drivers license required. Company will provide training. Send resume to: Reynolds Tobacco Co., 1000 N. Quaker Suite B, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 EOE

★ RETAIL SALES
Retail Salesperson with gift store. No experience needed. Georgias 800-562-3555 Competitive pay & benefits

RETAIL SALES
Gags & Gifts of Auburn Hills, Rochester & Waterford seeks Sales Associates. Great work environment. Competitive wages. Great! For extra cash, call for info. Call Rochester: 248-289-5444 or Lisa at Waterford: 248-674-8281 or come in & apply.

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Must have own transportation & tools. Call: (734) 326-9391

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Top pay & benefits. Excellent opportunity for person. EOE (248) 351-9050

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SALAD PREP
Full & part-time positions available. Experience preferred. Full time benefits include medical, dental & vacation. Apply in person: Joes Produce 33152 W. Saginaw Rd., Livonia, MI

SECURITY
\$300 BONUS for the holidays! We train for security officers. Bring valid drivers license & SS card to apply. Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm. Must be at least 18 with no criminal record. Mention bonus ad & general office experience.

SELECTION COORDINATOR
Experienced. Flexible hours. Clarkston. 248-640-5560

SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT
Needed. Minimum 25-35 hrs per week. Minor repairs & clean up. 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Call Jim 248-563-4080.

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Full-time position with benefits. Responsible for shipping & receiving in a 2000 sq. ft. maintenance. Must be well organized, detailed & self-motivated. Troy area, non-smoking office. Contact Mark at 248-280-5888

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Opportunity for dockworkers with regional transportation companies in Plymouth, Ann Arbor & Sterling Heights. Recent dock experience and valid drivers license. 3 shifts. Temp to hire. Drug free. Call today: 248-473-2933 Birmingham 248-645-7663

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Oxford Area Community Schools has a position of a Headstart Early Intervention Social Worker available. Qualifications are a MSW degree and experience working with children (ages birth through 6 years) and their families. Must possess an understanding of low-income families, cultural differences and special needs. Salary is base \$14.55 per hour. Position will be available until filled. Send letter of application and resume to: John Cox, Executive Director for Operations, 105 Pontiac St., Oxford, MI 48371.

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Available full time at Newton Furniture. Applicants must be motivated and energetic. Positions are in Livonia & Novi stores. Apply in person at: Newton Furniture, 14540-40 St., Plymouth, MI 734-416-1900

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wanted to run CNC Swiss screw machines. Afternoon shift with competitive wages & full benefits. 14540-40 St., Plymouth, MI 734-416-1900

TEACHER - Part-time
No certification. Subjects: Childcare, Community Education, Farmington Public Schools, T. Leland. 248-489-3333, 248-426-1013

KINDERGARTEN FULLTIME
has immediate openings for full & part time Teachers-Alles. Full benefits, vacation. Call 734-555-1950, 37703 Joy Rd.

TEACHER - Special Ed.
Tues & Thurs. 8:30-9:30pm. Valid Mich. Special Ed. certificate. Prefer experience w/TMI adults. Farmington Schools. 248-489-3333

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for busy/clean shop. Specializing in Ford & electrical. Plymouth Canton 734-454-4804

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Must be able to sell. Market for real estate/marketing. Experience desirable. Must be a good reader, articulate, upbeat, reliable and available to work evenings in pleasant Southfield office. Call Plymouth (248) 358-9922

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To work in Farmington Hills law office. Good phone skills a must. Non-smoker. Ask for Linda, ext. 22245 Haggerty Rd., Novi, or call for application: (248) 348-8500

TELLERS
Full & part-time. Team oriented individuals to work flexible hours. Will train. People skills a plus. Apply in person at: Novi Community Credit Union, 22245 Haggerty Rd., Novi, or call for application: (248) 348-8500

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Part time, organizing & installing Christmas decor, immediate openings. Call: Denise 248-478-9600

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Garden City, 5355 Ford Rd. 734-425-1385
Troy, 2245 Stephenson Hwy. 248-689-7606
Livonia, 19501 Middlebelt 248-477-100
Novi, 24249 Grand River 248-344-4348
Livonia, 36591 Plymouth 734-425-4440
Plymouth, 433 W. Ann Arbor 734-453-5300

TOOL MAKER & DIE REPAIR
Stamping plant needs tool maker or die repair person for line or progressive dies. Competitive wages & benefits. Immediate openings. Please apply in person or fax resume to: Quigley Industries Inc., 38880 Grand River, Farmington, MI 248-428-8606

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• Balance Hand (for Air Gages)
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Great opportunity with excellent benefits package including 401K. Please apply.
Air Gage Co. 12170 Globe Rd., Livonia 1 blk. E. of Newburgh, N. of Plymouth Rd. Tel: 734-591-9220

TRAINER/PART-TIME
With manufacturing experience to teach technical equipment operation. 40% travel. Instructional writing experience helpful.
Air Gage Co. 12170 Globe Rd., Livonia 1 blk. E. of Newburgh, N. of Plymouth Rd. Tel: 734-591-9220

500 Help Wanted General
TRUCK DRIVER/CLEAN-UP
Days, full time, benefits. Apply in person 33100 Capitol, Livonia, MI 48150

TRUCK DRIVERS
CDL required. \$12/hr. per to start. Health insurance paid. Local deliveries in Auburn Hills area. Apply in person: 35 Corporate Dr., Auburn Hills, or call 248-335-0120

Truck Drivers/Owner Operators
All States Freight Systems flatbed/open trailer carrier looking for COMPANY DRIVERS. Clean newer equipment. Company paid medical & dental. 2 years experience. OWNER OPERATORS with newer equipment, clean driving record, needed. Company provides licensing and paid fuel taxes. 734-594-1733

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2ND SHIFT
SHIPPING/DEPARTMENT
Starting pay \$10.00 per hour. Lift at least 50 lbs., work in variable temperatures depending on season. Good math and reading skills required. Pre-employment drug test. Starting time 4 p.m. Send letter of interest to: ATTN: Human Resources Dept., ACO Hardware, 23333 Commerce Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764. Fax: 248-815-2696 EOE

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Strong computer detail oriented. Chauffeurs license required. Contact Steve: (248) 352-5404

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Immediate opportunity for experienced individual at our GM/NISSAN dealership. Excellent pay & benefit package. Send resume to: Box #1452 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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Structural & Metal Shop seeks experienced Welder/Fitter. Salary to commensurate with experience. EOE. Resume to: Box 8018, Novi, MI 48376

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Openings for experienced people. Must be able to read blueprints. Full time, profit sharing, 401K, insurance, etc.
DALLAS INDUSTRIES
103 Park Dr., Troy, MI 48063-9402
WELDERS/FITTERS
5 years experience for automation company in Livonia. Call: (734) 432-5923

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Must have hi-jc experience. Novi area. (248) 479-7310

501 Computer/Info Systems
We are seeking a self-starter who wants to learn. Applicants should have at least some on-the-job experience with Visual C++ and MFC. Experience with Crystal Reports, Oracle, Rational Rose, or SQL a plus. We offer a flexible working environment with a blend of autonomy and team work. Please send email, or fax your resume to:
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Attention: Technology Group
29105 Buckingham, Suite 6
Livonia, MI 48150
Fax 734-421-8388
twsystems@aol.com

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A fast growing computer software company has an entry level position available as customer support specialist. The successful candidate should possess excellent communication skills & personal computer experience. Associates degree is a plus. Training will be provided for the successful candidate. Out-of-state travel is required. Comprehensive benefits packages. Starting salary commensurate with experience. Fax or send resume to:
TWS Systems, Inc.
29105 Buckingham, Suite 6
Livonia, MI 48150
Attn: Karen Barnes
Fax: 734-421-8388

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Brighton based consultant firm needs developers for exciting new client/server web based projects, utilizing Visual Studio 6, SQL Server 7, NT, IS, MTS, Sieve Server, and more. Send resume to: 29105 Buckingham, Suite 6 Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Karen Barnes Fax: 734-421-8388

DOS PROGRAMMER
For nationwide insurance underwriter. DATABASE and/or DBASE languages. Knowledge of DOS and Windows required. PC hardware and more. Send resume to: 29105 Buckingham, Suite 6 Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Karen Barnes Fax: 734-421-8388

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LAN ADMINISTRATOR
Edward Rose & Sons, a large property management firm located in Farmington Hills seeks a LAN Administrator with Novell network software experience, good knowledge of spreadsheets, word processing, graphics and accounting programs a plus. Send resume to: Property Management, P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154.

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501 Computer/Info Systems
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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CLERICAL POSITIONS

Part-time
Bloomfield Hill based mortgage banking firm has clerical positions requiring filing, data entry, excellent communication skills, and the ability to work in a fast paced environment. Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Qualified candidates send resume to: Jennifer Lawkowski - Human Resources, FLAGSTAR BANK 2000 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Office: (248) 972-5151, or fax resume to (248) 972-5175. E-mail address: jlawkowski@flagstar.com
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\$21,000
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CONSTRUCTION BILLING SPECIALIST

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Afternoon, midnight shifts available. Basic computer skills required. Will train. Starting at \$7.50/hr. Apply in person or send resume to: Anson Mold Inc. 7779 Market Center, Suite 401, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Or Fax to: 734-454-4818

DATA ENTRY POSITION

Afternoon, experience necessary. (734) 782-7660

Data Entry Position

Established Beverage Company has full time entry level position open. Organized and motivated individual with 1 to 2 yrs. experience or completion of related study. Responsibilities include cash collection, inventory, and data entry. Daily invoices. Competitive hourly wage with excellent benefits: medical and life insurance; profit sharing; 401K and more. EOE. Fax Resume to: 734-416-3810 or Mail to: P.O. Box 111, Canton, MI 48110

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INSURANCE AGENCY is seeking experienced person

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY

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For Bloomfield Hills law firm. Legal experience helpful, but not mandatory. Must have excellent organizational skills; disciplined work habits; strong typing & people skills. WP 5.1. Please send fax resume to: Attn: person, 2050 N. Woodmound, Suite 350, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or Fax (248) 258-8745

LEGAL SECRETARY

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LEGAL SECRETARY

Legal experience helpful, but not mandatory. Must know Word Perfect, handle pressure, work fast & be well organized. Fax 248-645-8205

LEGAL SECRETARY

Needed for Farmington Hills law firm. Competitive salary & benefit package. Fax resume to: 248-442-0518 or forward resume to: Attn: Kim, 37000 Grand River, Ste. 350, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Southfield divorce attorney. WordPerfect required. Fax resume to: (248) 353-6030

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Computer software company seeking career-minded individual with support management, organizational, and administrative skills. Must be highly motivated, responsible person with strong computerized accounting experience. In A/R, S/O, P/P, I/C. Excellent work environment. Fax resume to: 248-442-0518 or forward resume to: Attn: Kim, 37000 Grand River, Ste. 350, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. AITN: Sandy.

OFFICE ASSISTANT, PART-TIME

Dependable person for misc. office tasks. Must be computer literate. Windows 95, Excel, Word or AmiPro. Good typing & pleasant phone manners a must. Please fax resume to Tina at: 248-932-8761

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Part time office assistant for manufactured home community in Novi. Pleasant phone manner & general office duties a plus. Mail or fax resume to: Carol, P.O. Box 339687, Farmington Hills, MI 48333. Fax 248-737-1455

OFFICE CLERICAL

Part-time position 2 days per week, more when workload demands. Computer skills necessary. Windows 95 & MS Office. Duties include answering phones, mailings, and assisting staff with projects. Send resume to: MBIA, 32399 Five Mile road, Livonia, MI 48152, 734-261-0123

OFFICE CLERK

Southfield law firm seeks part-time organized individual to assist Manager with office matters, mailings, and assisting phone manners & accounts payable experience desired. Must have disciplined work habits & strong people skills. Experience in Microsoft Word is necessary. Competitive salary & benefits. Please send resume to: Office Manager, Job Skills Technology, 2177 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 115, Southfield, MI 48034. Fax: (248) 338-5985

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RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE

Well groomed, and well organized individual for receptionist and clerical support. \$8.00 hour plus benefits. Some office experience and computer skills desirable. NVS, Inc. Fax: (734) 281-1868

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25-30 hours per week. Novi area. Word 7, Excel, and computer experience required. Fax to: 248-735-8873

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Progressive west side service company is in need of a dynamic individual to provide administrative assistance in fast paced environment. Full benefits include health, dental, vision, 401K w/50% match, and profit sharing. Please fax a resume to: Camille at: Fax: (248) 477-7579

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SECRETARY/PART-TIME

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Part-time position with a custom home builder in Bloomfield Hills. Must be efficient in Windows 95, MS Word & Excel. Salary based on experience. Send resume to: P.O. Box 612, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Computers a must. Send resume to: CMC Telecom, 28200 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 104, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-3761 or FAX: 248 539-3039

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506 Help Wanted-Medical
X-RAY TECHNICIAN
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Community association's CPA should deal with reserves

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I am wondering what needs to be said in our community association's financial statement about reserves. The statement is prepared by our certified public accountants in connection with our yearly audit.

A: The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has determined that while a financial statement of an association need not specifically address the question of reserves, it is necessary for the accountant to provide "supplemental information" concerning future repairs and replacements.

The statement should include language to the effect that while supplemental information is required by the AICPA, the accountant should indicate whether, in fact, a reserve study has been made and provide for a disclaimer if it hasn't.

This is obviously something that each homeowners association should be discussing with its own certified accounting firm.

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Open houses get visibility

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Open houses, where a Realtor hosts walk-in buying prospects without appointments, usually on Sunday afternoons, serve a lot of purposes.

The most obvious, of course, is to sell the specific house. "It happens, but not often, that buyers will first see the house of their dreams at an open house, professionals say.

Open houses also provide Realtors the opportunity to find another home for serious buyers who stop by but aren't excited by what they see. — especially if the visitors aren't working with an agent at the time.

Open houses also enable first-time buyers to do some preliminary legwork and educate themselves about what's available at what price in communities they may want to live.

"I do a lot of open houses," said Marti Forrer, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Birmingham. "It's a great way for a seller to have visibility in the market.

"People will see signs out, agents will be curious. It may be that the house works for one of their customers. On the MLS (multilist system), it may not ring a bell, but it may if they see an open house."

"People will go through houses and think of their sister-in-law. Word may get around that way," Forrer added.

Preparation is the key to success, said David Owens, broker/owner of the Prudential Accent in Livonia.

"Put signs out, ads in the paper, notify surrounding neighbors, just make sure the public is aware," he said. "Neighbors might know of additional people who want to live in that area."

It also pays to track other open houses the office may be hosting on a specific day, just in case a given one isn't exactly what buyers want, Owens said.

"We keep a list," he said. "It seems like a very minuscule percentage sell that (open) house. When you do a lot of cross referencing and send them to another, it will certainly increase the

percentage."

Sellers, who may object to having prospects at their open house directed to another can be comforted in knowing that lookers at other open houses may be sent to theirs.

Bill Ferguson, a Realtor with RE/MAX Executive in Troy, isn't a big fan of open houses.

"The problem with Sunday is you can't (financially) qualify buyers walking through," he said. "A lot of people coming through are kind of tire kickers. Ladies will say they're coming through to check out decorations."

"Many sellers really get upset when you have an open house, 30 people come through and you don't have an offer," he said. "I tell them the special buyer hasn't come through yet, be patient."

Open houses, however, can be useful for buyers, Ferguson acknowledged.

"You can go out, go through houses, see what's on the market. If you know a neighborhood, know pricing, it's a great way for you to take a look."

Neophytes starting from scratch would do well to tour open houses, Forrer said.

"Open houses are a wonderful way to feel comfortable. It's a good way to educate yourself what a community has to offer, a neighborhood."

A personal scouting mission may turn up features like a nearby swim club that might not show up on the written listing, Forrer added.

Sellers should never be on the premises during their open houses, the experts agree.

"Buyers are more comfortable, relaxed," Owens said.

"People ask a lot of questions it's best sellers not answer — why are you selling, how much did you pay," Forrer said. "I've had sellers trying to be kind and courteous offer too much information."

Leaving the house also nips aggravation in the bud. "They (sellers) don't want to know if someone is opening the kitchen drawers even if we know they do," Forrer said.

An upbeat attitude will serve Realtors hosting open houses well.

percentage."

"They (Realtors) need to pump themselves up, say this is going to be a good day," Forrer said. "You have to be enthused but not overly aggressive. If they go with a deck of cards to play solitaire, that's probably what they will be doing at their next open house."

And sellers who want open houses have to keep the place clean. "The Realtor showing up and the home is a mess... it happens once in a great while," Owens said.

Edythe Kokubo, an associate broker with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham, said she believes private open houses for Realtors during the week are much more effective.

"Before you sell, you have to know what the product is," she said. Then, Realtors can more effectively match prospective buyers with sellers.

Kokubo's advice for successful public open houses?

"When a buyer comes up to the house, it must look attractive or they won't want to come in. Sometimes, we get houses with cobwebs in the eaves of the ceiling. It should be cleaned up and as attractive as possible: no animals around, no clutter."

Ferguson closes with a personal story that illustrates that lightning can strike in a bottle when it comes to open houses.

"I had listed a house in Troy," he said. "I held it open one to four. By two o'clock I had about six couples. A gentleman with his son came in, looked around, and said, 'I want to buy this house. I'm going to have to get my wife and show her.'"

"I asked him, 'What do you want to do?'" Ferguson continued. "He said, 'Go back to your office and write an offer.' I told him I was committed to being here until four, I had all my signs up. He said, 'I'll go get the signs.' He and his son did, we went back to the office and he wrote a full-price offer."

