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Of note: Clarkston Conservatory of Music is renovating its historic building on Main Street, and has begun a fund drive to add a 150- to 200-seat recital hall for classical and jazz concerts./A3

SPORTS

Not quite: The Clarkston Wolves fell just short of their year-long goal, but finished with an impressive 39 points in the Oakland Activities Association Division II tennis meet at Troy Athens. /C1

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Happy Day

A nn Degen turned 40 Monday, and Elementary School, where she works as a classroom aide, made sure everybody knew it. There were signs stating her age inside and outside the school building, and while she was so kindly being treated to lunch at a local restaurant, some staff wrote, "Honk, I'm 40 today" on her van. And how did she celebrate her special day? "My parents are coming in from Buffalo, N.Y., and I'm taking them out for dinner," said Degen while wearing a black rose she received for her birthday. "After all, my mom is responsible for my being here."

Tougher driving laws hit home

Anyone who's been arrested for driving drunk or with a suspended license better watch out. New legislation makes things tougher for you if you become a repeat offender.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@cc.homecomm.net Clarkston City Council is doing its

part to make sure drunk drivers and people who drive with suspended or revoked licenses get what's coming to them if they break the law again. A peckage of tougher Michigan laws took effect Friday.

Locally, Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships will look at amending their Uniform Traffic Codes its to conform with the state legislation. nd Clarkston held its first reading of the

amendments Monday. "The legislation is a response by the state Legislatine to put more teeth into laws for repeat offenders," said Clarkston city attorney Thomas Ryan. "It plugs many loopholes."

These "teeth" include the addition of immobilization devices on a vehicle, mandatory metal license plate confiscation and the issuing of a paper license plate, valid until the offender's court case is decided.

"Like any of the laws, as long as these new laws get support from prosecutors and judges, they will help," Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston said.

"We need these laws to make the roads safer," added Sgt. Pat Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Springfield Township substation. "Those paper license plates will be like a scarlet letter to others that those vehicles have been involved in a violation."

Lt. Dale LaBair from the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department warned people will need to be more careful who they allow to drive their car.

A vehicle can be immobilized and its license plate confiscated even if it doesn't belong to the repeat offender involved in the driving incident.

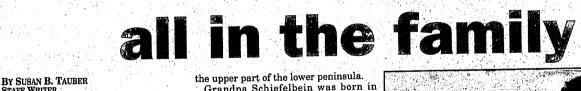
A repeat offender, according to a release from Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard's office, is an unsafe

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Old-time recipe: Paul Wilmot has to lend his strong arms to swirl the air-popped corn in the caramel to produce Grandpa Schiefelbein's Gourmet Caramel Corn.

Handed down through the generations, local caramel corn-making business is . . .



Cultured cats

Wisitors to the Clarkston Conservatory of Music may be greeted by both the sweet sounds of classical chords and purring cats.

The school in downtown Clarkston is home to two cats. One of them, Sandy, was the victim of a car trash and was taken in by owner Jim Wilhelmsen: Sandy has no tail, too few teeth and no voice box. But she makes up for her lack of a meow in purr power.

Duck power

What weighs only a few pounds, yet has the power to stop all traffic coming and going on Miller Street? Ducks! Twice this week, a reporter has noticed traffic stopping to allow the ducks to waddle across Miller Street from one mill pond to another.

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Ever wonder if there's a Lipton person behind the Lipton tea products or someone named Nestle behind the Nestle chocolate empire?

Well, if you've ever purchased Grandpa Schiefelbein's Gourmet Caramel Corn, you'll be pleased to know there was an Albert Schiefelbein who began this caramel corn business in the early 1930s in Kaukauna, Wis., and that he was someone's grandpa.

He ran his business on his farm, according to his daughter, Joan Pearson, a former Clarkston resident who now lives with her husband, Robert (Bob), in

Germany. He loved his popcorn business. He even made big popcorn balls and wrapped them in colored wax paper for the holidays.

Years later, Joan said father asked her if she wanted to take over the business. She declined. It wasn't until she retired at age 50 that she remembered she had her grandfather's recipe and even one of the copper pots he had used to make candy.

"I got involved with making" the caramel corn then and wanted to dedicate it to him. That's how the business got its name," she said. Her son, Steve,

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Marie . Wilmot (front) seals the caramel corn bags while Margie Olliffe dries it on the stainless steel counter.

Final

steps:



BIAIT FINOTO BY ELIZABETH CAMPAGE Pass the hat: Middle school students Ashley Lindahl (left to right), Dana Schlosser Matthew Pruente, Matt Dudek and Maria Blaine look at some of the hats collected.

Hats being collected for kids suffering from cancer

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Want to hear a good story about kids? Then read

on. Several local middle school students in the various Junior Optimist clubs in Clarkston are collecting new baseball style hats and soft winter hats through the national Hats Off for Cancer program. They are going to donate these to the American Cancer Society to give to children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. The society also will give the hats to children who attend its Camp-Catch-A-Rainbow.

The local students are hosting the Oakland County collection for Hats Off for Cancer 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 23, in Sashabaw West Middle School, 6300 Church St off Waldon Road as part of the ninth annual Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of helping others. Its main sponsor is USA WEEKEND magazine.

The Junior Optimists from Sashabaw West and Clarkston Middle schools are busy these days mak-

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Clarkston woman joins Red Cross team helping victims of hurricane

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oehomecomm.net

Lois Seddon of Independence Township spent the past two weeks listening to hundreds of heartbreaking stories while helping the people of Rocky Mount, N.C., piece their lives

back together. Hurricane, Floyd may already have blended into the collective memory of horrific East Coast storms for Clarkston-area resi-dents. But the worst is probably yet to come for those in the path of Floyd, which hit North Carolina Sept. 16, Seddon said.

Seddon, 66, became a Red Cross volunteer after retiring from North Oakland Medical Center about a year ago. She had worked as a registered nurse for 45 years. She never thought she would be on the scene of such devastation.