"Then he brought his wife back and she said, 'This is the house we want.' So they bought it — all triggered by an open house."

Existing stock II

Here is the most recent of existing housing stock — houses, apartments, units and condos — in various areas with teaming in the baseball's National League.

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| Pittsburgh | 100 |
| San Diego | 100 |
| Cincinnati | 100 |
| Milwaukee | 100 |

Source: U.S. House

HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Underwriting and applying for mortgage

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Part 1 of 2

When you get a mortgage loan to buy a home, you promise to pay back the loan. And when a mortgage lending institution makes your loan, it has determined that there is a good likelihood that you can and will keep that promise. In order to make the decision

whether or not to approve the loan, the lender will ask you for information to better understand if you have the ability to repay the loan, your past experiences with other kinds of credit, and information about the value of the property you want to buy. This process is called "underwriting" and gives you and the lender the best chance for success by ensuring that a thorough review of all important information has been conducted.

Before approving a mortgage loan, the lender wants to be sure that you have the ability to repay the loan. The lender reviews and verifies information from the loan application about your income and current expenses. The purpose of this assessment is to make sure you have sufficient income to pay your current debts as well as a mortgage payment.

Income — The lender will ask for employment information, including where you work, how long you have worked, and how much you earn. The lender will also want to know if there are other sources of regular income, such as a part-time job, alimony or child support payment.

Expenses — The lender looks at how much you pay each month for expenses such as credit cards, car loans, or other consumer loans. The lender also wants to know about any other financial obligations you might have, such as alimony or child support.

The lender will also review your credit history to gather information about how much you owe on your credit cards or other loans, how often you borrow, and whether you can pay your bills on time. How you have managed debt in the past can give the lender a good indication of how you are likely to handle the obligation of a mortgage loan.

The lender also must check the value of the property you want to buy by getting an appraisal. The purpose of this assessment is to make sure that the value of the home is more than the amount of the mortgage.

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McKeon named state Realtor of Year

Jerry McKeon, a Birmingham resident, has been named Realtor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Realtors.

McKeon, also Realtor of the Year for the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, was a 20-year veteran of the business.

Ironically, he switched careers earlier this year, becoming operations director for Shore Mortgage. McKeon, however, has said that he intends to stay connected with real estate matters.

"It was a surprise to me, a very pleasant surprise," McKeon said of the state award. "With 40-some others to be considered, all having very active records, I'm totally honored to be selected."

"I've never done it for the recognition

but think it's a great honor to be recognized," McKeon said of his penchant for volunteering. "It's kept me apprised of changes and goings-on in the business. I just really find it's part of life's work. You've got to give."

The state association annually honors one individual for outstanding contributions to the industry, community and professional organizations plus business accomplishments.

McKeon, most recently an associate broker with Max Brook Realtors in Birmingham, serves on the state Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons and the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials.

He also serves on the boards of directors of local, state and national associa-

tions. He chaired the national association's \$32 million Public Awareness Campaign.

McKeon, 58, also belongs to the Birmingham Historic District and Design Review Commission. He's also active with the Village Players and Birmingham Rotary.

He holds the professional designations of Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified Residential Specialist, Certified Residential Brokerage and Accredited Buyer Representative.



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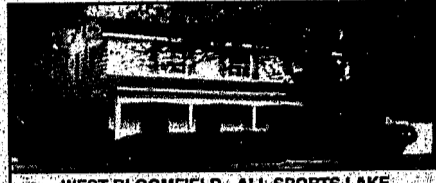
WATERFORD - CASS LAKE

- Stunning contemporary with all amenities in Forest Bay
- Cass Lake community with deep boat slips, private beach and tennis courts. Five bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Finished walkout, 3 car garage, Builder's own home.

\$629,900

(248) 851-4400

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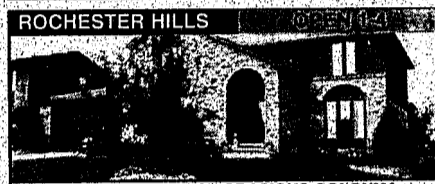


WEST BLOOMFIELD - ALL SPORTS LAKE

- Four bedroom Long Lake Shores Colonial
- 150+ ft. canal frontage to all sports Upper Long Lake
- Family room, many hardwood floors, 2 1/2 baths
- Den, formal dining, finished lower level walkout

\$534,900 Ask For: Irene Korpi, Ann Greene (248) 646-3534

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ROCHESTER HILLS - GRACIOUS COLONIAL

- 3296 Palm Air Court, S. of Tenkan, E. off Adams onto Palm Air Dr.
- Elegant center hall Colonial with hardwood foyer
- New Pella windows, updated kitchen and bath
- Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining & study
- Fireplace in family room. Very peaceful setting

\$259,000

Ask For: Eleanor Feeley (248) 656-4404



SOUTHFIELD - WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

- Quality dream home! 4-5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Hardwood floors, modern kitchen, neutral carpet
- Beautifully finished lower level with wet bar & sauna
- Florida room. Lovely setting

\$329,900

(248) 851-4400

LA245



SOUTHFIELD

- Over 3,000 sq. ft. of custom elegance
- Large 4 bedroom home features Italian marble and hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, wet bar and library, C/A
- French doors off living room. Family room, newer roof

\$299,900

(248) 324-3800

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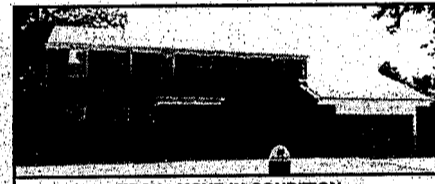
WATERFORD - SYLVAN LAKE WATERFRONT

- 80 feet of water frontage on sparkling Sylvan Lake
- hardwood floors throughout most of the home
- Fireplace, breezeway, utility room, pole barn
- Plenty of trees give a country feeling. Don't miss it!

\$264,900

(248) 851-4400

ST105



TROY - MOVE IN CONDITION

- Occupancy at close - quiet cul-de-sac location backing to commons area. Popular Troy High School
- Updates include forced air furnace and central air, carpeting, interior and exterior paint, landscaping

\$259,900

(248) 647-6400

LA432



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - WESTCHESTER VILLAGE

- Fabulous renovated brick ranch on large, treed lot
- Gorgeous updated white kitchen with imported cabinets and granite countertops
- Hardwood floors, newer windows and landscaping

\$249,900 Ask For: Christine Russo, CHR 647-8038

SU290



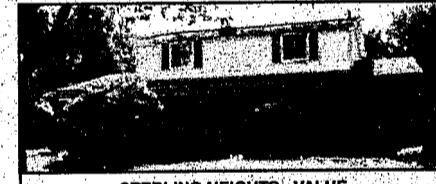
BIRMINGHAM

- Transferred seller must sacrifice and they've just finished remodeling everything!
- Custom kitchen, hardwood floors, two fireplaces
- Huge family room. New furnace, roof, air, landscaping!

\$209,500

(248) 641-1660

PE242



STERLING HEIGHTS - VALUE

- Four bedroom brick Colonial in prime neighborhood
- This one owner home has been very well kept
- Hardwood floors under carpet, large foyer, 1st floor laundry, doorwall off family room leads to patio

\$189,900 Ask For: Christine Hemmings (248) 647-8081

JE376



WEST BLOOMFIELD - LAKE PRIVILEGES

- This brick & wood ranch has newer interior throughout!
- 2 ceramic baths, oak kitchen, hardwood floors
- California rock fireplace, large living room
- Firelit family room, 3 bedrooms, large living room
- Two decks. Close to schools! Dab Lake privileges!

\$174,900

(248) 851-4400

WI598



AFFORDABLE BIRMINGHAM LIVING

- Lovely four bedroom, 2 bath bungalow
- Neutral decor, partially finished basement
- Fenced yard, rear deck 2 1/2 car garage
- Near city park and downtown. Birmingham Schools

\$169,900

(248) 851-4400

DA972



COMMERCE

- Hardwood floors in bedrooms and living room
- Oak kitchen. New vinyl floor, furnace, C/A, deck
- California rock fireplace. Three treed lots
- Desirable Commerce Lake privileges. Boat launch

\$159,900

(248) 851-4400

SU465



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Completely updated Farmington Hills bungalow
- Freshly painted inside and out with many updates
- Three bedrooms, family room, first floor laundry
- A true gem with almost 1,500 sq. ft. on large lot

\$134,900

(248) 324-3800

HA236



43 Osceola, N. of Huron, E. of Telegraph

- Great brick bungalow with room for the entire family
- Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and good size dining room
- Hardwood floors, firelit living room with built-ins
- Partially finished basement. New windows & doors

\$99,900 Ask For: Maud Granzow (248) 646-3091

OS43



CAREFREE LIVING!

- Charmingly updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath Bloomfield condo
- Overlooks lovely commons on 25 landscaped acres
- Furnace, central air, kitchen & baths all updated
- Interior & exterior building renovations all done

\$84,900

(248) 646-6000

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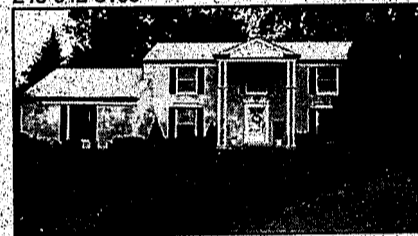
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 2600 sq. ft. Condo w/1st floor master bedroom suite just a few months old. Spacious kitchen, formal living room and dining room, library, 2 bedrooms up, courtyard and walk-out to woodlands. \$399,900 (96MIR) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - 4 bedroom Quad w/over 2800 sq. ft. on 1+ acre, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, 2 fireplaces and much more! \$344,000 (30MAL) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Charming Poppleton Park! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, newer furnace, large updated kitchen with Pewabic tile, fireplace, large dining room, master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Professionally landscaped, 2 car garage. \$324,900 (44OAK) 248-642-8100



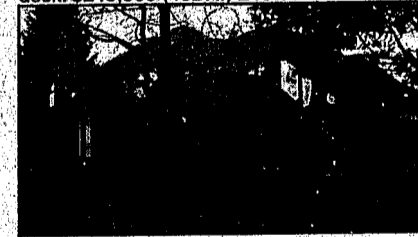
BEVERLY HILLS - Super spacious pillared colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, cozy family room w/fireplace, updated kitchen. Beautiful formal dining room, generous bedrooms, basement, Birmingham schools. \$259,900 (08LIN) 248-642-8100



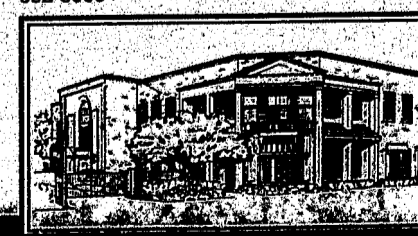
BIRMINGHAM - Contemporary 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 master bedroom suites. Black custom designed inground pool. Cathedral ceilings, European kitchen, newer windows, 1st floor laundry, custom fireplace surround in great room. Partially finished basement. \$309,900 (34CUL) 248-642-8100



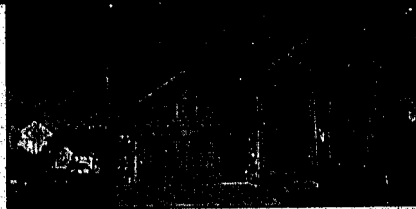
MOVE IN AND ENJOY THIS SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on premium landscaped lot with central air, sprinklers, gas fireplace, hardwood floors, crown moldings, neutral throughout. Many upgrades: carpet, lights, daylight basement, 1st floor laundry, deck. \$249,900 (48BRI) 248-652-8000



A WORLD APART - Oakland Twp. Tudor on 4 lovely acres. Large unfinished bonus room w/private entry, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library w/fireplace, large garden room, 2nd garage on property. Close to downtown Rochester, walk to 2 golf courses. \$449,000 (99BUE) 248-652-8000



2041 E. Green, Birmingham
(248) 642-8100



NEUTRAL OPEN floor plan. Kitchen, with island and hardwood floor. Living room and formal dining room. Magnificent master suite with jetted tub and walk-in closet. Professionally landscaped, deck and much, much more. \$298,900 (07POI) 248-652-8000



DUPLEX - Upper unit 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen, central air, private entrance. Down unit, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, updated kitchen, full basement. Private entrance. \$280,000 (08FOU) 248-652-8000



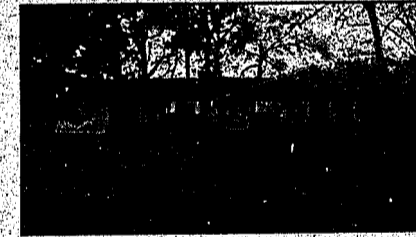
ROCHESTER CAPE COD - This brick/wood home w/1st floor master that views the wooded backyard is truly a 10. Two story foyer & great room, oak kitchen with island, unfinished walk-out, 1st floor laundry & all appliances. \$279,900 (62RIV) 248-652-8000



WARM COMFORTABLE HOME sits high on a hill with circle drive. Nicely landscaped, private wooded lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, central air, kitchen hardwood floors, finished basement. Updated throughout. Deck and patio. \$264,900 (62BIR) 248-652-8000



SHARP HOME w/great room, fireplace, Euro-style kitchen, large basement, painted outside '97, 2 decks, central air, sprinklers, newer hot water tank, neutral decor. Home warranty. \$264,900 (62TIM) 248-652-8000



WATERFRONT RANCH - Beautiful large 5 bedroom, 3 baths, waterfront ranch in White Lake. Updated kitchen & baths, finished walk-out lower level, 2 fireplaces, large lot, lots of storage & more! \$259,900 (02ELL) 363-1200



LARGE COUNTRY FARMHOUSE - Partially wooded 15 splitable acres. Lots of character and charm. Includes 60 x 24 pole barn, detached garage and an older horse barn w/electricity, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, along with over 2,000 sq. ft. \$255,000 (01EAG) 363-1200



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AFFORDABLE LAKEFRONT - Just move in this gorgeous 2 story contemporary on Mandon Lake (all sports), 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished walk-out basement, 2 car garage, 2700 sq. ft., 80 ft. on water, \$239,900 (43MAN) 363-1200



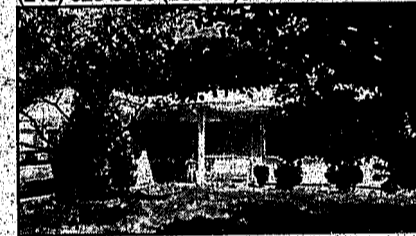
NEW CONSTRUCTION COLONIAL - Spacious 4 bedroom house in new subdivision, full basement, 90+ furnace, 2 car attached garage. Large master suite, living room, dining room, large kitchen, city water & sewer. Immediate Possession. \$183,900 (54KEE) 363-1200



INCREDIBLE 3 acre parcel. Charming 1940's home with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Large living room with fireplace. Updated kitchen. 1600 sq. ft. pole barn. Large fenced pasture. Full basement. Home warranty offered. \$189,900 (248) 626-8800 (36MAP)



5 BEDROOM QUAD with many updates including: roof, kitchen doors, carpeting, baths & some exposed hardwood floors. Large basement and rec room. Decor all neutral. Central air, cathedral ceiling in living room. Big deck, fenced backyard. \$209,000 (248) 626-8800 (28BAN)



UPDATED 3 BEDROOM home with heated finished basement. New windows & storm doors. Kitchen with newer floor. Hardwood floors in bedrooms. Great location. \$169,900 (248) 626-8800 (29HER)



STUNNING RANCH in beautiful gated Ramblewood. Great room w/fireplace, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 4th bedroom/den in walk-out lower level w/2nd fireplace. 2 full & 2 half baths. 1st floor laundry, neutral decor. Side entry garage. Lovely corner lot in quiet area. Deck. \$292,900 248-626-8800 (36VAL)



BUILDER'S FORMER MODEL, decorated, meticulous maintenance. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, walk-in closet in master bedroom, fabulous finished basement, secluded backyard for privacy, beach, boat & swim, 2 area parks close by. \$229,900 248-626-8800 (54GRE)



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NATURE LOVERS! Over 3 acre wooded site is the setting for this 4 bedroom. Huge great room with fireplace, family room w/out lower level. New roof and septic, newer furnace, air conditioning, deck & more! 3+ car garage. \$364,900 248-626-8800 (42GRO)



NOVI - 1991 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Hardwood floors. Bay windows. Huge master suite. Sun room. Premium lot. Novi Schools. Call Today! \$269,900 248-524-1600 (90JAM)



GREAT RANCH w/family room, 2 full baths, updated kitchen w/eating space, half bath off master bedroom, plenty of closet space, finished rec room w/fireplace and hardwood floors under most carpet. Newer central air, furnace and roof. Perfectly maintained. \$234,900 (27BAT) 248-642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Contemporary 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large master suite w/fireplace, walk-in closet, 2nd floor laundry, neutral decor, wooded lot w/private patio and sprinklers. Circular driveway and basement. Newer roof, extra large family room w/fireplace. \$209,900 (84BEA) 248-642-8100



PRICE REDUCED! Brick colonial on gorgeous lot! Versatile floor plan. "Country Kitchen", screened porch 14 x 12 w/views of expansive yard! Step-up to master bedroom 20 x 12, newer furnace '97. Location! Enjoy! \$199,000 (73ASH) 248-642-8100

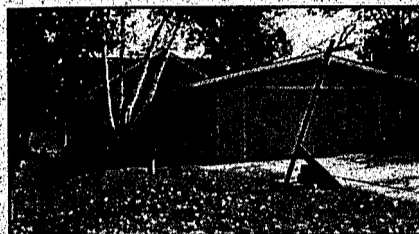


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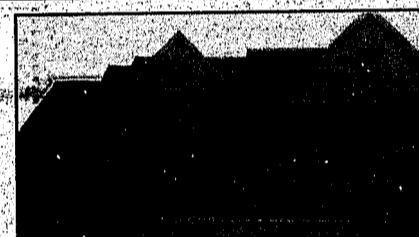


BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Quality & extra! 4 bedroom Tudor built in 1990. Marble floors, 3 car garage, Corian kitchen w/pantry, 2 story entry, cul-de-sac location, professionally finished basement. Huge master suite. \$424,900 (37CLE) 248-642-8100



WHITE LAKEFRONT GEM - All the bells and whistles here! Includes 4 bedroom, 4 bath, circular staircases with new hardwood & ceramic floors. Drive-in boathouse with deck work galore! If you want it all hurry to see this 1. \$399,714 (84LOC) 363-1200

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NEW CONSTRUCTION - Canton's premier golf course community. Fairway Pines at Pleasant Run. Soaring ceiling, 1st floor master suite, large island kitchen, bright breakfast nook, 3 car side entry garage. Come & See what everyone's talking about! \$293,900 248-626-8800 (45FOU)



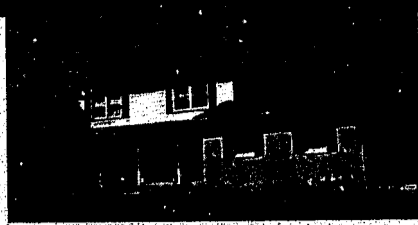
4-BEDROOM FRENCH COLONIAL offers large ceramic foyer w/winding staircases, newer carpet throughout, open floor plan, finished basement and beautiful inground pool w/cabana. Wonderful master bedroom suite & gorgeous family room. Sprinkler. Deck. \$319,900 248-626-8800 (34OLD)



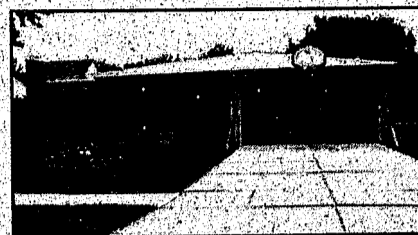
EXQUISITE CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY on cul-de-sac w/private wooded setting. Soft white interior. Gourmet kitchen/island w/2nd sink, grand master suite with balcony & elegant bath w/Jacuzzi & stall shower. Bright & light w/loads of windows. Finished lower level. \$255,000 248-626-8800 (14STA)



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TROY - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. First floor laundry, Private yard, Lake privileges. Hardwood floors. \$192,800 (11WAL) 248-524-1600



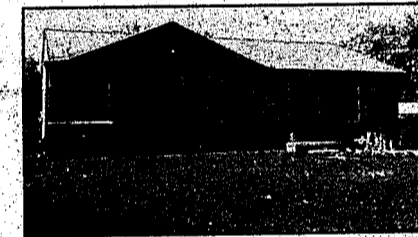
STERLING HEIGHTS - 3 possible 4 bedroom Ranch home. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement with full bath. Spacious kitchen. 2 car attached garage. Much More! \$147,000 (08GRE) 248-524-1600



ORION TOWNSHIP - 3 bedroom Brick Ranch. Partially finished basement. Family room with gas fireplace. 2 car attached garage. One Year Home Warranty! \$179,900 (66MOR) 248-524-1600



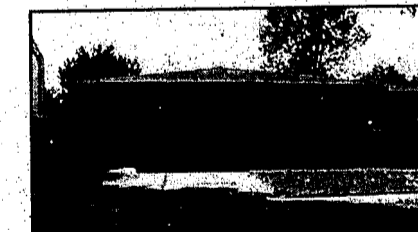
TROY - 3-4 bedroom Tri-Level with many features and amenities. Andersen windows. All appliances included. The list goes on. Call Today! \$184,900 (89ELI) 248-524-1600



TROY - 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Ranch. Formal dining room. Family kitchen. 2 car garage. Home Warranty. \$169,900 (45KIL) 248-524-1600



TROY - Wonderful pillar Colonial with 4 bedrooms. Updated baths, oak kitchen, loads of storage, curved staircase, Pella doorwalls, fireplace. Many extras and updates to list. Move in condition! Home Warranty! \$247,000 (80LAW) 248-524-1600



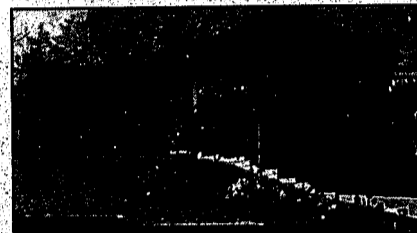
TROY - 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Brick Ranch. Family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling. Central air, alarm system, family size kitchen with all appliances. First floor laundry, private yard with patio, 2 car attached garage. One Year Home Warranty. \$189,900 (32NIA) 248-524-1600



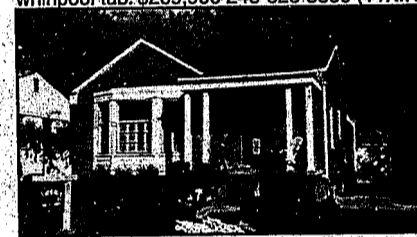
TROY - 4 bedroom Ranch home on large lot with Troy Schools. Many updates thru-out. \$149,900 (62ROB) 248-524-1600



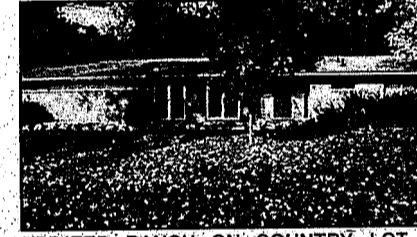
TROY - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Marble fireplace and lav. Beautiful carpet thru-out. Fresh paint. Basement. Custom deck. Troy Schools. 2 car attached garage. Nicely landscaped lot. \$204,900 (67HAR) 248-524-1600



HEY "HOT SHOT" looking for Cass Lake? Almost new 2400 sq. ft. Contemporary Quad, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, garage & basement. Neutral decor & upgrades galore. 2 story foyer, vaulted ceilings, center island open to great room & dining room, walk-in closet, whirlpool tub. \$269,900 248-626-8800 (11KIR)



BIRMINGHAM - Extremely well decorated and updated brick ranch. Professionally landscaped, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central air, garage, professionally finished basement. \$179,900 (63ETO) 248-642-8100



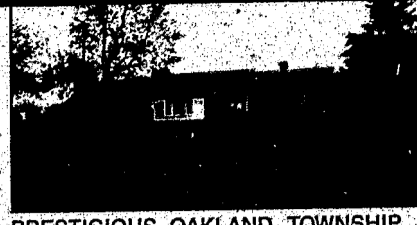
UPDATED RANCH ON COUNTRY LOT - Remodeled and updated brick ranch with finished walk-out lower level. Additional Florida room. Lower level family room w/fireplace, wet bar, bar refrigerator. Daylight windows, newer kitchen cabinets. Library/den or 4th bedroom, patio & decking. \$229,900 (00KAL) 248-652-8000



HARD TO FIND - 4 bedroom Brick Ranch! 2 1/2 baths, full basement, numerous updates. Troy schools. Golf Trail sub. \$214,900 (92TRE) 248-652-8000



COLONIAL LOVERS - Traditional colonial in a treed area. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, 1st floor laundry, formal dining, family room. Newer roof and furnace. Neutral, finished basement, central air, patio, side entry garage. Rochester schools. \$204,900 248-652-8000 (61BEE)



PRESTIGIOUS OAKLAND TOWNSHIP - Fantastic sprawling ranch on 2 park-like acres. Acres of much higher priced homes. 3 bedrooms, family room, living room, formal dining. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, lots of windows and daylight. Rochester schools. \$199,900 (96ROC) 248-652-8000



JUST LISTED Rochester Hills - Great sub features central air, newer carpet, living room, newer windows, walk-in closet, all bedrooms. Ceramic bath, hardwood floors, master bedroom w/dressing area, freshly painted, inground sprinklers. Tastefully decorated. \$179,900 (83MOR) 248-652-8000



SPACIOUS CAPE COD - Well maintained 5 bedroom house in one of Commerce Twp's more popular subs features include island kitchen, living room, family room w/fireplace, finished basement, hardwood floors, on 2 levels deck, patio, immediate possession. \$174,900 (48BUF) 363-1200



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



WATERFORD LAKE PRIVILEGES - Move-in condition, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large lot & perennial gardens. Totally updated, like new spacious rooms, quiet tree-lined street. \$159,900 (76YAR) 363-1200



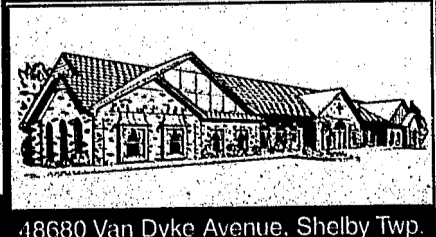
NICE HOUSE - GREAT AREA! Updated home in Holiday Farm Sub. Large lot feels like country living. Schools & shopping close by. Don't hesitate, must see to appreciate. \$154,900 (79FAR) 363-1200



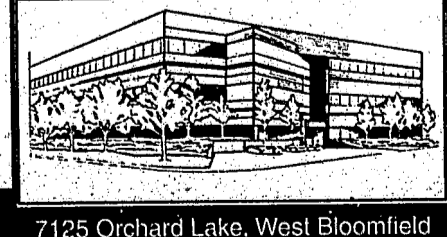
COMMERCE LAKEFRONT - 2 bedroom cottage with 70' of frontage. Updated ranch has living room w/fireplace, eat-in kitchen w/doorwall & room to expand. Move in or tear down! \$149,900 (03VOL) 363-1200



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CHECK THIS OUT!

Canton ranch on a double lot with plenty of room for expansion. This home has been converted to a 2 bedroom, and offers a huge living room with wood stove, newer sink, plumbing and counter in kitchen, appliances, 1st floor laundry, new storage with built-in stairs, some updates and shed. \$98,000 (513EL)

DON'T WAIT

Check out the room sizes in this great colonial that offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite with a walk-in closet, finished basement, family room with fireplace, new storage with built-in stairs, some updates and shed. \$183,900 (658BE)

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309 Clarkston

BRICK/COLORED in great family neighborhood. 1700 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, basement, appliances, built-in pond. \$246,000. Call 248-623-2087, for appointment.

311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

DEARBORN TIPS - WOW JUST REDUCED, 3 bedroom ranch, large oversized garage, many updates, move in condition, only \$79,900. Gold Group Real Estate. (734) 282-8000

SELLER TO PAY - For down payment or closing cost. Will consider FHA/VA loan. This clean ranch, newer windows, newer roof, new carpet, recently painted, private yard, garage. Asking \$64,900. Call Bob Mery REMAX Crossroads at: 734-453-8700

314 Farmington Farmington Hills

COLONIAL 3-4 bedrooms, 1100+ sq. ft., 1 1/2 baths, dining room, family room, full basement, many updates. \$248,478-1466

FIXER-UPPER 3 bedroom/2 bath, 2 car garage. \$60,000. Cash or 203K loan. Great opportunity. (248) 824-1816

JUST LISTED

Wonderful 4 bedroom traditional colonial backing to wooded commons in beautiful Foxmoor sub. 1st floor library, 2.5 bath, sq. ft. with quick occupancy. \$238,000. Call CYNTHIA DROBOT (248) 855-6763 ext. 167

LOVELY TREED LOT

Newer ranch with nearly 2000 sq. ft., full basement with office. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, tree and manicured lot. Farmington Hills. Just listed \$224,900. Please ask for Carol Laperriere. CENTURY 21 HARTFORD (248) 478-6000

MOVE IN by Christmas. New home on wooded lot. 1400 sq. ft., full basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$164,500. 248-685-9303

ONE OF A KIND

Opportunity to own a beautiful new construction on 1.24 acres. Gorgeous elevation, open floor plan, library, private master suite with bay, formal dining, side entry garage. Still have to pick colors. Wow! What a deal for Northwest Farmington Hills. \$329,900. Ask for: Andrea McCarter (248) 478-6200

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22251 Averhill, S. off Nine/E. of Middlebelt. Unique 3 bedroom home situated on a gorgeous park-like lot. Large family room with fireplace, finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Deck with gazebo. \$159,900.

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ON A COUNTRY LOT

2 Bedroom aluminum ranch close to school. Large living room with natural fireplace, country kitchen, large deck, 2 car garage. \$119,500.

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316 Fowlerville

FOUR BEDROOM, 2 bath, plus attached but separate 1,235 sq. ft., next to schools. \$169,900. (517) 233-8009

317 Garden City

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Granholtm grabs historic victory

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

In part, Democrat Jennifer Granholtm won the state attorney general's job. In part, John Smietanka and the Republicans lost it.

"I'm a Republican, but the contrast was too much," said West Bloomfield attorney Jeff Leib at Granholtm's Greentown victory party. "She projected things about herself. His (Smietanka's) approach was negative. I listened to him at John Engler's birthday party. He didn't give me any reason to vote for him," said the one-time GOP candidate for prosecutor.

"I have to hire a new corporation counsel," beamed re-elected Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who promoted Granholtm from an obscure appointee to the only top-of-the-ticket Democratic winner in the state.

Granholtm's party was separate from gubernatorial loser Geoffreyieger, with whom she split on several issues. Her press agent, Chris DeWitt (long-time aide to retiring AG Frank Kelley), cautioned against emphasizing that separation. "Frank had his own separate parties,"

DeWitt said.

"I'll be honored to make history," Granholtm said as she declined to claim a 56-44 percent victory based on exit polls. The 39-year-old Northville Township mother of three will be the first female attorney general in Michigan's 161-years history.

"It's not unusual for a woman to win a congressional or U.S. Senate seat," said former state Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield. "But when you break into an executive seat, it's significant." Berman held out Granholtm as a future candidate for governor or U.S. Senate "if she'll do that."

The political parties that nominated them attacked opponents with "issue" ads that alienated voters such as Leib. GOP chair Betsy DeVos' commercials called Granholtm "radical." Smietanka washed his hands of any responsibility for creating the ads though he defended some of the content. Democrats' late ads portrayed Smietanka with a lengthening, Pinocchio-sized nose.

"The torch was passed to a new generation," said Kathleen Straus, a Detroit Democrat and president of the State Board of Education.

Former Gov. Jim Blanchard of Beverly Hills attended Granholtm's party. He said his New Century group helped Granholtm with \$9,000 and aided "40 or so" legislative candidates. He pictures New Century as an outreaching, grass-roots organization, "a coming together of activists and sympathizers."

Blanchard didn't say it, but Big Labor's power to control the Democratic Party is waning. There were no union jackets at Granholtm's party as their are at most Democratic conclaves.

"We had lots of small donations from women," said Kelly Keenan, an assistant AG who took 10 weeks off his Lansing job to raise funds for Granholtm. "It was pretty amazing. When people talked to her and met her, they got out their checkbooks. We have 4,000 to 5,000 names in the data base."

"Defense attorneys (business) gave her more money than plaintiff's attorneys (Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, a big source of Democratic funds). They (business) would complain about Frank Kelley when he picked on their businesses, but they came to Frank with complaints when they thought another business

was cheating."

Many police PACs contributed, Keenan said. But when the PAC money is subtracted, "the average contribution comes to \$200 or \$300."

"I was very enthusiastic about this campaign," said lame-duck state Rep. Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti. "She's the picture of style, dignity and class." Asked if he would seek a job in her office, Profit, an attorney, said, "I don't know what I'm going to do. If she were to make me an offer, I'd have to look at it."

Profit and wife Sharon were active fund raisers for Granholtm in Washtenaw County. "We have a lot of Republican friends we converted over to her," Mrs. Profit said.

Livonia attorney Alan Helmkamp, who "helped raise a few bucks" for Granholtm, agreed that "the party is in transition. They (Big Labor) will be a player, but not as major a player."

Profit agreed with Blanchard that Big Labor's strength is waning. "Elected leaders need to step up and take control of the Democratic Party," he said, citing McNamara, Lansing Mayor David Hollister, Speaker Curtis Hertel and Granholtm.



Honored Mary Ann Solberg, above, executive director of the Troy Community Coalition, was one of 11 community leaders from around the United States named to the President's Commission on Drug-Free Communities. The newly established commission will advise the president and the director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy on anti-drug programs and the distribution of grants to community organizations.

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appliance doctor

Turn off the water before pipes freeze



JOE GAGNON

Will you have the need to call for a plumber this winter? In this part of the world we sometimes have winter temperatures which get pretty darn cold and the question is, is the plumbing in your house ready to take on old many winter?

There are thousands of homeowners who every winter hear the sound of water running somewhere in the house and they panic to find out where it's coming from. After some quick searching they discover the noise to be coming from a broken, frozen water pipe. It's the kind of thing that generally only occurs one time, because once is enough.

Imagine, it's the middle of the night and you're awakened by the sound of running water. You run downstairs and

water is pouring all over the place. You pinch yourself to wake up because you just saw the upper deck of the Titanic and then you look for a valve to shut off. As much as you try, you can not budge on turn the water valve and the water keeps coming in pretty fast by now. As you walk over to the main valve on the water meter you ask yourself, "When is the last time I ever worked the valves to make sure they open and close?"