"I had one client who told me they had to cut the roof off her house (to rescue her)," Seddon said. 'They have such tragic sto-ries to tell."

Seddon started her work with the Red Cross by helping fire victims in Detroit. She decided that since she had the time, she would volunteer for disaster duty. Then came Floyd. Seddon was called upon right away and hadn't even had the normal training class before she flew to North Carolina. She arrived Sept. 19. Shortly after, the woman who would be her supervisor became ill.

"So guess who they put in charge?

Seddon is one of nine people from the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross sent to help in the aftermath of Floyd, said Kate Callas, marketing and communications manager for the chapter.

A storm system bigger than the state of Texas, Floyd was one of the largest disasters the Red Cross has been called to assist "I had one client who told me they had to cut the roof off her house (to rescue her). They have such tragic stories to tell."

> Lois Seddon -Red Cross volunteer

with, she said. Approximately 2.5 million people were told to evacuate in the affected East Coast states.

Since Floyd hit, more than 930,000 meals and snacks have been provided and 17,000 Red Cross staff members and volunteers have helped out.

People who volunteer for major disasters are assigned a month when they are put on call. Callas said volunteers rearrange their lives so they can drop everything if something happens during that month.

Seddon is a health services technician at a Red Cross Service Center in Rocky Mount near Raleigh

"What we're doing is helping clients replace any medical things they lost in the flood," she said.

Rocky Mount itself isn't very large, but the service certer is helping people from two counties. Seddon said they have reg-istered 2,000 people. Each per-son has to be interviewed and their situation assessed. The center helps them with housing problems and damage assessment,

She finds out what medication or medical equipment, like beds, walkers or oxygen tanks, they lost. The volunteers contact the pharmacy and give clients vouchers for a 30-day supply of medication.

Other areas of the service cen-

ter, set up in an old building that wasn't being used, determine other needs families have. Three or four nurses and 40 family service workers take care of people at that center.

Seddon said she is near the Tar River. When the hurricane winds and rains came, the dam broke.

"Some of the clients are telling me they had 15 minutes to evacuate," she said.

Although Seddon has not toured the area, she is hearing that as the flood waters recede in some places, moldy, smelly buildings are left behind in ruins. She said it is hard to imagine the gravity of the destruction. Snakes that had been in hibernation were flushed out. She said other problems include how to get rid of dead livestock before it poses a health threat.

But through it all, the people she is helping have been wonderful.

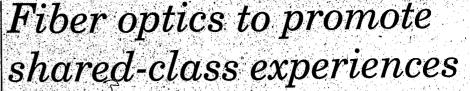
"They are so warm and friendly and grateful for anything you do for them. That's what impressed me," Seddon said.

She said things will get worse for the people of Rocky Mount before they get better. There is still some flooding and then there is the huge task of clean-ing up and rebuilding.

From her experience, Seddon also is learning more about the Red Cross. She said her service center alone has given \$2 million in assistance already.

Seddon will leave Oct. 10 after putting in mostly 12- to 14-hour days — sometimes without a break. Even with all the hard work, she said she doesn't tire during the day but just collapses when she hits her pillow at night.

"You get rejuvenated the next day," she said. "It's very exciting.



BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Imagine this: A visitor from. half-way around the world is giving a one-time-only presentation at a local school. The children in that building are getting a rare educational treat that may never be repeated in the school district again.

Today, the only way other Clarkston Community Schools students could experience this same presentation is by watching a videotape of the program after it's completed.

The school district is hoping that by the end of 1999, all students in every building, as well as all staff and school officials, can participate in the same presentation without leaving their buildings.

What's going to make this futuristic-sounding method of communication available?

Fiber optics.

Thanks to bond money for technology approved by voters in 1997, the Clarkston Community Schools district has hired the firm, Fiber Link, to set up this fiber optic network. Fiber Link is

seeking right-of-way permits from the three local municipalities. These permits will allow Fiber Link to run a fiber optic network along existing utility easements and poles in order to connect all school buildings and

support buildings, Craig Kabler, director of busi-ness services for Clarkston schools, said fiber optics is the hest form of communication on the market.

"It is a much more efficient method than traditional cable networking," he said. "Fiber optics allows us the capability to broadcast presentations to every school in the district. We can conduct a class at any school and share that information with a class in California.

"Once we have all the permits in place, it won't take us more than 60 days to install the fiber optic network along the rightsof-way," said Tom Davis, president of Fiber Link Inc., headquarted in Lapeer.

Clarkston Community Schools will be the sole owner of this fiber network." It will be used strictly for educational purposes, such as transporting voice, video and data signals across the

Kahler hopes to have all three needed permits by the end of the

McLeod USA, a fiber vendor, recently received the go-ahead to install a fiber optics network along the rights-of-way in Clarkston and Springfield and Independence townships.

It will install fiber optics networks for itself, for Oakland County and for Oakland Schools.

"Using the same vendor is a win-win situation for all of us," said John Mahoney, director of information technology for Oak-land County. "Our system provides a communication service to all Oakland County buildings. Oakland Schools is doing the same thing with its buildings. We all benefit from going to sim-ilar locations geographically, but to a different set of buildings.

He explained cabling as being one sheath with multiple strands of fiber. The county, Oakland Schools and McLeod USA will each use a portion.

This is a major, major project," Mahoney added. He hopes it's completed by the first quar-ter of 2001.

Church to host evangelistic services

conduct special evangelistic services at Maranatha Baptist Church in Clarkston Oct. 3-8. The services will be at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun-day and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pettit has conducted more

MARGARET MARY (METTLER)

Margaret Mary (Mettler)

Daniel of Sarasota, Fla., former-

ly of Clarkston, died Sept. 29,

Mrs. Daniel was preceded in

death by her husbands, Louis

Mettler (1965) and Henry A. Daniel (1991). Mrs. Daniel was

also preceded in death by her

parents, Patrick and Agnes Don-

nelly, and three brothers, Mau-

rice, William and Norbert Don-

also survived by a sister, Jean (Clarence) Wolfe of Sault Ste.