After trying to close the main water valve leading into the house and not being able to move this one as well, you decide to get out the old pipe wrench. You wrap the pipe wrench around the handle and pull with all your might and finally you can feel something move. Bang!!! the whole pipe breaks off in your hand, water is just pouring in which will soon reach chest height and you start looking for a life jacket. This is becoming a life and death situation and as your look around you notice all of the many things of value floating around in

the water. You begin to cry and think that you might as well go down with the ship. It's hopeless and it all happened because you didn't read this column. What next?

I'm sorry folks, I was getting just a little too dramatic in my writing but I think I got the point across. Are you ready for a broken water pipe in your house? If you have stopped watering the grass and using the outside water hose, it's time to go downstairs and shut off the valves which lead to the outside water spigots. Wrap a piece of insulation around the line where it goes through the wall and make sure you drain the line by opening and closing the outside spigot. If the valves are all corroded and difficult to turn, the smartest thing you can do is have them replaced. Ask a plumber to install the new kind of shut off which can be done with the pressure of a finger.

If you should happen to think that this lonely old repairman doesn't know what he is writing about, call a plumber.

Ask them what life is like crawling around in spaces where the temperature has dropped into the below zero climate. They have dozens of homeowners waiting for them and sometimes they work 24 hour shifts. Have you called for a plumber in the middle of the night. Good luck.

I almost forgot to mention the dollars charged for working during these kinds of circumstances and you can bet they're expensive. If you happen to think the plumber is not worth the expense, then try to doing the job yourself. Keep on thing in mind, it could cost a lot more after you've tried doing the job. Stay tuned and keep an eye on the temperature.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313) 873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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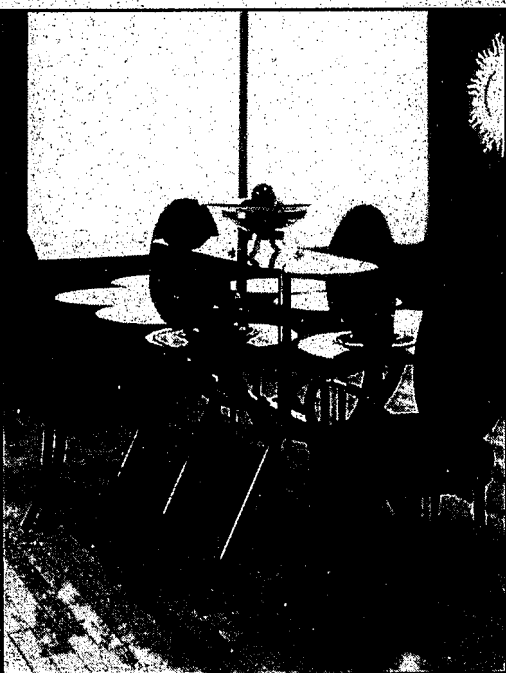


Going up

Remote shades: The Silhouette window shade from Hunter Douglas is now available with PowerRise battery powered motorization. As shown here, Silhouette with PowerRise enables the operator to tilt the rotating fabric vanes to the desired angle for privacy and light control and completely raise and lower the shades, all at the touch of a button on the sleek remote control.

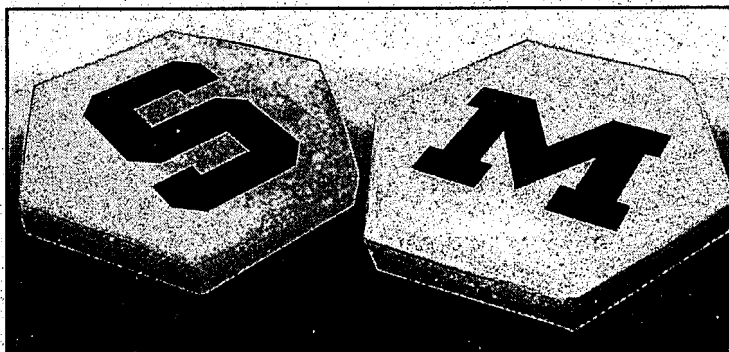
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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

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As aggravated as your family might get that the holidays are being commercialized, keep in mind that the holiday push is reminding you to put one very important item on your "To Do" list — make your family plans for the break when your kids will be out of school. At this time of year, it is never too early to investigate and even reserve your spot on a variety of lists, from child care programs to theater tickets to resort reservations.

Cover child care when you cannot be there. Perhaps one of working parents'

biggest headaches is having to find competent, trustworthy care for their children when the parents have to work and the children are not quite old enough to stay home by themselves. When a drop-in child care facility does not meet your needs, consider the variety of camps offered at local family health clubs, or investigate camp programs available within your community's Parks & Recreation. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 can participate in week-long camps filled with arts and crafts, field trips, sports and movies. These camps are offered at facilities such as Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club in Southfield (248-352-8000), Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club in Southfield (248-642-8500), Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield (248-661-1000), Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills (248-646-8900), and local YMCA facilities.

Make reservations early for holiday entertainment. Holiday shows with limited engagements are already advertising performance dates that book up fast. Take in a performance of the Nutcracker

Suite at one of many local theaters. Treat young children to breakfast with Santa at a local Hudson's restaurant, the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, or brunch with Santa who arrives by helicopter at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Chanukah celebrations, including special puppet shows and a dreidel house, take place at the Jewish Community House in West Bloomfield (248-661-1000). The Museum of African American History in Detroit (313-833-9800) will celebrate the seven days of Kwanzaa with family activities, workshops and concerts.

Get ready to relax at nearby resorts and attractions. When you think of the perfect family holiday break, warm, sandy, southern beaches may come to mind, but think about the fun you can have for far less money at one of Michigan's winter retreats. If you are not a downhill skier, indulge yourself in sledding, a sleigh ride, ice skating or ice fishing, weather permitting. Because some resorts offer special package rates, it's important to inquire now while accommodations are still available and you

have your choice of locations within the grounds in some cases. If you enjoy the dining facilities within the resort, it's a good idea to book your dining reservations at the same time you reserve your accommodations. Many restaurants open their reservation books well in advance of the actual holiday due to these peak periods. The same rule holds true for dining reservations at established eateries nearby.

Although it may be difficult to fathom the idea of making holiday reservations when you just put away the leftover Halloween treats, keep in mind that preplanning will help alleviate the stress associated with the holiday season. Remember, "the early bird gets the worm."

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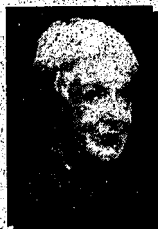
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garden spot

Tips on caring for your potted mums



MARTY FIGLEY

Did you, as I suggested in the Oct. 22 column, treat yourself to a new chrysanthemum plant after you finished cleaning up the garden? I hope you did.

A pair of bright golden potted mums brightened the front entrance for several weeks then I planted these hardy plants in the garden in a sunny area to give them a permanent home; they prefer at least a half day of sun. As with most plants they need well-drained soil which can be improved if necessary. I set them in the ground at the same level they were growing in the pots, watered them well and have kept the soil moist for they go into the winter in good shape.

There's no need to fertilize this fall, but when they begin to grow in the



Autumn color: Chrysanthemums add bright color to the garden.

spring they'll need a fertilizer with something like a 5-10-5 ratio; I may use liquid fertilizer every month until August.

Now all I have to do is wait until we have several hard frosts, then they'll get a mulch of evergreen branches, straw or

leaves. In the spring I'll remove the mulch and any other debris such as old stems and let the warm air and sunshine gradually work their magic. When the new growth is 4-6 inches tall, I'll try to remember to 'pinch' about 1/2 of the new growth at the top of each shoot,

and when they are 3 to 5 inches long, I'll pinch again, until around the 10th of July. Now, if all works as planned, the plants should be sturdy and grow to more than double in size. I look forward to another season of beautiful golden blooms.

Yoder Brothers Inc. of Baberton, Ohio, one of the largest growers of chrysanthemums in the world, produced my new mums. They are their Prophets series, cushion mums, 'Janice.'

A potted chrysanthemum makes a lovely centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table. If the plant is set in a coordinated cache pot, it would be striking. The yellows, reds, bronzes, lavenders and purple colors or the fall foliage match the blooms and could be artfully placed around the container for a pretty display. Several ears of Indian corn also could be used.

A plant in a 6 to 6-1/2-inch pot

Please see Figley, page 11



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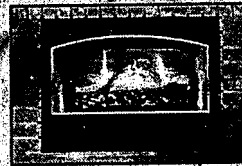
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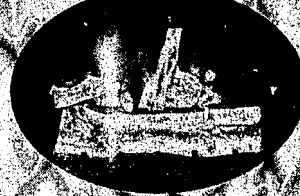
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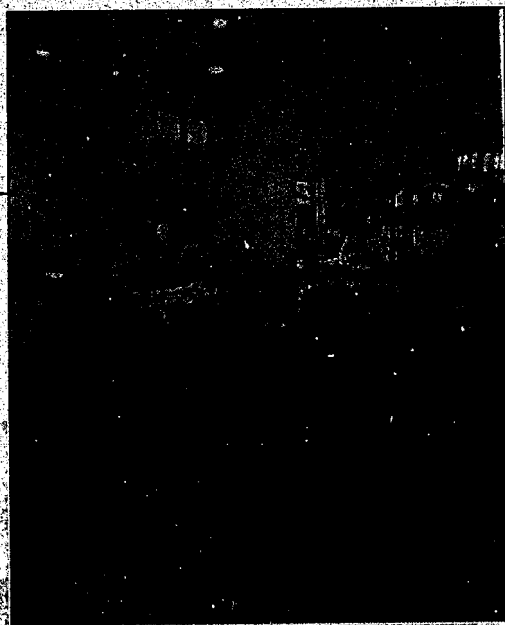
Seminars focus on kitchen

BY DEBORAH PICKL
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Kitchen island: This kitchen island using modern materials was designed by the Madison Design Group.



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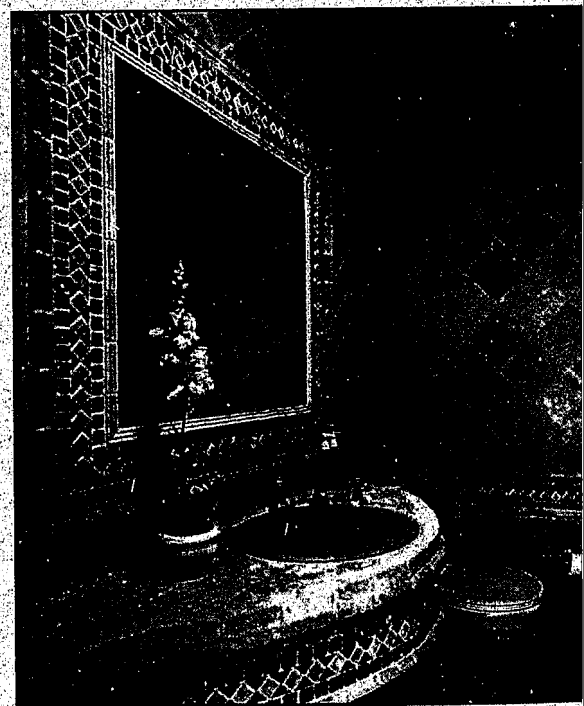
Kitchen designed by Gary Field of Madison Design Group at MDC in Troy. Walnut island with marble top. Painted maple overlay doors. Note detail in flutings, "foes," and moldings, designed to match furniture and decor of home.

You just can't stand that boring, almond-colored counter, unexciting cabinetry any longer, can you? What about you inflicted upon the floor in the '80s that has since worn cement? Cramming your pots and pans into space that fan is getting a bit old, too, isn't it? If you felt the urge to shout any of these statements, then your kitchen is in desperate need of a makeover!

With the number of kitchen and bath remodeling projects on the rise and the cost involved doing the same, the advice of designers and builders is essential in making informed design and remodeling decisions. Toward that end, Michigan Design Center in Troy, Ala., of the kitchen and bath industry's top manufacturers from around the country, is offering the public a unique opportunity to learn. Today with an evening reception and seminars 5:30-9 p.m., MDC will be on hand to deliver cutting-edge presentations on the latest trends in kitchens and baths from tile and countertops, to fixtures and appliances, and will answer questions about your projects as well.

You'll hear that today's kitchen is bright, artistic, spacious and functional. It is the center of the home that accommodates entertaining, facilitating social gathering instead of seclusion. No longer is the kitchen self-contained, but an open and visible part of the entire home. It ties in, or even defines, the design of the whole house. Building your dream home or updating your current home, the kitchen space while heightening style and function are keys to a great home.

Keynote speaker Ellen Cheever, nationally recognized kitchen designer, says one of the prevailing trends in the kitchen is either appliances that disappear completely, or big, bold, colorful appliances that really make a statement. "The challenge for designers,



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Hear more from Chéeever at her keynote address at 6:30 p.m., as well as choose any three of the following seminars during the evening.

7:30 p.m. — "Countertops That Fit Your Budget and Lifestyle," by Wilsonart.

"Customizing Your Tile and Marble Installation," by DeMuth Handpainted Tile, Sponsored by Beaver Distributors

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"Materials for Kitchens — What's New & What's Hot," by Madison Design Group

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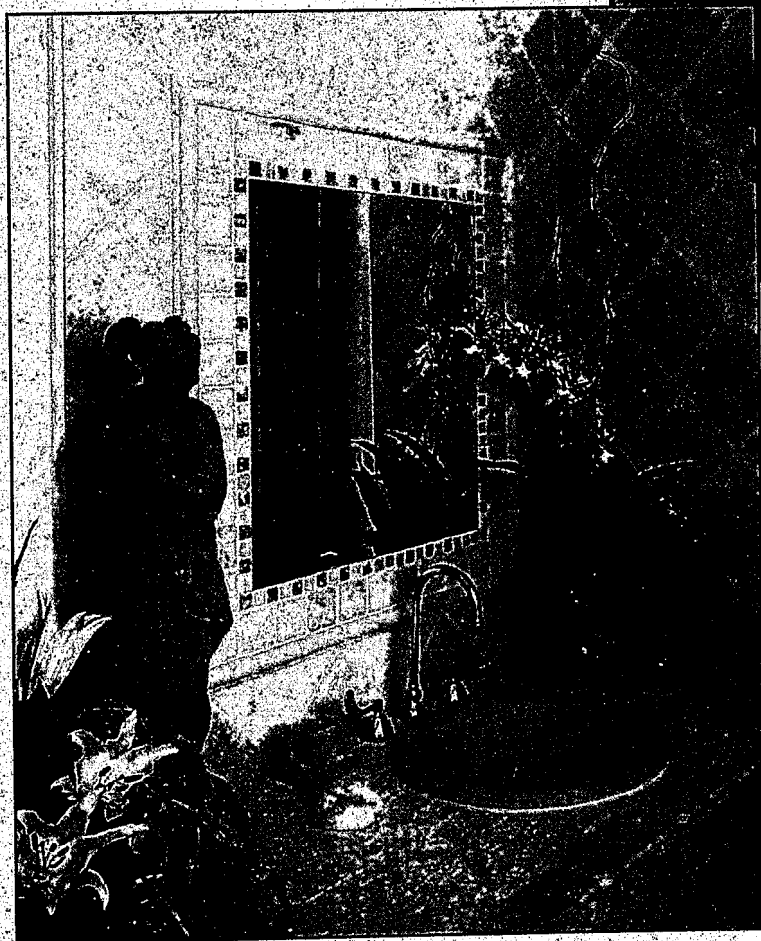
8 p.m. — "Update: The Latest Trends in Kitchen & Bath Lighting," by Lighting Concepts

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Shower scene: The biblical stone in this large shower is from the Ann Sacks Tile & Stone showroom.



Mosaic: This Roman look in bathing is from Country Floors at the Virginia Tile Co. showroom.

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8:30 p.m. — "Something New in Kitchen Cooking," by Specialties Showroom

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Understanding how color film works



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Film is a photographic "miracle" we take for granted. Most of us who have been using color film for years probably haven't given much thought as to how it really works.

Color film contains three separate layers of light-sensitive emulsion that create an image according to the intensity of light falling on it during the brief instant of exposure.

One layer is sensitive only to red light, one to green and the other to blue. At a particular stage in the development of the film, the image is dyed to the appropriate shade in each layer to reproduce the full range of colors in the original subject.

There are two basic types of color film... transparency (slides) and negative (prints).

A negative film records light areas in the original scene as dark tones and

dark areas as light tones. Colors are shown in reverse so that anything blue will appear as a mixture of red and green, which is yellow, anything green will record as a mixture of red and blue called magenta and anything red as a combination of green and blue, which is cyan.

These are the complementary colors. To make a print, the negative must then be exposed again to a similar emulsion on a paper base to convert the colors and tones back to those of the original subject.

With a color transparency, all of this process takes place when the film is developed.

Modern technology has made color films sensitive to even the slightest changes in the color quality of light. But we tend to notice only the drastic changes in light quality because the brain makes adjustments for what we see.

For example, grass will almost always appear to be green regardless of the color of light used to illuminate it, simply because we "know" that grass is green.



Pancake Rocks: While reproduced here in black and white, late afternoon light produced dramatic tones and textures. Monte Nagler shot this at Pancake Rocks in New Zealand's south island.

We are rarely aware of color changes in daylight, yet it varies as surely as the sun rises and sets and these variations are faithfully recorded on film. This accounts for the many surprises, and sometimes disappointments when you see your processed prints for the first time.

The color quality of light is measured on what is called the Kelvin scale and is recorded as a color "temperature." Most daylight balanced films are designed to give a correct color balance when the light source is

about 6,000 degrees Kelvin or approximately a noon sun.

However, light from a rising sun can be as low as 3,500 or as high as 8,000 on a hazy day. When you consider that a variation of only a few hundred degrees will be quite noticeable when recorded on film, it becomes easy to understand how a photography can appear with different tones of color than you thought you saw. It also explains how sunset and sunrise pictures have color values unlike those shots lit by a noon-time sun.

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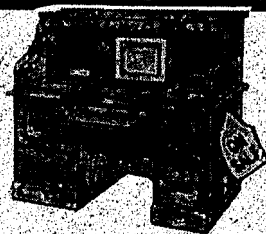
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■ First 1/2 announces its first major exhibit since it recently opened in downtown Pontiac: "Sea for Yourself," a show and sale of more than 60 1950s ceramic lamps from Vallauris, France, will run through Nov. 29 at 43 N. Saginaw. These fun lamps incorporate sea motifs such as starfish, shells and lighthouses. Each brightly colored, handcrafted lamp is one-of-a-kind. First 1/2 specializes in decorative arts and industrial design from the first half of this century and features furniture, glass, lighting and pottery. Call (248) 334-9660.

■ Michigan Design Center is offering seminars on what's new in kitchens and baths, 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

Following a wine and cheese reception and a keynote address by kitchen specialist and author Ellen Cheever, guests may choose from several seminars on countertops, kitchen materials, tile and marble, custom kitchens, lighting and more.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at

the door. To reserve, make checks payable to Michigan Design Center and mail to MDC, 1700 Stutz Drive, #25, Troy, MI 48084. For more information, call Deborah at (248) 649-4772.

■ The next meeting of the Metropolitan Rose Society will be held 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and south of 13 Mile Road. Guest speaker will be Nancy Lindley, who with her husband, Roger, owns Great Lakes Roses.

■ The Annual Arts & Crafts Fair at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 749 W. 14 Mile, Clawson, is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Free admission. For more information, call (248) 435-5488.

■ The Westacres Craft Fair is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Westacres Clubhouse, Westacre Drive off Commerce Road, between Union Lake Road and Green Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Admission is \$1. For further information, call (248) 360-9543.

■ The Troy Garden Club is presenting naturalist Susan Raymer of the Lloyd A. Stage Outdoor Education Center, who will present a slide show on "The Wonderful World of Wildflowers."

The meeting is noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of

Big Beaver Road. For more information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ Schoolcraft College will help potential home builders and current home owners create a structure that uses the latest methods to conserve energy. The workshops are coordinated by Jim Nawrot, director of Home Building Workshops of Livonia.

"Energy-Saving Programs for New and Existing Homes" will examine all aspects of framing designed to improve home construction. Classes begin 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. Free is \$145.

"Basement Types, Heating Systems and Air Exchangers" considers new basement options such as foam block and steel and evaluates heating and cooling systems. Class begins Tuesday, Nov. 17. Fee is \$145.

For information, call (734) 462-4448.

■ The Community House in Birmingham presents "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show, Dec. 2 and 3.

The show features 41 well-known exhibitors who will display an eclectic, upscale collection of folk art for home and garden.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Admission is \$4 and will benefit The Community House. Call Special Events at (248) 594-6403.

The Community House is at 380

South Bates St. in downtown Birmingham.

■ The Somerset Collection will highlight this season's must-have items 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6. This sneak preview, "A Collection of 100 distinctive Gift Items for the Holidays" will feature fresh gift ideas for everyone, from the pet you love to pamper to those who "have it all."

■ A juried exhibition of art by the members of the Palette & Brush Club will take place at the Southfield Centre for the Arts from Monday, Nov. 9, through Thursday, Nov. 19. The exhibition is open to the public 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Centre for the Arts is at 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile.

■ Renowned quilt maker Judi Warren of Maumee, Ohio, will present an overview of her work for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. The slide/lecture, titled "The Mountain and the Magic - A Trip Around the World" will feature quilts that are memories of her varied travels. The program will be held at the First Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Road and is open to the public for a fee of \$5. For information, call (248) 540-2707 or

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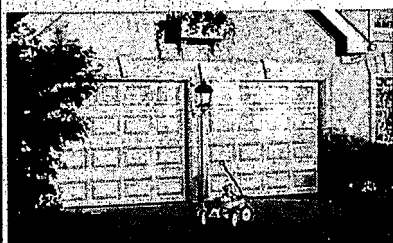
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inviting ideas

Jam pot offers fine dessert ideas

I've always loved jams, jellies, preserves and curds. If you read my column regularly, you know about my British lemon-curd fixation - I always thought of it as my "Anglophile thing" and tossed it off as just that. As I began to write this column, I realized where

this all stems from - memories of childhood comfort food.

With my mother not being much of a cook, I would grasp on to anything that tasted somewhat homemade - during childhood and early adolescence, I insisted on my mother buying fruit

purees at the grocery store - the strained baby food fruits (the ones that come in those cute little jars). Perhaps a pre-teenage idiosyncrasy, but knowing myself as I do - it was purely based on texture and flavor... they were for me, the precursors of fruit coulis, or the essence of a homemade-tasting jam.

I would come home from school, pop the cap on one of those tiny jars and cut a slice of pound cake, or place a huge spoonful of baby food fruit on top of a shortbread cookie, a slice of egg bread, or on a cracker. Jam-filled cookies (British - Peek Freans) and Hamantaschen (3-cornered jam-filled cookies) were also favorites. That hasn't changed much over the years - I still love anything jam-filled!

One of the first cookies I ever made as an adult were Wine Cookies filled with jam - similar to what is commonly called a Thumb-Print Cookie. My dear friend, and Jr. High Home-Ec partner - Bev Becker, now known as Bev Yost (of Farmington Hills), gave me that recipe in 1972 at a recipe party - I'm still making a variation of that wonderful cookie today, and so is she.

Invite some friends over to have a day of jam making and sweet treats. Make freezer jams, or can your favorite fruit jams, jellies or purees. Make a variety of Thumb Print Cookies or any jam treats - have each guest bring a recipe for a different type of jam, or have them bring along their favorite jar of jam (homemade or prepared). If you are a jam-junkie there are lots of desserts and sweets to consider - here are some ideas:

- jam-filled Linzer tarts or fruit bars
- scones served with clotted cream and fresh jam
- strudel made with preserves or jam
- an English trifle layered with jam
- puff pastry filled with jams
- a homemade jam ready for a slice of homemade bread or muffins
- mini jam tarts
- pound cake covered in lemon, orange or raspberry curd
- make a pepper or tomato jam - not all jams have to be made out of typical fruits
- serve crackers or bagels topped with cream cheese and your favorite jam.

Viana La Place has a brand new book out - "Desserts and Sweet Snacks - Rus-

tic Italian Style, published by William Morrow and Co., 1998 (\$23 hardcover). This delightful new "afters book" has lots of great desserts - I came across Cherry Bruschetta and was hooked. I did chuckle as she referred to her childhood favorite sweet snack of bread and chocolate - it must be a foodwriters thing... these childhood food issues!

CHERRY BRUSCHETTA

Yield: 4 servings

Here is a simple dessert with the rustic charm of a savory warm bruschetta - topped with red wine and cherries. Viana states "Here, I use the wine-rich, cherry-sweet compote as a topping for sturdy country bread, toasted and spread with a touch of sweet butter."

3/4 cup sugar (or to taste)

1 cup red wine

1 piece lemon rind

1 1/2 pounds sweet cherries, pitted

4 thick slices country bread

1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Combine the sugar, red wine and lemon rind in a medium saucepan. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Add the cherries and stir. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered for 15 minutes. Lightly grill or toast the bread and spread with a little butter. Place the bread on 4 individual dessert plates. Spoon the cherries and their juices over the bread. Serve warm.

WINE COOKIES

Yield: 30-40 cookies (depending on size)

1/2 pound butter

3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs, separated

4 tablespoons red wine

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup crushed nuts (walnuts or any of your choice)

Preserves or Jam (of your choice)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add yolks and wine; beat mixture well. Fold in flour and mix well.

Make small balls of dough - dip each ball into unbeaten egg white and then into crushed nuts. Make an indentation (thumb-print) in center of each cookie. Fill indentation with preserves or favorite jam. Bake cookies on a greased baking sheet for 20 minutes or until just golden brown.

Remove to cooling rack and let cool.

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Preserves or Jam (of your choice)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a bowl, combine all purpose flour, cornmeal, ground cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Mix in egg yolk and vanilla extract. Mix in dry ingredients. Form dough into small balls (about 1-inch). Place on ungreased baking sheet - spacing 1 1/2 inches apart. Make an indentation (thumb-print) in center of each

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would probably be the best size, as you wouldn't want to make the arrangement too large for the table. A couple of coordinating candles would complete the picture.

If the ground is not frozen, the mum could be set in the garden, but it might just be easier to treat this small plant as an annual, enjoy it for its singular beauty and toss it, as is often recommended.

If conversation wanes around your festive table here are some facts about this lovely flower, which Yoder Brothers shares: New varieties of mums bear scant resemblance to the original golden daisies of the Orient which legend says were washed ashore on an island in the Japanese archipelago centuries ago. The flowers, China's most valuable possession, were carried by 12 maidens and 12 boys who were to trade the mums for the herb of youth to save their revered emperor.

Finding the island uninhabited, the travelers settled down to build an empire and plant the mums. As legends often contain elements of truth, the story puts the birthplace of mums in China and explains the tradition where mums

for centuries were the exclusive possession of the Japanese emperor.

Records show that a half-dozen mum varieties were grown in Holland during the 18th century, but the French Huguenots imported a variety of forms from the Dutch and developed Old Purple, one of the basic mums of European gardens. Robert Fortune, one of England's great plant hunters, brought the Chusan daisy to Europe. French gardeners improved on this daisy and named their flower form a pompon because it reminded them of the wool pompons on their soldier's hats. The Old Purple chrysanthemum was introduced to the Americas in 1798 by John Stevens, a Hoboken, New Jersey nurseryman.

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roots are attached. Put it into a bowl of water to enjoy during the cold season and replant it outdoors this spring.

5. Before the weather gets too cold, make a Yule log from a slightly green 18 inch long log. Mix dried crushed herbs with paraffin or candle stubs and coat the log. When it burns a lovely fragrance will fill the air. Be sure to use a fire screen. A nice Christmas gift.

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1. There's still time to plant flowering trees and those for shade. Shop early this month for best selection.

2. Spray an anti-desiccant on evergreens to protect them from winter winds.

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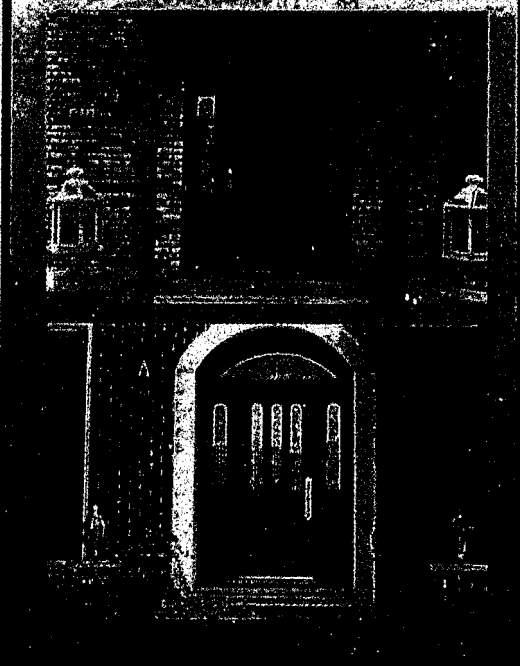
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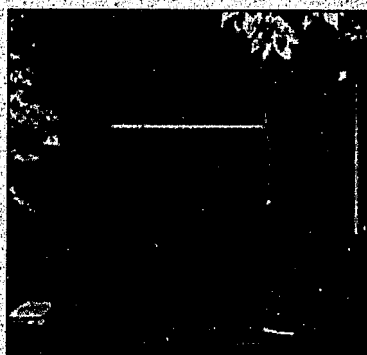
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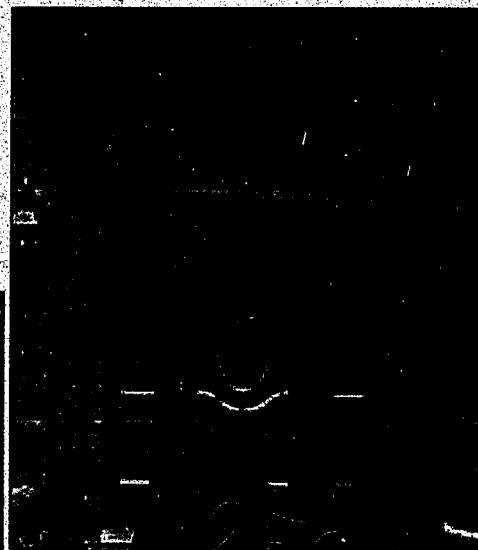
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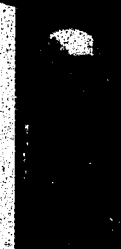
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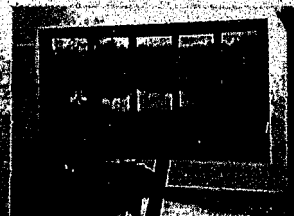
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FRIDAY



Pontiac Theatre IV, Pontiac's family community theater, presents L.M. Montgomery's musical version of "Anne of Green Gables," featuring Shayna Lax (left to right), Steve Krupa and Leah Tenny. 8 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 children and seniors, call (248) 624-3187 or (248) 682-1165.

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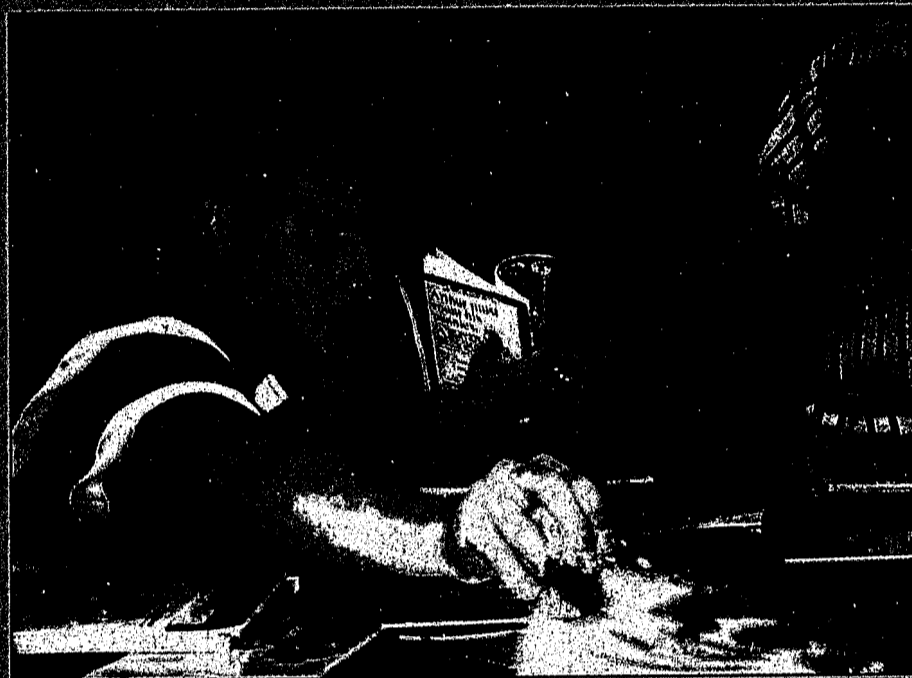
Ridgedale Players presents "Twelve Angry Jurors," featuring John Bros of Livonia (left to right), Dan Fuller and Laura Bell. 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets \$11, call (248) 988-7049.

SUNDAY



The American String Quartet performs 4 p.m. at Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$16-\$30, call (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229. They will also be performing 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, as part of the Cranbrook Music Guild concert series at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, at Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$25, (248) 751-2435.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM MAKING HISTORY IN EDUCATION



Mentors prepare. Joe Carnes of Wayne Memorial High School and Jennifer Potter of Truham Alternative prepare reading material for the Literacy Comps in which they help elementary pupils with their reading skills.

By HUGH GALLAGHER
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J. Carnes, 37, is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School. He has a white pocket and a small, bright smile. He is a member of the Literacy Comps, a group of students who help elementary pupils with their reading skills.

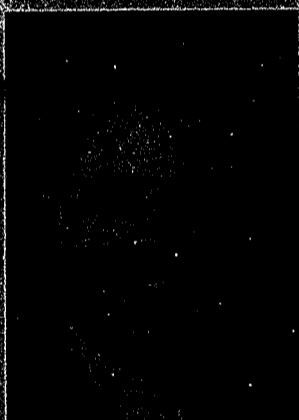
For the past two months, Carnes has been following Henry Ford Museum/Cranbrook House's Literacy Comps program. He is a member of the Literacy Comps, a group of students who help elementary pupils with their reading skills.

Carnes is visibly excited by what he's doing. On this day, a water main has broken and he and Scotty will be helping plumbers on repair and checking any damaged wiring.

"We put up an electrical box in Adams House and at the Academy," Carnes said. "It's fun, you learn something new every day."

And the learning at the museum has also improved. Carnes is a member of the Literacy Comps, a group of students who help elementary pupils with their reading skills.

Carnes is one of the many students who have participated in the Literacy Comps program. He is a member of the Literacy Comps, a group of students who help elementary pupils with their reading skills.



Steve Hump, The Henry Ford Museum/Cranbrook House president, would like to see other museums adopt a mentoring program similar to the one at the museum.