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Marie.

DANIEL

1999, at age 77.

Evangelist Steve Pettit will than 350 campaigns throughout the United States and has preached in nine countries.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Pettit served as youth pastor at First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Mich., for five years before becoming an evangelist.

The meetings, which include teen and children programs. are geared for families. The church is at 5790 Flemings Lake Road, one-quarter mile north of 1-75 and west off Sashabaw. For more information, call

the church at (248) 625-2700.

AGENDAS **Charter Township**

of Independence

Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 5

7:30 p.m.

Township Library

view Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

HELEN E. PAULSEN

OBITUARIES

Helen E. Paulsen of Clarkston died Sept. 29, 1999, at age 84.

Mrs. Paulsen was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. She is survived by her children, Carl of Clarkston and David of Brighton. Mrs. Paulsen is also survived by her sisters, Fran Grimes of Colorado and Dorothy Fullmer of Traverse City.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Pastor **Richard Nelson officiating.** Interment was at Hillview

Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30 at Our Lady of the Funeral arrangements were Lakes Catholic Church with the entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Rev. Larry Delonnay officiating. Rite of Committal was at Lake-Clarkston.

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Agenda

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Presentation: Ron Davis, North Oakland Land Conservancy

Unfinished Business: 1. Elected Officials Salary

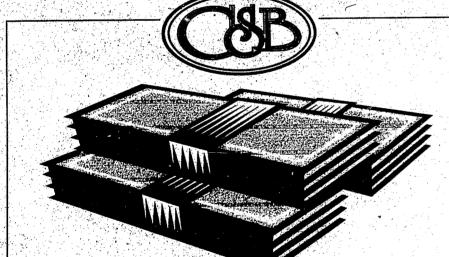
Compensation Committee Proposal 2. City/Township Contracts

New Business:

1. Final Plat Approval: Woodlake Estates, formally known as Lake Waldon Pointe

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

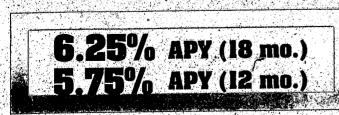
Charter Township of Springfield Planning Commission **Tentative Workshop Meet**ing Wednesday, Oct. 6 Agenda Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. **Opening Comments** Minutes Approval of Agenda Public Comment: Items Not on Agenda Public Hearing Unfinished Business: Fire Protection New Business Other Business Communications and Reports: 1. Master Plan Process-Visioning Fair 2. Dixie Highway Corridor Plan Update 3. Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Project Update 4. Springfield Township Native Vegetation Enhancement **Project Update** 5. Sidewalk Regulations 6. Private Road Ordinance 7. MSPO Conference 8. Other Planning Issues Future Meetings: Oct. 18, 1999, Business Meeting



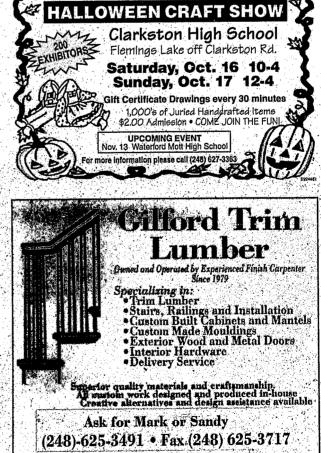
nelly. She is survived by her children, Louis (Kathleen) Mettler of Sarasota, Fla., and Charlevoix; and Robert (Vivian) Mettler of Charlevoix. Mrs. Daniel is also survived by three grandchildren, Corbin and Robert Mettler of Florida and Amanda of California. She is

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Adjournment

The Observer & Eccentric/ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1999

Recital hall part of long-range plan for music conservatory

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Clarkston Conservatory of Music students whose-noses are as sensitive as their ears might detect a faint smell of horse in their music school.

Owner Jim Wilhelmsen is in the midst of renovating the historic build-ing at 49 S. Main St. Those changes include taking what used to be the sta ble and turning it into a recital and rehearsal hall.

That area, which could seat 60, he said, is only a prelude to Wilhelmsen's bigger vision — a recital hall at the rear of the building.

Wilhelmsen would like seating for 150-200 as well as 10 practice rooms, banquet facilities and possibly even a recording studio.

\$400,000.

"It's difficult to find a venue," he

The next closest place is Pontiac, and Wilhelmsen thinks a concert series is

Wilhelmsen said he is starting a massive fund-raising campaign immediately for the new facility

said.

organization. Wilhelmsen plans to apply for grants, go to businesses for help and rely on individual donations. The reason is, simple: He wants to bring high-quality music to Clarkston,

and he wants to do it right.

Getting performers is not a problem. With years of performing and teaching experience, 48-year-old Wilhelmsen has the connections it takes to book top classical and jazz musicians.

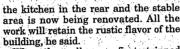
Wilhelmsen began his collegiate studies at Oberlin College in Ohio, but received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in piano performance from the University of Michigan. He also attend the Vienna Hochschule as a Fulbright Scholar. He and his family live in Ann Arbor, where he is a half-time faculty member at U-M.

> Wilhelmsen's goal was to expand the conservatory. He has been successful and now about 180 students attend weekly classes in piano, voice, violin, flute, guitar and Orff. Developed by a man named Karl Orff, the class doesn't rely on reading music and is for

more students is there, Wilhelmsen said, but first he needs the facility. He said he doesn't even advertise — he has plenty of students. With a quaint stick fence out front, the sign is all he needs.

The building where the conservatory is housed dates from the 1840s, Wil-

helmsen said. It has a kitchen/office area that has already been redone with a new ceiling and other improvements. Shoring up the home in the basement caused walls to crack so that problem will eventually be addressed in the front part of the house. A small porch was added off



When the walls were first stripped down, Wilhelmsen said distinct horse smell emanated. It is still hanging in the air, however vaguely. The downstairs room will host recitals, probably next year sometime sans the horse smell. Half the ceiling was removed, creating a loft upstairs where rehearsals can take place.

Wilhelmsen said it would be easy to have concerts as often as twice a week in Clarkston and that they would be well- attended.

With expansion, the school could then welcome more students. He and his staff teach people from age 3 all the way into their 80s. Wilhelmsen said people still give music education a high priority.

"It seems to be part of raising a kid to have a musical education," he said. "It teaches about hard work and discipline, which is against the grain these

days." Wilhelmsen gives concerts himself and also accompanies vocalists. He has

one student in Ann Arbor and teaches four days a week at the conservatory.

ing," he said of teaching. "It's joy giving. You see it happen. You are seeing something that is an art and it transcends the day to day.'



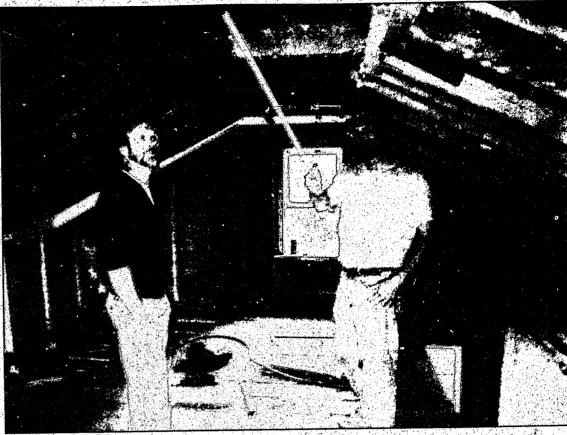
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Paul Duke go over plans for the former stable area. Wilhelmsen (right) works with student Ann Irwin. Irwin and her husband. Dick, helped Wilhelmsen acquire the









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Police urge caution after rash of break-ins, suspicious incidents

be more aware of strangers.

Be cautious

renovated kitchen.

That's the advice of Lt. Dale LaBair from the Independence substation of Oakland County

Feline friend: Jim Wilhelmsen holds

Sandy, one of two cats who call the con-

servatory home. She's checking out the

cheese and sausage platter in the school's

Sheriff's Department. a ras lights at night. And, parents should caution their children to Also police received reports of incidences at two school bus stops. LaBair said the two incidents may be connected. Police have reports of at least

A girl encountered a man driving by as she waited at a bus

"It's very uplift-

ins and burglaries from businesses in the general area, he said.

Plus, children at bus stops have reported some suspicious incidents

LaBair suggested business owners double check that they've locked their doors, activated their alarms and turned on from businesses during off-hours from Sept. 27-29. Some of these involved people entering places of businesses and removing items, such as cash, checks, receipts and merchandise. Thefts are also happening from storage sheds.

a dozen break-ins and burglaries

Some reports involve attempted entries. Business owners have found pry marks around door locks.

stop on Independence Street Tuesday morning, Sept. 28. The man exposed himself. On Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29, two young children at a bus stop on Mann Road said a man called them over to his car and asked if they wanted to see a kitten. The children ran home and reported the incident.

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Township

Larceny

On Sept. 27, someone removed a woman's purse from her shop-ping cart while she was placing grocery bags into her car in a parking lot on Dixie Highway. Unlawful Driving Away Auto

On Sept. 28, a resident of Summerhill Drive discovered his parents' 1989 Plymouth Voyager damaged. Neighbors told police they witnessed the car being driven on the streets and both said they saw two white males in the car at the time.

Springfield Township

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Larceny from a Vehicle On Sept. 29, someone broke into a vehicle on Scott Road by The person removed a \$400 amplifier and took a speaker box from the trunk. Police have a suspect.

On Sept. 29, someone entered an unlocked vehicle on Edgar Road and removed a radar detector, damaging the compact disc player at the same time. Attempted Break-in

On Sept. 28, someone attempt-

ed to pry open the front door of a home on Sherwood Street. Police found pry marks by the door lock and on the rear door. There were no signs of entry, according to the police report. Home Invasion

On Sept. 29, someone entered an unlocked sliding back door on Softwater Woods and removed a woman's purse and a portfolio from the dinette near the kitchen. The woman told police she was putting her children to

bed when she heard her dog barking. She discovered the purse and folder missing the next morning and recalled see-ing the screen door open and water on the floor leading to the dinette.

Independence Fire

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 24 calls Sept. 27-30. These included 16 medical calls, three personal injuries, three public service calls, two vehicle fires and two investigations.

Clarkston Police

Failure to yield On Sept. 28, a vehicle driven by a Waterford man failed to yield to a vehicle driven by a Clarkston woman at Holcomb and Washington streets. Police cited the Waterford man for failure to yield.

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Hazardous waste to be collected Oct. 16

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER. STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Independence Township residents have a couple of weeks to gather their unused hazardous

iousehold products together. The second annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Department of Public Works Building, 6050 Flemings Lake Road.

USL City Environmental Inc. will collect and dispose of the materials for a nominal cost to residents. Hazardous materials cannot go into a regular landfill.

"The township general fund subsidizes most of it," DPW assistant director Linda

Richardson said. The collection day was started because people didn't know what to do with leftover paint and other questionable items.

We kept getting people in spring clean-up who wanted to leave paint and we said we can't take it," Richardson said.

Items also would be left at the cycling center that really needed to be in a hazardous waste landfill, shé said.

Many common cleaning and other products are considered household hazardous waste because of their concentration. Here is a list of household hazardous waste:

🔳 nail polish

floor care products

- 🔳 oven cleaners, scouring powder, and spot and stain removers.
- 🔳 chlorine bleach, toilet cleaners, aerosol cans and mercury

thermometers antifreeze, brake fluid, motor oil, fuel oil, kerosene and

gasoline bug spray, ant and roach powder, weed killer, herbicides, insecticides and rat poison

🔳 oil-based paint, turpentine, primer, varnish and solvent-

based glue 🔳 mineral spirits, wood stain, photographic chemicals and household batteries

🔳 lighter fluid, fiberglass epoxy and upholstery and carpet

cleaners Latex or water-based paints may be thrown in the normal trash once their lids are removed and the contents dry out; Richardson said.