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of the museum will receive the award from First Lady Hillary Clinton at a White House ceremony. Carnes, Hump and other students will be invited to participate in a symposium on the expanded role of public service for museums.

"This is a terrific honor for the institution and for the Wayne-Woodward district," Hump said.

Two people attending the ceremonies have been instrumental in the success of this collaboration of school and museum. Lynn Malinoff, coordinator of the Wayne-Woodward-School & District Free Schools Program, and Stacy Melula, Great Lakes Regional program director.

"Students see themselves as not having achieved much school, but it's always been difficult for them," said Malinoff. "When they come out here, the whole thing is different. When things don't get done, it causes problems for the department. As a person goes from being insignificant to being a significant player."

The mentoring program was started eight years ago, when Cranbrook brought a school district with them money for a mentoring program. They were with a famous museum, with



Tap musician: Baakari Wilder says tap dancing is not just what you see, but also what you hear.

Hear and see the music of tap dance

By HUGH GALLAGHER
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Listen to the feet. Heels lay down a bass line. Toes dance out a melody. Sharp, percussive, angry, defiant and then soft, swoosh like a whisper, like a drummer's brush on the high cymbals.

"We're trying to educate people about the musicology, it's a visual and an auditory experience for the audience," said tap dancer Baakari Wilder. "In the past most people were not aware of the intelligent musicology. We're mainly musicians."

Wilder, 21, will join legendary dancers and up-and-comers to demonstrate the music of tap at a Jazz Tap Summit Saturday at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium as part of the University Musical Society series.

Wilder is currently dancing the difficult lead role of da Bear in the Broadway production of "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," a celebration of the history of tap from slavery to present day.

"In the past there was this perception of blacks from TV and Hollywood with Bojangles, Stepin Fetchit and Buck and Bubbles. Our show is about the journey," Wilder said.

Wilder got his start as many young people do, his mother dragged him to dance classes when he was a 3-year-old living in Maryland. He danced with his sister at recitals.

"Then I got ahold of a few tapes, saw Gregory Hines in 'White Nights' and 'Tap' and became more serious about it," he said in a telephone call from his home in Brooklyn. "When I began to learn about the history, where it came from and who was involved, I began to appreciate it more."

Wilder joined with other teenagers when he was 15 in a group called Tappers With Attitude.

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POPULAR MUSIC

Depeche Mode finally finds happiness

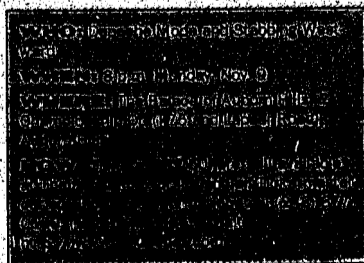
By CHRISTINA RUOCO
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The music for the masses is filled with chunky, power-chord guitars, driving beats, and novelty-tinged lyrics. With that genre du jour and rap music topping the charts, how does a band that originated during the 1980s' synth pop boom fit in?

Depeche Mode's keyboardist Andy Fletcher explained that it comes down to good songs.

"We've always competed by just trying to write good songs and perform well and try to be different than the rest. I think good songs is the key. If you write good songs (no matter) in what style you make the music, you're on to a winner," said Fletcher, 37.

"(Plus,) there's a big audience out there that wants to listen to something that's a bit darker, a bit different. The fact that a lot of our music isn't played



on the radio, is actually a reason why they like us. It's like their secret little thing."

It's not so secret anymore. Depeche Mode is returning to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday, Nov. 9, in support of "The Singles 86-98" (Reprise). The collection's first single, the dramatic synth soundscape of "Only When I Lose Myself," is receiving moderate airplay.

"It's interesting. I don't think it would normally be a single. I think it would be

a really good album track. ... We don't release obvious singles as such. If you look at our hits, none of them were obvious singles. That's the way we are," Fletcher said.

He added that "Only When I Lose Myself," however, fits in with pop radio.

"People at radio stations they're not over the movement. A lot of radio stations like bubbly, uptempo, super slushy ballads. It's sort of in between really."

For "Only When I Lose Myself," the band recruited producer Tim Simenon, a member of Bomb the Bass, who also manned the boards for Depeche Mode's last album "Ultra."

"With 'Ultra' we thought we wanted to make things a bit more minimal, get a bit more back to our electronic sound of 'Violator.' Basically, we were into slow groove at the time and we still are to a certain extent. We just wanted very minimal production with a good groove."

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Recounting career: Depeche Mode - (from left), Martin Gore, David Gahan and Andy Fletcher - play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday, Nov. 9, in support of its two-CD greatest hits collection, "The Singles 86-98."

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grant money for an outreach program.

"We wanted to build a program in the community. The museum wanted to build a mentoring program," Malinoff said.

Twelve students from Wayne Memorial and Tinkham Alternative School participate in the program. They spend half a day at school and half a day at the museum. They are students considered "at-risk" because of attendance and behavior problems, low grades and underachievement.

Success rate

"The success rate is drastic in such a short space of time, 240 hours in a semester," said Nekula Gressell. "The average absence rate is 21 days before, five days after. Even more dramatic, the GPA goes from .16 to 3.2 after one semester."

Students often stay in the program for several semesters. One student worked in the auto shop at the Village developing his skills as a mechanic. He got a job as a welder when he graduated and is now investigating attending college.

On a typical day, students arrive at the museum, change clothes, have a group lunch and

then spend 2-1/2 hours with their mentor. They end their day filling out a journal. The students must attend their regular classes or they can't go to the museum.

"The kids have access to everywhere: photo shop, auto shop, the development office, the farm, period clothing, computers, electronics," said Nekula Gressell.

The students receive elective credits for their work. The program has been beneficial for students and mentors alike.

Scorzelli, who was awarded the museum's Skramstad Award for innovation in the workplace, has enjoyed working with Carnes.

"Last year we tried it, the kid didn't stick it out. But I enjoy teaching what I know and helping other people," he said. "I've always done that. It's challenging and it's important to me."

For Carnes, the work has dramatically improved his grade-point, given him some ideas about what he'd like to do and made school more appealing.

"I actually think this year is better because I'm not in school all day just sitting there. I'm out all day with something different to do. That's what I like," he said.

Hamp said Carnes, like many

young people, is not a "sit in the seat learner" and programs like the mentoring program help students learn in their own way, respecting that people acquire knowledge differently.

He said the program has also been good in discovering the teaching skills of museum employees.

Teaching others

"My instinct is that lots of people in lots of jobs have a tendency to be great teachers," he said.

Carnes and his fellow students are also learning to mentor as members of the Literacy Corps. The students are teaching literacy skills to elementary pupils at Wayne-Westland's Vandenburg School.

"You learn better when you teach someone else," Nekula Gressell said.

Carnes enjoys this aspect of the program as well.

"We go to elementary schools and help kids read. We're learning to read to them properly, make it exciting and enunciate," he said.

The mentoring program has been an inspiration for the museum.

"It has had benefits for the

kids and the district, and tangible benefits for our institution," said Hamp. "Our willingness to create a school here (the new Henry Ford Academy charter school) followed on the success of the mentoring program."

The combination of the Wayne-Westland students and the Academy have dramatically altered the dynamics of the museum, which now has a soccer field on its once pristine front lawn.

"This shifts the paradigm internally and externally," Hamp said. "It's full of noise, excitement, activity, high volume, intense, high numbers."

Hamp would like to get other area museums involved in similar programs and involve the museum in other outreach programs as well.

The mentoring program has been supported by grants from several foundations and Hamp said a cooperative effort with other institutions would help raise funds.

Tonight, Hamp and other program leaders will be dancing at the White House as a reward for a program that has helped nearly 100 students get back on track.

'Social Security' cashes in on laughs

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents the adult comedy "Social Security," by Andrew Bergman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens 62 and older, and students 18 and younger, call (248) 644-0527. BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER



On stage: Roz Basherian and Tom Christopher in a scene from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "Social Security."

For its Halloween weekend opener, St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild has come up with their own "Viagra" concoction of a romantic "Social Security." There are no "Social Security" cards, no long numbers to memorize, no monthly checks, only the dividends of laughter and light-hearted humor. This play by Andrew Bergman, gives new meaning to the welfare system.

Director Mark Nathanson has taken Ohio Burch's attractive set of a fashionable Manhattan east-side apartment (with some very unusual paintings) and made it the center of three bewitching conversations between members of the Barbara and David Kahn's family. It seems that everyone who stays with the couple is seized by a renewed romantic excitement.

Joshua S. Dawson plays the sarcastic, snooty upscale art dealer while Gail Sahney is his polished wife Barbara. Their fashionable and refined life of art show openings has only time for the vague and famous. They are shocked by the sudden arrival of Barbara's aging mother Sophie (Fran Hayes) in her walker and her night wear fashion.

Sophie has been living with sister Trudy and her husband Martin (Roz Basherian and Tom Christopher). They arrive at Kahn's on what is supposed to be a "regular" Tuesday to discuss the important matter. Barbara offers to write a check for anything Trudy needs to take care of Sophie's needs. Instead she gets Sophie.

The uptight Trudy and her accountant husband Martin have a more pressing problem, their only daughter has found a "menagerie" living arrangement in college in Buffalo and the over protective parents have decided fly up to Buffalo for a month. This hilarious conversation between the two couples, four unusual personalities, ends

when the beleaguered couple leave their "ready for bed" mother with the horrified socialites.

But there is something in the water in this apartment or perhaps the many drinks David serves. Just as the daughter Sarah became liberated after spending time in this apartment, so is Sophie. The get tough Barbara puts her sniping mother on the fast track in the Salvador Dali guest room and pairs her up with Tom Spriggs, who is Maurice the aging painter. Hayes, as the transformed Sophie, is hilarious if not truly believable. The only flaw is that Spriggs' Maurice is a little too arthritic for the story.

As David, Dawson has an ingenious manner of timing his acidic remarks. Basherian and Christopher couldn't be better cast as the uptight, martyred-type couple Trudy and Martin. And Sahney makes a wonderful foil for all this humor.

This is a play of three conversations in three scenes taking place in two acts around two living room sofas. The bottom line is it takes real talent to make it funny. Just how funny? Check out the paintings on the walls, "Chesapeake Bay Variations" and "When Lilacs Bloom."

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"He's been a fan since he was 17 of Depeche Mode. He's a really good producer. He's done some good stuff recently. We felt that the tracks had a slow groove to them, so wanted something quite groovy. Tim was a perfect choice."

So perfect that Simonon joined Depeche Mode on its European tour serving as DJ in between acts and taking care of "weird tape loops" during "I Feel You."

"Only When I Lose Myself" was one of three new songs that Depeche Mode wrote for "The Singles." However, "Only When I Lose Myself" was the only one to make the cut. The rest will be relegated to b-sides.

Fletcher said having a two-CD greatest hits set in stores is "a bit weird, really."

"We had one out, I think it's called 'Catching Up' (With Depeche Mode) in the States. It's the singles '81-85 so we always had an idea to do '86 to whenever," he explained via telephone from England.

"They were sort of got it delayed and delayed and delayed, and delayed, now it's like a double CD. It was supposed to be '86 to '90, then '91, then to '92. It is quite an achievement. We never thought we'd get the first compi-

lation out, then to get a double CD it's beyond our dreams, really."

There's another CD out that pays homage to the English pop band, "For the Masses" (A&M), which features a variety of acts - including Rammstein, The Doffones, Smashing Pumpkins, Apollo Four Forty, Self, Failure and others - covering Depeche Mode.

"I think it was really well put together. There was a good selection of artists and a lot of really interesting versions. Some which were better than our original."

The Icelandic techno act Gus Gus, he said, did a better version of "Monument" than Depeche Mode did.

"Things like 'Enjoy the Silence,' the Failure version is pretty near as good as ours."

The Cure's rendition of "World in My Eyes," however, left much to be desired.

"That's one of my favorite songs unfortunately. Not to be unkind to the Cure, it's not one of my favorite versions. I think it's an OK version. I think our version is very hard to beat. ... I'm really being a bit judgmental. I think all the tracks are all good in a way. It's just some I

like more than others."

The last five years has been rough for the band, which has been stripped down to Fletcher, lead singer David Gahan, and lyricist/guitarist/keyboardsist Martin Gore. Fletcher had a nervous breakdown, Gahan's drug problems are well documented, and Gore had a grand mal seizure.

Now recovering, the band is concentrating on its live shows in support of "The Singles." The trio will be joined on stage by keyboardist Peter Gorden, drummer Christian Eigner, and backing vocalists Jordan Bailey and Janet Cooke.

Eigner is the first live drummer that Depeche Mode has used on concert.

Alan (Wilder, former keyboardist/drummer) played drums a bit on the last one. This guy's a really good drummer. He keeps it really true to the original sounds. It's quite nice. It gives it just bit more bounce, a bit more power," he said.

"Generally, the show is related to performance. I think rather than the high tech show. I think we're performing very well and there is a lot of energy on stage. In Europe they thought it was

the best tour we've done in our career. We're hoping we can transfer that sort of energy over to the American leg as well."

Fletcher added that the band is finally having fun together.

"The last tour, the Faith and Devotion tour was a bit heavy. It was a real struggle for me personally, and I think for everyone. The last two years has been real fun. We've taken things at a nice pace. We released good records and the tour, we had time to put it together. So I think it's been well prepared and consequently it's quite good fun to do."

"It went really well," Fletcher said of the tour. "We're enjoying things at the moment. When we come over there people will see that we are actually enjoying our music at the current time."

As for its next album, Depeche Mode is taking things one step at a time.

"We haven't gotten any plans after Christmas. That's the way we're doing things at the moment. We're taking things slowly and not plan things too much in advance. This sort of policy seems to be working. We're enjoying everything we do at the moment. That's the way we want to carry on, really."

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For many people, tap dancing, like other dancing, is primarily about movement and foot work. But Wilder said the real art of tap is in the sounds the dancer makes.

"As tap dancers we're not taught about the importance of

the sounds we make, we're taught more about the use of the upper body, like Fred Astaire. Not that he didn't have a good sense of rhythm, he did," Wilder said.

The Tap Summit brings together some legendary dance

figures including Jimmy Slyde, Brenda Bufalino, the team of LaVaughn Robinson and Germaine Ingram, Dianne Walker and singer Yvette Glover, mother of dancer extraordinaire Savion Glover, the choreographer and original star of "Bring in 'da Noise."

"Tap is visually looked at as being simple, like Jimmy Slyde," Wilder said. "He's enjoyable to watch, it looks simple but there is a lot of intelligence involved." Slyde figures prominently in

Glover's survey of tap legends. He acquired his stage name from his show-biz style slides.

"It's a love of dancing and rhythm. He's a 60-something-year-old man and his timing is incredible. He's like Wynton Marsalis and even greater with his feet and rhythm," said Wilder.

Wilder said Slyde made his way up from the streets and the small dance clubs in Harlem before appearing with major jazz orchestras and shows in Paris

and New York.

Wilder is now passing on what he's learned to others in classes he's taught in New York and Washington.

"My focus is simply listening to yourself, having your own rhythm, an ear and an eye for rhythm. Build from what you learn. I question their focus. Like any art form it needs to be discussed for its history," he said. "There are still shows with funny tap dancers, but it's really another level of intelligence. I try to teach them to respect it."

As part of the Jazz Tap Summit, master classes will be offered for advanced beginner, intermediate and professional

level dancers 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For information, call (734) 668-7782.

Wilder, who has ambitions of becoming an actor as well as a dancer, is enjoying his exhausting role in "Bring in 'da Noise."

"It's definitely challenging, every day I build on it. I want so much for the people to listen and get the message. It's a challenge, scene by scene to build them. But I love telling a story that powerful," he said.

And he's looking forward to the summit, which will be like a jam session for these jazz musicians of the feet.

"When I hear people dance, that's fuel to my fire."

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners; Nov. 5-Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

JET

"The Last Night of Ballyhoo," by Pulitzer Prize winner Alfred Uhry, this Tony-award winning comedy is set in Atlanta, Ga., in December, 1939, through Sunday, Nov. 15, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Patsy: A Musical Tribute to Patsy Cline," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students and seniors; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," starring Jo Anne Worley, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the center. \$29, \$26 students and seniors, \$32 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

MEADOW BROOK

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

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"Bourbon at the Border" Pearl Cleage's tragic love story set in the shadow of the Detroit's Ambassador Bridge, Nov. 5-29, previews (\$10) 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 5-6 and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, opening night 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, from then on 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays; at the Museum of African American History's Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 East Warren at Brush, \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Boom Town," Jeff Daniels' powerful drama set in a small midwestern town, through Sunday, Nov. 29, at the company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. "Boom Town" is recommended for mature audiences only. \$15-\$30. (734) 475-7902

COLLEGE

OU THEATRE SERIES

"Artist Descending a Staircase" and "Albert's Bridge," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors and OU employees, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE

"Night Watch," Lucille Fletcher's suspense drama, dinner theater 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7 (\$19) in the Waterman Center, show is 8 p.m. in Liberal Arts Theatre; theater only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 (\$8) on the campus at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

WSU HILBERY THEATRE

"Scapin," Moliere's tale of intrigue and slapstick opens Nov. 13 and runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

Sam Shepard's psychological mystery "Geography of a Horse Dreamer," Nov. 12-15 and 19-22, at the theater located downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students. (248) 644-2075

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"A Tuna Christmas" comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 27-28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 563-2955

FIRST THEATER GUILD

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Knox Auditorium of First Presbyterian Church, 1689 Maple Road, between Southfield and Cranbrook roads, Birmingham. \$8, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 644-2040, ext. 151

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

"Laughing Wild" by Christopher Durang, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 6-7 and 13-14, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Recreation and



Modern dance The Limon Dance Company, America's premiere modern dance company, is appearing at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. Tickets \$41.50, \$36.50 and \$31.50 available at the box office, (313) 963-2366 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Organizations Center, off Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 797-JACK

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads (on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital), Northville. \$11 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

Presents L.M. Montgomery's musical version of "Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14 with a 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 matinee. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 children and seniors. Group rates and season family memberships available. Shows presented at Pontiac Northern High School, 4051 Arlene, Call (248) 624-3187 or (248) 682-1165 evenings and weekends for tickets.