When people bring items in, they should be separated into liquids, solids and bulk items. Fees will be assessed based on the number of gallons, items or pounds, respectively. The hazardous waste collec-

tion is for Independence Township residents only. They must present a driver's license or a cent tax bill, Richardson said.

USL won't accept commercial or industrial waste, smoke detectors and other radioactive materials, explosives or ammunition.

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driver who has two or more alcohol-related convictions within even years; three or more convictions for driving with a suspended or revoked license in seven years or three or more alcohol-related convictions within 10 years.

"These laws are designed to separate those drivers from their vehicles and represent a significant change in our approach to repeat offenders," Secretary of State Candice Miller stated in a press release.

Details on the OUIL/DWLS (Operating While Under the **Influence/Driving While License** Suspended) Offender Package will be in a new brochure that More changes will take effect will soon be available at the in June 2000. It will be harder, will be in a new brochure that Clarkston Secretary of State

office, 5807 Ortonville Road. Anyone wanting to learn immediately about the changes can access the brochure from the department's web site. The address is:

www.sos.state.mi.us/drlic/repeat offender/index.html.

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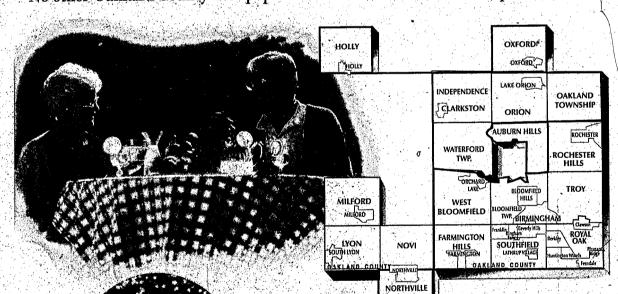
offenders to get license plates or titles to their vehicles.

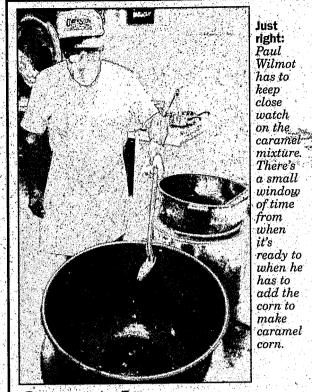
"In reviewing ways to keep the worst drivers from getting behind the wheel, it was imperative that we prohibit repeat offenders from registering their vehicle and from buying license plates," Miller explained.



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who lives in Independence Township, took over the business for awhile.

"But it was hard for him to keep it up with his work,' Joan added.

That's where Marie Wilmot of Independence Township comes into the picture. About two years ago, she decided to buy the caramel corry business from Steve Pearson and she's been knee-deep in caramel and corn ever since. So has her husband, Paul, and his sister, Margie Olliffe.

They package the sweet snack in four- and eight-ounce packages and sell them at craft shows and to organizations, such as the Clarkston High School Athletic Boosters. It sells packages of the corn at home football games.

Caramel corn sells best she's discovered, in the fall and before the winter holidays. She's selling it locally Oct. 16-17 for the Halloween crafts show at Clarkston High School and at another show at the high school on Dec. 4. She'll have booths at both Waldon Middle School in Lake Orion and Waterford Mott High School in Waterford Nov. 13 and will be at the Elf Shelf craft show at Troy High School Nov. 27.

"We make the caramel corn fresh for every event," Marie said.

Making popcorn for just a few people at home is different from making 50 pounds worth at a time for a commercial business

"It's really hard work," said Joan. "You just have seconds to toss the popcorn in and start churning it around once the caramel is ready.'

Hats off from page A1

That's where Paul comes in. Marie said she needs his help stirring the huge copper pots 100

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full of caramel and corn. But before they get to that stage, the corn is popped in a stainless steel commercial machine that also sorts out the kernels.

All of the ingredients - the popcorn, water, brown sugar, white sugar, Karo syrup, molasses and minimal amounts of salt and butter are weighed and measured first. Then the workers make the caramel mixture.

After it reaches a certain temperature, they add the popcorn and the peanuts or almonds, depending on the recipe.

"Then we take the caramel corn out of the copper kettles and put it on the stainless steel counter, where we have fans that dry it, first one side, then the other," said Paul.

After that, the product is broken up into edible-size pieces, sacked, weighed and sealed.

It takes at least three days of work to make enough caramel corn for a craft show.

Cleanliness is a major part of the business. The workshop. even the water, is inspected annually by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Marie said she washes everything down thoroughly on a regular basis - including the walls and ceiling of her work space.

"It's a fun business, although it's hard work," said Marie.

ing signs, posters and writing bring in new hats the week of letters, reminding the communi- Oct. 18-22. As a reward for their ty about the need for new baseball-style and soft winter hats. They're also sending notices to churches, schools, business and community groups, asking them to sponsor their own collection of new hats to donate Saturday, Oct. 23. And the person coordinating these efforts throughout Oakland County is but a young person herself. Maria Blaine, 12, is a seventh-grade student at. Sashabaw West Middle School. She's serving as the Hats Off for Cancer director for all of Oakland County, a title she was given by the founder of the program, 17-year-old Lawrence of New Jersey. Tara Both girls have earned state titles in the Pre-Teen America scholarship and recognition pro-gram. Maria is the current Pre-Teen Michigan, a title she won in August. She's planning on competing in the national finals in Knoxville in July. Recently Maria met with four middle school students to plan how to organize the other mem-bers into action. Ashley Lindahl and Dana Schlösser, seventh-grade stu-dents at Sashabaw West Middle School; and Matthew Pruenteand Matt Dudek, eighth-grade students at Clarkston Middle School, are also serving as their school representatives for Hats Off for Cancer.

efforts, Sashabaw West Principal Thomas Bialk agreed to let any student who donates a hat wear his or her own hat throughout the day. Now, to adults, that may not sound like much of an award. But think like a middle school student and you'll change your mind. "This is a wonderful effort on behalf of our Junior Optimists," said Bialk. "I would really encourage the community to support the kids' efforts and drop hats off on Saturday, Oct. 23." The young men from Clarkston Middle School said they weren't sure yet what their strategies were going to be to get students to donate to Hats, Off for Cancer. Ashley, Dana, Matthew and Matt all have personal reasons for getting involved in the "kids helping kids' campaign. "This feels right to me," said Dana "It's a good activity for the Optimists because it makes a real difference to kids who have can-cer," added Matthew.



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At Sashabaw West, for example, students will be asked to

The loss of two great-uncles and a grandfather to Maria encouraged her to adopt cancer prevention and assistance as a cause, she said.

Don Brose is an adviser to the Junior Optimist clubs at the two Glarkston middle schools.

"The initiative the young people take on doing things on their own is just wonderful. I am amazed by what they can do and will do," he added.

OCC board approves 4-year pact

By MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Instructors at Oakland Community College got a new contract last week. The OCC Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to

approve the new four-year contract Monday, Sept. 27, that will give teachers 3.1 percent taises in each year of the agreement.

OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson said the contract was ratified "by a substantial margin" in a vote by the 285-member union on Sept. 16.

As part of the contract, the Oakland Com-munity College Faculty Association agreed to split with the college, 50-50, future increases in the cost of health care premiums

Also a part of the agreement, teachers will receive a minimum of 20 hours of training in their respective fields and a reduction in

class sizes for distance learning programs. At present, OCC instructors make \$37,660

as a starting salary. Top of the scale is \$72,120. The 3.1 percent will be added to those amounts

None too pleased

Oakland Community College trustees were none too pleased to see two payments for workforce training" contracts come before the board for approval Monday.

Trustee Pamala Davis and board chair Carol Crew explained they had no objection to the program, in which OCC contracted with EDS to provide college training to some 900 employees of the company. The program was conducted through the Michigan Economic Development Corp., formerly known as the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Nor did they have a problem with the fact OCC farmed out 16 courses to Walsh College

and 14 courses to Macomb Community College. Chancellor Richard Thompson explained it was done because those colleges already had classes better suited to EDS's needs.

Rather, the objection was that the contracts violated the board's policy that the administration must seek board approval before spending any amount over \$25,000. The contract with Walsh came to \$92,466. The contract with Macomb came to \$164,878.

Crew said the contracts should have come to the board before they were let. At time of payment, they were coming "a little late."

Thompson explained workforce development contracts at OCC have been conducted as side programs, outside the normal budget process. He said he is trying to "bring them into the fold," so that future contracts will follow board policy.

Summit rips state's Small Business Tax

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

State lawmakers may have voted this spring to get rid of the. hated Single Business Tax, phasing it out over the next 23 years, but Michigan business leaders are not done with the issue yet.

"Twenty-three years, are you kidding?" Onsted business woman Sharon Roy asked at the Speaker's Summit on Small Busmess.

Nearly 400 business men and women gathered with legislative leaders at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing Wednesday, Sept. 22, for the first-of-its-kind meeting.

Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township) organized the summit meeting to allow small business owners to meet with the chair of each committee in the House of Representatives. He said he hopes to host other. summit meetings in the future, on a variety of topics, such as health care and senior issues. He also said he hopes to institutionalize such summits, making them something future speakers of the House will continue.

Lingering concerns about the SBT dominated much of the conversation.

'Once you get done adding back the Investment Tax Credit for the Capital Acquisition Deduction, it will take 15 years before this is even revenue neutral." Roy continued.

The bill adopted by lawmakers in the spring phasing out the SBT also replaced the Capital Acquisition Deduction with an

Investment Tax Credit. While similar, Roy said, the legislation allows businesses to claim only 85 percent of the new credit, compared to 100 under the old deduction

Roy said that means the tax liability of many businesses will actually increase initially under the phase out plan. House Taxation Committee

Chair Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said the increase was unintentional.

We are beginning to realize that some adjustments will be needed. It was not the intention of the Legislature in eliminating the SBT to increase it for some and make them wait for 15 years for tax relief," she said. In fact, Perricone said he

believes the Legislature will speed up the process of getting rid of the SBT.

"Many of you would like to see the phase out accelerated," Perricone said in his address to the crowd. "Many have said to me, 'Why can't you speed it up? You should have gone for five years." Well, now that we have the phase out in place, we can speed it up. It's not a matter of if, it is a matter of when. I can assure you we will accelerate it, but not this term. We've had two tax cuts already and another is coming. But I can assure you it will happen and in the next few

That should come as good news to Nicolle Clark, owner of the Lansing office equipment distributorship Hasselbring-Clark. She complained the tax is so complicated that she can't

check her accountant's work. Clark said that because the SBT is calculated in part on payroll and the benefits paid to employees, it penalizes companies that are generous, that is companies which try to avoid layoffs during economic recessions.

"Back in 1976, when this tax was first passed, I was invited to the Rotary to explain the new Single Business Tax," Northville CPA Lee Holland said. "I looked at it and I said, this is the most complicated thing I have ever seen. Even though you are operating at a loss, you have add back your compensation, add back your depreciation. I didn't understand it then and I don't understand it now

So complicated

"I read back in 1976 that the auditors for the state of Michigan were really concerned about this law because it was so complicated. They had to make it honest. One of the supervisors was quoted as saying, 'Just because you don't understand this, and I cannot explain it, does not mean we should not enforce it," Holland said.