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Twelve Angry Jurors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Livernois and Crooks roads, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students for Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"The Sisters Rosenweig," the hilariously philosophical tale of three Brooklyn-born sisters in staid London and their romantic escapades, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 5-6 and Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 13-14 and 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Old Redford. \$10, all seats reserved. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD

"Social Security," by Andrew Bergman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

SALINE AREA PLAYERS

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Saline High School Auditorium, 7190 Maple Road, Saline. \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 seniors and students, \$8 Sunday. (734) 646-6190

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Sister Camille's Kaleidoscope Cabaret," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$10 non-members, \$8 members. The show contains language and subject matter that may be inappropriate for children. (734) 464-6302

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CAPA

Livonia Public Schools Creative and Performing Arts program presents The Who's "Tommy," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, at Churchill High School, 6900 Newburgh Road, north of Joy, Livonia. \$8, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performances Friday, Nov. 27, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday-programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$5.50

groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

PUPPETART THEATRE

"Cinderella," featuring classical mari-onettes with music by Tchaikovsky, 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

"Flowers for Algernon," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Oakland Community College Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge campus at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$8 evening, \$5 matinee. (248) 357-3660

SPECIAL EVENTS

"A TASTE OF TUSCANY"

An evening of Tuscan art and food to learn more about the art tour to Florence, Siena and Rome, Italy in spring of 1999, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, sample Tuscan delicacies and view a slide presentation, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 14 Mile and Cranbrook (Evergreen), Birmingham. \$25. (248) 644-0866

DEEPAK CHOPRA, M.D.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, Orchestra Hall, 3111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$28.50-\$56, (248) 645-6666 or http://www.ticketmaster.com

"FESTA D'AUTUNNO"

Featuring Franco Basselli and his eight-piece dance band, Sunday, Nov. 8, Villa Penina, Sterling Heights. \$65, includes full dinner, benefits The Puglia Club of Michigan. (800) 723-5560

GUITAR SHOW

Gordy's Music annual vintage musical swap meet and guitar show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Michigan State Fairgrounds, 7 1/2 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$8, free for children ages 12 and younger. \$4 parking. (248) 546-7447/(248) 546-SHIP

MICHIGAN DEPRESSION GLASS SOCIETY

Featuring American-made glassware from the early 1900s through 1950 exhibited and sold by 30 vendors from 10 states, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8, Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., near Greenfield Road. Admission \$3 for both days. (313) 421-3098

S.S. EDMUND FITZGERALD SERVICE

The annual memorial to the 29 men who lost their lives aboard the Great Lakes freighter in Lake Superior Nov. 10, 1975, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Mariner's Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson. Free parking in the Ford Auditorium Garage, entered in the media area of Jefferson at Woodward. (313) 259-2208

WILD GAME DINNER

Nov. 11-12, 7 p.m. appetizers served, 8 p.m. dinner, at the Northville Manor, Haggerty Road between Five and Six Mile, Northville. \$75. (734) 420-0144

BENEFITS

"ARTSHARE"

An evening of art, silent and live art auction featuring more than 100 Michigan artists, jazz with Alexander Zonjic and Friends, and food, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Standard Federal Building, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Benefits St. Vincent/Sarah Fisher Center. (248) 629-527, Ext. 3115

BLACK TIE AWARDS NIGHT AND

HOME COMING

Detroit Repertory Theatre event featuring a champagne reception, Detroit Repertory Subscriber Awards, and the world premiere production, "Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)" by John W. Shea, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$50, \$25 Repertory alumni. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

EMPTY BOWLS

Pewabic Pottery hosts its annual benefit to alleviate hunger in the community 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at the pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson. For a donation of \$10 to \$20, participants may choose a bowl donated by local artists with which they may enjoy a meal of soup and bread from restaurants such as Beverly Hills Grill, Sinbad's, Sparky Herbert's, and Tom's Oyster Bar. Guests may keep the bowl. Limit two bowls per customer. All donations go to Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, which serves area agencies feeding the hungry. (313) 822-0954

GAMEWORKS CHARITY PREVIEW

Featuring Detroit Red Wings Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, Doug Brown, Chris Osgood, Kris Draper, Sergei Fedorov, Larry Murphy and Nicklas Lidstrom playing Vertical Reality, a new game designed by Steven Spielberg, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the GameWorks entertainment complex at Great Lakes Crossing Shopping and Entertainment Center, Auburn Hills. \$75, includes dinner, drinks, and entertainment by the "Twistin' Tarantulas. Benefits Hospice of Michigan. (800) 669-9335

"GIVING THANKS FOR JAZZ"

A brunch to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival, featuring the music of the Matt Michaels Trio with guest artists Johnny Trudel (trumpet) and Larry Nozaro (sax), noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, not tickets will be sold at the door. (248) 474-2720

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

"Dance of the Decades," 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, music by Platinum Sounds, cash bar, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland. \$15, proceeds to grant wishes for children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 17 who have life-threatening illnesses. (734) 525-3550

NUTCRACKER LUNCHEON

DSO's "Nutcracker Luncheon" and holiday boutiques features holiday shopping from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., noon luncheon, dance excerpts from "The Nutcracker," informal fashion show featuring furs from Dittich Furs, and the auctioning of a 7/8 length natural brown cross mink coat donated by Dittich Furs, Thursday, Nov. 12, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. \$40, \$75, \$100, benefits Detroit Symphony Orchestra. (313) 576-5142

TEDDY BEAR BRUNCH

Featuring The Amazing Clark, Clownin' by Flutterby, magician Chris Linn, ventriloquist Richard Paul, and The Festival of Trees, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. \$10, \$8 children younger than 12, includes admission to The Festival of Trees. Benefits Children's Hospital of Detroit. For tickets, send check payable to: Festival of Trees, c/o The Teddy Bear Brunch, 1334 Shenandoah, Rochester Hills, MI 48308. Send self-addressed stamped envelope. (248)

650-8733

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org; As part of the Cranbrook Music Guild concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, at Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$25. (810) 751-2435

MALCOLM BILSON

Performs Brahms and Schubert on 1835 five-octave Viennese piano by Conrad Graf, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$30, \$20, \$15. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

"An Autumn Festival" featuring soprano Gail Mitchell singing selected songs by Stefano Donaudy; violinist Robert Oppelt performing works by Persichetti, Enesco and Kreisler; and pianist Barbara Woolf playing the music of Robert Schumann, 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Preview of concerts for Northwest Airlines Friendship Tour to Japan, featuring music of Barber, Martinu, and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 11-13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (\$40-\$63 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitssymphony.com

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Hands Across the Sea" featuring pianist Pauline Martin, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children 12 and under. (734) 421-1117/(734) 464-2741

OU SYMPHONIC BAND

"Serendipitous Serenade," featuring a diverse selection of contemporary and traditional favorites for winds and percussion, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors and OU employees, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MUSIC SERIES

Pianist Deborah Moriarty and James Forger, saxophone, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

MITSUKO UCHIDA

Pianist performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

VIENNA VIRTUOSI

Featuring principal members of the Vienna Philharmonic and clarinet player Ernst Ottensamer, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$22-\$36. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$3, \$2.1 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big band)

BLUE MOON BOYS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (248) 349-2800; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (swing)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

George Gershwin tribute concerts, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45 (\$65 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitssymphony.com

PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGERS

5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$2, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (Dixieland/swing)

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$24.50. All ages. (313) 981-5451 (big band/swing)

SQUIRREL NUT ZIPERS

With T-Model Ford, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$20, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (248) 349-2800; 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (western swing)

SWING SYNDICATE

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5.19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (swing)

BRASS MUSIC

"A FESTIVAL OF BRASS"

Featuring the Salvation Army Dearborn Heights Citadel Band, Royal Citadel Band, The Weston Silver Band and the Motor City Brass Band, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7, Southfield Pavillion on Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive, Southfield. \$10, \$6 seniors and children, \$25 for families. (313) 563-4457

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Multi-arts workshop for ages 7 and up with co-directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger, explore the elements of dance, creative writing and painting through guided exercises, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Longacre House, Farmington Hills. \$10, \$8. (248) 477-8404

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Open auditions for dancers ages 10-18 for its Holiday Dance Extravaganza, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at EDE Center for Dance, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills. For Dec. 12-13 performances at the new Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. (248) 852-5850

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America holds open auditions 7:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Wayne Road. While helpful, the ability to read music is not a requirement. (313) 438-2364

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Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$10-\$26. (734) 764-2539/(800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

KIMMIE HORN SHOW

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills.

JAZZODITY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

KATHY KOSINS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558; 8:11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 11-14, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Nov. 6 and 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 845-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

ROBERT PIPHO

8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

With The Buzzrats and The Draftsmen, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

MATT WILSON QUARTET

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or kch@clc.net or <http://www.kerrytown.com/concert-house>

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Bac!, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

WORLD MUSIC

ASSAD BROTHERS WITH BADI ASSAD

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

JIM BUCKINGHAM

9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 6 and 13, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk)

DADDY LONGLEGS

With Uncle Booby, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (reggae/rock)

CHOYING DROLMA AND STEVE TIBBETTS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@clc.net or <http://www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse>

JOHN HOBAN

The musician, songwriter/composer from County Mayo, Ireland performs a program of songs and stories, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with museum admission of \$4, \$1 children, Founders Society members free. (313) 833-7900

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 296-0950 (reggae)

SOL Y CANTO

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Latin American/Caribbean)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (folk)

STEPHEN CHRISTOFF

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. (734) 327-2041

DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Oakland Community College's Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

PETER MULVEY

Hosts open stage night, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$3. \$2 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LEE MURDOCK

2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 Strand Dr., Belle Isle. \$10 GLM members, \$12 non-members. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

KEVIN SO

With Michael Wagner, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041

CHERYL WHEELER

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (folk)

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCE PARTY

8-9 p.m. lessons with party from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 7, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Ann Arbor. \$7-\$15. (734) 817-4701 or xluntd@aol.com

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

In concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at Henry Ford Community College, Aday Theater, McKenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$12, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 955-3544. In conjunction with performances HFCC presents a day of dance classes in ballet, modern, jazz, and tap. (313) 845-6314

JAZZ TAP SUMMIT

An All-Star celebration of tap dancing featuring Jimmy Slyde and Dianne Walker, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

"TIM CONSTANT'S SWING WORKSHOP II"

Beginner/Intermediate East Coast Swing; noon to 2 p.m. (\$30); Advanced East Coast Swing, 2:10-4:10 p.m. (\$30); Savoy Style and Modern Lindyhop 4:20-6:20 p.m. (\$30); and a practice session, 6:20-7:30 p.m. (free), Sunday, Nov. 8, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road, Westland. (734) 513-8536

PETER SPARLING/EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Presents two weekends of performances featuring new works, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 6-7 and 13-14, and two evenings of shared programs (Nov. 13-14) with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, in collaboration with the Ann Arbor Committee for Psychoanalysis and the Arts, there will be a pre-performance panel discussion about creativity and dance and a post performance afterglow with the artists and committee members 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the University of Michigan, Media Union Video Studio, Ann Arbor. \$17, 10 students. (734) 764-0450

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Basile and J.R. Remick, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7 (\$15); Sheila Kay, Lisa Golch and Jill Washburn, Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 11-14, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Diane Ford, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7 (\$12 and \$24.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 (\$10 and \$22.95); Pablo Francisco, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 (\$12 and \$24.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 (\$10 and \$22.95), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Kirkland Teeple, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7 (\$12); Elliott Branch, Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 11-12 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Ricky Kalmon Hypnosis Show and Jon Ueberroth, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 5-8; Rocky LaPorte and Tim Rowlands, Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 11-15, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30

p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$18.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multi-media showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Fall walking tours, "Living in America" 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; and "Working in America," 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, at the historical park, Dearborn. (313) 982-6001

MEADOW BROOK HALL

"Tiffany: Essence of Light, The Meadow Brook Hall Collection," through Sunday, Nov. 15, at the mansion, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 370-3140

POPULAR MUSIC

ABALON

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; With Bluecat, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (R&B/rock)

ALBERTA ADAMS WITH BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

AFGHAN WHIGS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BARBARA BARRETT

With Gimble, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041 (acoustic pop)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 334-7900; 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Nov. 8, Club Eleven, 16315 11 Mile Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 778-2063; 8-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 11-12, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com> (blues)

GORDON BENNETT

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (jump blues)

KAREN BLACK

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Relentless, Friction and Floraline, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (R&B)

BROTHER CANE

With Vallejo, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

CANDYSKINS

7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER

With Cat'e Curtis, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$40 gold circle, \$25 reserved. All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or <http://www.99music.com> (country/pop)

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

CORNELIUS

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (Japanese noise rock)

COWBOY JUNKIES

With Over the Rhine, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$35. All

ages. (734) 763-TKTS or <http://www.99music.com> (willow pop)

DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)

THORNETTA DAVIS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B)

DEPECHE MODE

With Stabbing Westward, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$45, \$32.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

"DETROIT RHYTHM AND BLUES TRADITION"

With Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Joe Weaver and Bobby Barnes, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. All ages. (248) 262-2690 (blues)

DISHWALLA

With Sonichrome, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10.50 in advance, \$12 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELIZA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6200; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop rock)

FASTBALL

With Joan Jones, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (rock)

JOSH FORD AND THE BIG 3

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)

'Living Out Loud' covers familiar marital territory

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Living Out Loud" is not a bad movie. I mean, not once did I run from the theater, shouting, "I can't stand it anymore!"

A blonde Holly Hunter, looking fashionably anorexic, certainly enlivens the serio-comedy with her off-beat persona.

Danny DeVito imbues his Mr. Nice Guy role with just the right touches of charm and charisma. The jazzy Queen Latifah, her singing voice as satiny as the costumes she wears, may be worth the price of admission all of her own.

Actually, the most memorable feature of this movie is its music.

Filmgoers who relished the

tuneful backdrop of "Sleepless in Seattle" will doubtless go for this track, which includes here-to-stay hits like "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "Goin' Out of My Head," and "At Last, My Love Has Come Along."

Definitely, Richard LaGravenese's film has something going for it. Unfortunately, it still may disappoint a number of moviegoers.

Hunter plays Judith Nelson, a nurse whose 20-year marriage to an esteemed cardiologist has gone terminally sour.

The main problem we learn (and learn again) has been dishonesty. He has apparently reigned as a master of deceit over those two decades. Meanwhile, to try and save the mar-

riage, she has lied to and about herself so much and so often that she now keeps spouting lines like, "I left me long before you did!" and "I'm not sure where I've been for 20 years."

Obviously, this character who has virtually turned invisible over time is out to "find herself."

So be forewarned: If you're a little tired of that theme, "Living Out Loud" may not only make you slightly weary, it may bring on a veritable seizure of déjà vu.

Things begin to look up a bit for the sometimes sober, sometimes sodden, sometimes stoned divorcee when she notices DeVito. He's no cardiologist. He's the elevator operator in her toney Manhattan apartment building. DeVito's character has his

heart in the right place. Single himself, he's recently lost his beloved daughter and, almost before we know it, he's fallen for the divorcee-in-search-of-herself. "I have to love somebody," he confesses endearingly.

Hunter's character can't see him in "that way." For one thing, she can't seem to get beyond her tendency to fall for great-looking guys with "great hands" (Yet another reemphasizes on the importance of human touch.)

For another thing, her real dream is to become a doctor. Why are we not surprised? She's determined that nothing is going to stand in the way this time around.

After all, she "settled" for nursing the first time around, thus furthering her villainous spouse's career and sabotaging her own dreams. (Haven't we heard this song before?)

Will she attain her dreams? Will she give her heart to the twinkly-eyed elevator operator? Will she find herself? And, when the time comes, will we care?

"Living Out Loud" brings with it a few laughs, plus some bluesy and fanciful scenes of New York nightlife. And if pill-popping-stoned strikes you as funny, Hunter will amuse you



Romantic encounter: Danny DeVito and Holly Hunter star in the adult comedy "Living Out Loud."

even more in spots.

But in the end, the imagination of this suppressed divorcee is so "blurred" on screen that we don't know if we're watching her fantasy or her reality.

Some may find that this cinematic device enhances the enter-

tainment value of "Living Out Loud." Others may find it slightly exasperating and choppy.

While the attempt is to inject freshness into the story, the effect is that "Living Out Loud" feels like something has been "tacked on."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 6

"THE SIEGE"

An FBI agent teams up with a mysterious female CIA operative to investigate a group of Middle Eastern terrorists who are bombing New York City targets. As the bombings continue, U.S. troops are deployed and civil liberties are curtailed. Stars Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Bruce Willis.

"VELVET GOLDMINE"

Set in London in the early '70s during the emergence of the glam-rock scene, the story follows the rise of a mythical rock icon who finds himself at the epicenter of the pleasures and decadence of the day.

"LIVING OUT LOUD"

An adult comedy about a middle-aged woman whose life changes dramatically after her husband leaves her. With Holly Hunter, Danny DeVito, Queen Latifah and Richard Schiff.