Holland also noted that most of those in attendance at the summit would not still be in business when the SBT phase out is complete 23 years from now

When the SBT was first adopted, it replaced seven other business taxes. Although a variety of formulas are used to calculate it, its purpose is to tax the value a business adds to its product. Perricone said it was his hope

lawmakers would return to session with ideas for new legislation to improve the climate for small businesses as a result of the summit.

Perricone said he specifically targeted small businesses because they provide 78 percent of jobs in the state. And while the economy may be good for now, there will certainly be a downturn at some point in the

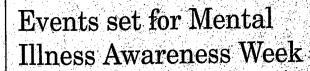
future, he said. The association pointed to what it calls "four crucial barriers" to business in the state. The first is excessive phone rates. Second is high electric rates. Third, Michigan health care costs are among the highest in the country. Fourth is the lack of research funding for small high technology firms.



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Oct. 3-9 is Mental Illness Awareness Week, and several events are planned locally. Dates and events are:

🖩 Wednesday, Oct. 6 -Art For A Cause will provide awareness and raise funds for the Southfield-based Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County at the Birmingham Country Club Art Show.

Thursday, Oct. 7 -National Depression Screening Day. Individuals will be provided the opportunity to learn about depressive illness and participate in a free and confidential screening for depression. People can identify local sites in their area by calling (800) 573-4433 or www.nmisp.org

Friday, Oct. 8 — Mental Illness and Multicultural Issues, noon to 4 p.m., Henry Ford Community College Conference Center, 5101 Ever-green, Dearborn. Everyone is

welcome. For information phone (248) 552-9458 or (313) 562-8498.

■ Sunday, Oct. 17 — The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County invites you to their 16th Annual Awards Reception at The Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, 2-4:30 p.m. Cost for general public is \$35 per person, consumers \$15. Reservations necessary. For additional information, call (248) 433-1451 or e-mail MEJudder@aol.com

Thursday-Friday, Oct. 28-29 — Mental Health Asso-ciation is sponsoring "Schizo-phrenia: The Road To Recovery In The New Millennium" at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Donations for the general public \$40, consumers \$20, and professionals \$125. To receive registration informa-tion, call (800) 482-9532.





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Millennium fever: Even jewelry has been struck



Minimalism is

Fashion predictions forecast the end of minimalism and the rise of romanticism for earrings. Specifi-cally, dramatic drop earrings will come vogue. Detailed with colored gemstones and open filigree metal work, these

earrings are anything but minimal. And, fashion mavens advise coupling these earrings with clean, stark clothing in solid colors. The idea is, simple clothing only increases the spotlight on such incredible jewelry.

Men's pearls get more press Why is Rob Lowe on the cover of the September issue of George mag-azine grasping a luscious strand of freshwater pearls? Men and pearls? What's going on? Apparently, the Cultured Pearl

Information Center - yes, there is such an organization - has been promoting men wearing pearls. And now, men, other than Dennis Rodman, are comfortable wearing the real pearly whites. Perhaps pearl solitaire earrings for men will be the next millennium craze? **Big hoops return**

Where big hoops went during the past 20 years is a mystery to me. The Jewelry Lady still has several pairs from the 70s in her jewelry box; and they look as groovy as ever. But, according to fashion authorities, the big round things are newly hot

To update your hoops of yore, add a set of earring charms (your earrings will dangle lower yet). Or, if you're feeling daring, slide out your credit card and invest in a pair of hoops with built-in metal detailing. They're what's hip for the 21st century. Out with the woman of the 90s; it's time to be a woman of the new millennium.

A new odd couple Stainless steel and diamonds, forecasters say, are the odd couple for the new millennium. It's a timely look, especially when you consider the combination is primarily found. on watches.

"Everyday" stainless steel watches speckled with diamonds were, for example, featured in the August edition of Vogue magazine. Nonetheless, the combination will go well with your platinum or white gold jewelry. Besides, it's suitable for wear when digging in your garden



Annual fashion show notes fall's important looks

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

nstafford@oe.homecomm.net Spectators at Birmingham's annual Fall Spectacular fashion show just about witnessed the gamut of what fall style has to offer this season.

Held Wednesday evening under tents near Shain Park, Fall Spectacular showcases Birmingham merchants' goods and services through a fashion show, strolling dinner buffet and auction. Proceeds from the event, in its 10th year, benefit William Beaumont Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship program,

Apparel came from close to all of downtown Birmingham's clothing shops, including Jacobson's, Fitigues, Banana Republic, Tender, Lilith, Fibres and Imelda's Closet.

The Claymore Shop and Maxwell showed off fall digs for men. Even bridal salon Roma Sposa, eye wear store Shades and Birmingham's new golf wear shop Sugar Mag provided clothing for the show. Other retailers shown were Roots, Hansel n' Gretel, Ceresnie & Offen, Harp's, and It's the Ritz.

Several downtown Birmingham beauty salons presented hair and make-up looks for fall, as well. With such a range of retailers participating,

attendees experienced the full scope of fall fashion. Currently popular with children and young adults, the sporty, athletic look, complete with a plethora of hooded sweatshirts and jersey stripes, came from Roots.

Banana Republic showed modern-prep in shades of camel, black and charcoal.

Dresses and skirts embellished by high-tech fabrics, multiple pockets and belts from Tender gave the audience a taste of millennium style.

During several segments, clear plastic headbands on several models kept hair in place. Even a quilted, black outer wear coat equivalent in size to a sleeping bag showed up on the runway.

While It's the Ritz offered up colorful cowboy and cowgirl duds, Lilith gave the audience their take on 80s revisionism, simple, vertical oversized sweaters with translucent skirts.

Making numerous appearances, both on the runway and off, were pashmina scarves. Patrons of the event used the cashmere scarves to keep warm on

runway, the trendy scarves were tied underneath winter coats, paired with formal wear and draped over simple sweaters



Sport as style: Athletic wear, popular among youth, was shown on couples.