"THE WATERBOY"

Adam Sandler stars as a hapless waterboy for a college football team, who turns out to have great skills on the gridiron with Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler and Fairuza Balk.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

Special edition re-release of the beloved classic on the eve of the film's 60th anniversary.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 13

"AMERICAN HISTORY X"

Exclusively at the Main Art. Contemporary drama about a family torn apart by hate and racism. Stars Edward Norton.

"MEET JOE BLACK"

Romantic fantasy about an otherworldly presence who assumes a human identity in order to reach a powerful businessman, only to fall in love with his daughter.

"I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

Romantic comedy about a young couple on a cross-country mission to return home for the holidays.



Comedy: Adam Sandler (right) stars as Bobby Boucher, a socially inept 31-year-old simpleton from the swamps of Louisiana, who goes from being a lowly waterboy to star football player, when Coach Klein (Henry Winkler) convinces him to fight back against the jocks who make his life miserable in "Waterboy."

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 20

"CELEBRITY"

A comedy written and directed by Woody Allen set in New York with all-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Judy Davis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 25

"HOME FRIES"

An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

"WAKING NED DEVINE"

A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

"JACK FROST"

Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he'd ever imagined possible - below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton.

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL"

A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Backstage Pass features a feast of musical styles

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

I hope every-

one is ready for another awesome show filled with great music, fun and entertainment, because everyone knows Backstage Pass is where to go to find all that and more.

Guess who is back on the music scene and rockin' again? None other than the infamous Billy Squier. Segment host Gary Graff commented, "I think what fascinates me the most about Billy Squier is that he has reinvented himself from this '80s rocker into this soft playing acoustic guitarist. It is really a startling and inspiring transition. Billy had really burned out in the record industry five years ago. His records were not really being promoted the way he wanted them to be and he wasn't happy with all of that. Billy was a 'rock dude' with a big guitar. He used to be a wild, bumping guy, and now he is just Billy

Squier with his guitar. He left that rocker and has now turned a little bit bluesy. Even though he was gone for a while, he has found his way back now."

Billy Squier has found his way back to the music scene and all the way to the Detroit Public Television studios of Backstage Pass to do a live performance.

"La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi has been described as being "One of the best loved operas of all time. With its beautiful dramatic score and heart-wrenching story of love and death in demimondaine Paris during the 19th century." The opera will run Nov. 12-15 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

The story of "La Traviata" is taken from the novel "La Dame Aux Camelias" by Alexandre Dumas. Dumas' novel is about the everlasting theme of love struggling to survive despite all attempts to corrupt it and was an immediate success. And, of course, Backstage Pass is going to be giving all the viewers a more in-depth look into "La Traviata" on this week's show.

The amazing talents of the soulful singer Thornetta Davis

will be showcased here. On Detroit Public Television as well, Thornetta was signed to SubPop, a label that is known for such artists as Iggy Pop and Black Sabbath. When asked why she thought she was signed to that label, she replied, "I don't know, I guess it's obvious. I'm a soulful person. By not being categorized as just being an R&B singer and being able to perform and loving to do it all, it would be only natural to be signed to SubPop because they are known for doing different stuff. They didn't sign me to do an R&B album, to pigeonhole me as Mary J. Blige or Brandi. That's not the kind of music I do; there are too many people doing it now."

Can you believe what a great show this is going to be? Thornetta Davis, Billy Squier, "La Traviata," and you all know that is not the end of the list. One thing to remember though, mark the changes because this week the show will air Friday at midnight, Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and repeat once more Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.



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STREET SCENE

New Orleans proves a mood lifter for Afghan Whigs



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Recording in New Orleans wasn't a life-changing experience for Afghan Whigs bassist John Curley, but sure was a mood lifter.

"Just walking around the city and stuff, you could hear music everywhere you go coming out of houses and out of the bars. People were in the streets playing drums or trumpet or whatever," Curley explained.

"You feel very musical when you're there."

The rest of The Afghan Whigs felt the same way and brought a little of New Orleans to its latest album "1965," its first for Columbia Records.

"It came through in lots of different ways. We had the most obvious thing, horn players from New Orleans (The Royal Orleans Revers) playing on our record."

The album "1965" is second only to the band's 1993 epic "Gentlemen." The opens with the rump-shaking "Somethin' Hot" featuring the piano of Josh Paxton and continues with the hand

claps in the backporch feel of "66." "John The Baptist" brings back the driving guitars of "Gentlemen." The album closes with the New Orleans jam "The Vampire Lenois," a song that Curley said is not dedicated to the famous producer, Daniel.

This time around, singer/songwriter Greg Dulli was at the helm as producer.

"Greg's obviously the best person for the job, having written the songs and having been in the songs in the beginning. He's the creative force behind the band," Curley explained.

"When you have somebody from the outside, which is what we've done in the past, they want to have their say and at a certain point it's going to conflict with yours and then what do you do?"

The band did, however, bring Dave Bianco and George Drakoulas to mix the record.

"I think they did a really great job. Greg was sitting there with them keeping an eye on them. You have that old saying, 'If you want it done right, you have to do it yourself.' You kind of have to be involved in there."

The album is the first for Columbia after The Afghan Whigs jumped ship from Elek-

tra, Curley said he's happy with the switch.

"We would enjoy probably having a hit record or something like that, just to see what it was like. Maybe we'd make some money. I think we're pretty happy with and proud of and appreciative of the people who helped us do as much as we've done."

"We've been working full time playing in a band since like 1993, maybe. So it's pretty cool. There's days when just like any job that it's tough but there's a lot less of them than any other job I've had."

Afghan Whigs perform Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

The Afghan Whigs Web site is <http://www.afghanwhigs.com>.

New sound

Dishwalla may have been accused of falling into that category of "generic rock" with its debut album, "Pet Your Friends" (A&M).

But with its new album, "And You Think You Know What Life's

About," Dishwalla rocks out. Heavy drum machines lead into the first track, "Stay Awake."

"We definitely set out to take what we had on the last record, the part of it that we liked, and sonically take it a step forward, as far as the keyboards and organs. We still have the pop side of the band. That's a major part of what we do," said Scot Alexander, bassist/vocalist.

The biggest difference between "Pet Your Friends" and "And You Think You Know What Life's About" is the inclusion of keyboardist/vocalist Jim Wood who joined the band shortly after the recording of "Pet Your Friends."

"J.R. (Richards, lead vocalist/guitarist) played all the keyboards on the first album, but we downplayed it a bit live. We wanted to project him as a frontman instead," he said.

Dishwalla recorded the album at its own studio in the mountains near Santa Monica, Calif.

"Most bands just take their recording advance and automatically put it toward the producer and the recording studio. We built our own studio and we did that up in the mountains behind Santa Monica, 45 minutes away from anything," Alexander explained.

"No one could bother us any more. If we recorded in the city, everyone would stop by on their lunch hour or dinner, that kind of thing."

Drummer/vocalist George Pendergast found a distraction, however. It was a Time Magazine article about Deepak Chopra which inspired the full out rocker, "Pop Guru," which closes the album.

"George wrote the words to that one. He saw a cover of a Time Magazine that said, 'Pop Guru' and it had a picture of Deepak Chopra. It was about false prophets of our time. He just sort of saw the cover and wrote a song about it," he said.

Alexander's favorite song on the album is the bipolar ballad "5 Star Day."

"I like the atmosphere behind it and the mood to it, and the groove to it. It's about this idea that we're in this perfect society when things are falling apart."

Dishwalla's 7th House show on Saturday, Nov. 7, marks the second time in six months that the band has come to Detroit in support of its new album.

"The first time the album had only been out for a week and no one really knew it. This time, it'll be an awesome show. That's

what we're about — playing live and stuff. The recording's one side of the band. That's what made it happen on the first record."

Dishwalla toured for 1 1/2 years before the melancholy single "Counting Blue Cars" became a radio hit. Still, Alexander finds it a joy to play.

"That's the song people come around on on the shows. It's the funnest song to play live."

Dishwalla performs Saturday, Nov. 7, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, with Sonichrome. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$10.50 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Dishwalla's Web site is <http://www.dishwalla.com>.

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Tokyo Sushi brings Japanese food artistry to Troy

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Artisan, hand-crafted sushi and sashimi along with a host of stylized Japanese dishes came to Troy in the form of Tokyo Sushi & Grill in late July.

Since then, employees from Chrysler, GM, Delphi and nearby office buildings have discovered it for lunch. At dinner, Tokyo Sushi & Grill is attracting its neighbors in surrounding subdivisions. If you haven't discovered this special 40-seat eatery in Troy Corners Plaza (Livernois and Square Lake), you may wish to soon.

Troy resident and eight-year veteran of the restaurant industry Maria Nguyen teamed up as owner with Chris Sayanthone, sushi chef. Using Sayanthone's long experience at Kyoto and then Benihana of Tokyo, they are offering an extensive selection of sushi, sashimi and an ambitious menu of the best Japanese cuisine.

Using the Ford Motor Co. motto "Quality is Job One" as a lead, Nguyen said, "To us, success in the restaurant business is based on quality, service, and price. Word of mouth will be our best advertisement."

Tokyo Sushi & Grill

Where: 30 W. Square Lake Road, Troy (248) 828-0090.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday until 11 p.m., Saturday noon to 11 p.m., Sunday 4-9 p.m.

Menu: Sushi and sashimi bar, noodle dishes, daily lunch/dinner specials: Teriyaki, Tempura and Tonkatsu all orchestrated with unique Japanese flair.

Cost: Moderate with most dinner entrees under \$15 including soup, rice, tea and dessert.

Reservations: Accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Sayanthone adds, "A restaurant serving sushi and sashimi must be the best of fish houses. People get their catch of the day from king crab to octopus at the sushi bar. Additionally, because Japanese food is artful and colorful, it must be made from the freshest ingredients. Our cooking style is one that's healthy."

If you're squeamish about sushi, here are the facts. Not all sushi is raw. Tokyo offers 12 different cooked sushi. On this score, head straight for the Centipede Roll - creative with dynamite flavors.

Other sushi has rice vinegar marinated fish. High-acid substances such as lime or lemon juice and vinegar "cook" sushi without application of heat. This

"cooking" keeps the full fresh taste of seafoods.

Unmarinated and therefore raw sushi is made from fish such as tuna, flounder, yellowtail or grouper. If you want to experiment, friendly waitstaff are at your service.

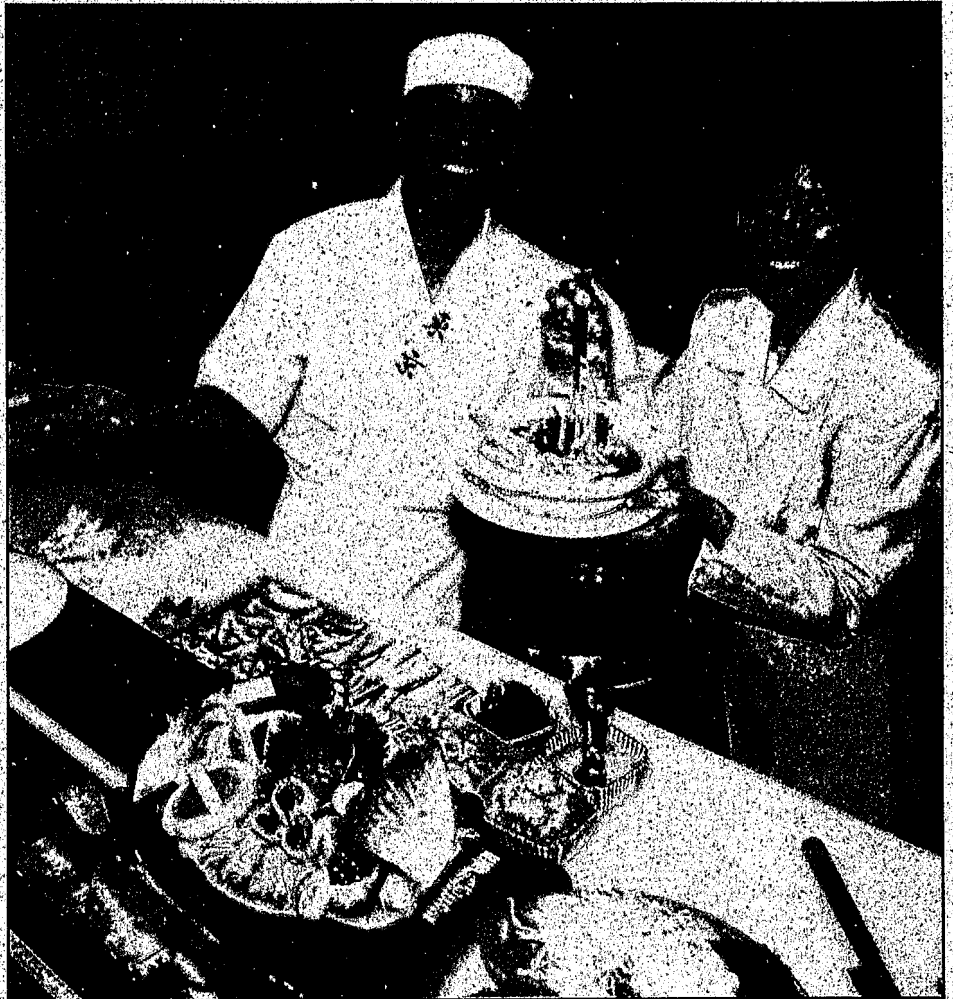
Sashimi, on the other hand, is always raw fish. I have an unviolated personal rule when selecting a sushi and sashimi bar. It must be well lit. That way, judgment about cleanliness and freshness can be made.

Tokyo Sushi & Grill stresses its cleanliness with a bright, crisp decor using woodcuts to make a simple statement of Japanese - no fans or other distractions. The atmosphere here is the best Japanese cuisine, such as artfully crafted Kaiseki Bento, a combination plate of sashimi, sushi, shrimp tempura and vegetables or Chirashi Zushi, a selection of the best seasonal fish served over rice.

"In Japan, wasabi (horseradish) is an automatic inclusion in sushi," Sayanthone explained. "But it's always served on the side with sashimi. In America, we put it on the side for both. We recommend that people use the sauce dish, first putting in soy sauce, then mix in wasabi to their taste."

For a full burst of flavors, he suggests that some pickled ginger be eaten simultaneously with the sushi and sashimi after they have been dipped in the sauce dish.

In addition to sushi and sashimi, there are other items including beef or chicken teriyaki and seafood tempura with a special



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Taste of Japan: Sushi chef Chris Sayanthone and Maria Nguyen offer an extensive selection of sushi, sashimi and an ambitious menu of the best Japanese cuisine at Tokyo Sushi & Grill.

dipping sauce. Tonkatsu (pork) or chicken katsu are deep fried to delicious crispness.

Soft noodle dishes, either udon (rice flour) or soba (buckwheat flour) are appealing and topped with fish, tempura batter or vegetables. Get all toppings and a meal in a bowl with Nabeyaki

Udon.

Comfortable grouping of tables and banquettes allows setup for two, or larger groups of 10 or more. Children are welcome, and sushi chef Sayanthone makes egg faces or radish pumpkins to please. Kids love these and udon, California roll, chick-

en teriyaki or katsu," he said.

To help young people understand Japanese culture, Chef Sayanthone is willing to come to area elementary, junior high and high schools with his team of cooks to prepare sushi and explain Japanese foods.



On the menu: Ton Katsu (breaded pork cutlet) and Nabeyaki Udon, (a meal in a bowl), are among the items you'll find on the menu at Tokyo Sushi & Grill.

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@oe.homedomain.net.

■ Nov. 7 - A Taste of Wine & Roses, 6 p.m., Pine Lake County Club, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Metro-Detroit Chapter Black Tie cocktails, dinner and auction gala to further cystic fibrosis research, \$150 per person. For more information and reservations (248) 524-2873.

■ Nov. 13 - 6 p.m. Save a Heart Celebration of Wine & Food at Michigan League, 911 North University, Ann Arbor benefiting the Congenital Heart Center of Mott's Children's Hos-

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■ Madrigal Dinners - The king, his queen and court will assemble for Schoolcraft College's 22nd Annual Madrigal Dinners, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417. The college is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, west of I-275) in Livonia.

■ Van Gogh, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) will open in early November with an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbecue; only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices."

Van Gogh proprietors are William Gire and Duane Gmerek who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick

Houston, formerly with Larco's in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

■ The Golden Mushroom, 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco pattern has been installed. Wood floors have been replaced with tile. New art work has been added and the popular gathering spot has been generally spruced up!

The same quality food and service as main floor Golden Mushroom dining is offered in the lower-level, cigar-friendly

Mushroom Cellar.

■ Flying Fish (17600 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham) has cast off to a receptive dining audience, Wednesday evening last week saw a full house of diners enjoying the brightly-colored and remodeled interior. They were taking advantage of the "Flight Arrivals" boards announcing best catches of the day.

Birmingham's Flying Fish is different from the one at Orchard Lake and Maple Road because it has retained two dining levels from its days as Tavern on 13. Downstairs can get a bit noisy around 7 p.m., but upper-level tables afford a quieter dining atmosphere.

n common at both Flying Fish locations is lots of good food at

modest prices. Dinner for two with check below \$25.

Thanksgiving - Don't get left out of our annual listing of Thanksgiving and holiday dinners.

If your restaurant will be open Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, send or fax menu information to Keely Wygonik at the Observer & Eccentric at the number listed in front of this column as soon as possible. We're planning to run our Thanksgiving dinner story on Thursday, Nov. 19.

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