Children's resale shop offers safety information

BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

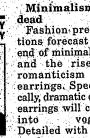
nstafford@oe.homecomm.net Retailers in the information age are offering consumers more than just "Once Upon A Child is a natural resource for children's product safety," said Chris Muhern, co-owner of the Troy location.

Once Upon A Child stores sell new and gently used children's clothing, furniture, equipmer accessories. Recycled items are sold at a fraction of the original retail price. And, used merchandise is purchased from consumers for cash, rather than on consignment.

counter area, given limited wall space. Since many parents buy or are given used children's equipment and prod-ucts, both the Troy and Canton stores have a large binder listing federal government product recalls from the past "A lot of people have products that they might have at home and want to make sure they are safe to use," said Cheryl Shamsher, co-owner of Once Upon a Child in Canton. Parents are most concerned about larger equipment used in child-rearing, particularly car seats, Shamsher said. The information includes recalled product models, manufacturing dates and where to call to obtain corrective parts. At the Troy store, a bulletin board

posts current product safety notices. Free brochures and other literature from such organizations as the Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Safe Kids Campaign, National Highway Transportation Safety Association and Health Canada are also on hand at the Troy store. A resource catalog lists additional materials of interest to individuals and groups wishing to learn more about children's safety.

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or sitting at the opera. Diamonds at midnight

Apparently, many Americans think the upcoming New Year

marks a time for major gift giving. According to a survey by J. Walter. Thompson, the ad agency who handles those romantic De Beers diamond commercials, 72 percent people believe the turn of the century is a once-in-a-lifetime event worthy of commemorating in a big way. Of the more than 1,000 adults surveyed, 40% of all women - and 61% of women ages 18-24 - would like to receive a diamond when the clock

strikes midnight. Alas, only 35% of the men sur-veyed intend to go diamond shopping for the occasion. Obviously, major hint-dropping is in order, so the Jewelry Lady suggests some window-shopping between now and December.

By the way, the world's largest internally and externally flawless diamond will be shown to the world for the first time. The event is slated for the dawn of the new millennium at the Dome in London. Appropriately named the Millennium Star, the pear-shaped diamond weighs in at a whopping 203 carats. The gem was purchased many years ago by De Beers on the open market , and will be displayed with other millennium jewels. Send questions and topics of inter-

est to the Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodgers@mich.com, fax (248) 582-9223 or mail, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009.

goods for sale; they're passing along knowledge related to products they sell.

Once Upon A Child, a national children's resale chain with local stores in Troy and Canton is one such retailer.

Located on Rochester Road at Square Lake, the Troy store recently installed an information station to help inform and educate parents about children's safety. The centrally-located information center is packed with literature on product recalls and safe product use.

Literature safety points cover use of car seats, strollers, cribs, high chairs, play yards and other commonly used children's merchandise.

The Canton store, on North Sheldon Road at Ford, is displaying a smaller amount of safety information at their

The Once Upon A Child retail chain has more than 200 stores in 42 states and four Canadian provinces.

To learn more about the Troy store's information center, call (248) 828-7474. To reach the Once Upon A Child in Canton, call (734) 459-6669.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspaa Mainstreets, 170 Operatingham, MI 48009, Fax: (248) 644 1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

TV SHOE SALE

The QVC cable shopping channel presents its sixth annual Shoes on Sale, a televised, live sale of designer and brand name footwear at half-price to benefit breast cancer research and education pro-

grams, 7-10 p.m. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

ALBERTA FERRETTI WARDROBING

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a representative from clothing label Philosophy By Alberta Ferretti to help shoppers make wardrobe decisions, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Casual Sports-wear, second floor, To make an appointment, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 485. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

MEN'S SHOE SHOW

Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, shows Cole Haan's fall shoe collection for men, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Shoe Department,

WARDROBE ASSISTANCE AT SAKS

Representatives from several women's clothing

labels visit Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to help shoppers expand and update their fall wardrobes with favorite designer pieces through Oct. 7. Please call to schedule an appoint-ment. Anne Klein, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 6-7, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor, and Special Sizes, third floor, call (248) 614-3338; Calvin Klein, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 6-7, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor, call (248) 614-3348; DKNY, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 7, Casual Sportswear and Petites, both on third floor, call (248) 614-3349.

LOCAL JEWELRY DESIGNER VISITS

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts local jewelry designer Sharon Meyer and her jewelry collection through Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floon THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

JEWELRY SHOWS AT NEIMAN'S

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds several jewelry trunk shows including collections by Steven Lagos, Linda Bergman (who will make an appearance) and David Yurman, all in Designer Jewelry, first floor. Leslie Greenberg and

Penny Preville personally present their pieces, Precious Jewels Salon, first floor. For show schedules and additional information, call (248) 643-3300.

AMSALE SHOW

Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a show of the Amsale Collection with ascompany representative through Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (248) 644-7200.

SILHOUETTE ARTIST VISITS.

Silhouette artist Joyce Redman creates children's portraits for shoppers at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, through Oct. 9, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Children's Department.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts an arts and crafts show through Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. 6 p.m. on Sunday.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, holds a sports card, coin and collectibles show through Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Monday, noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. Former University of Michigan football team stars pose for pho-tographs and sign autographs on Oct. 11. For details about football player appearances, call (248) 476-1160.



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Unique: Hand-painted designs and wooden buttons embellish a sherpa jacket. \$178 at Van Dam's, new women's clothing boutique at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.





guys: Designer-Carolina Herrera's toast to the New Yorkstyle man, the fragrance 212 Men hit stores in September, \$39-55`at Hudson's.

New York



Black boots: Nothing completes a fall wardrobe better than a pair of black, kneehigh boots. Try Stuart Weitzman's rendition of the basic style, about \$330 at Nordstrom.

On a sad note, downtown Birmingham is losing a favorite and

long-standing retailer. Alvin's Bride is closing up shop and moving.

Though store owner Deb Mullin didn't plan to leave Birmingham, she couldn't pass up relocating the business in a 1850s Victorian-

style mansion in St. Clair Shores. The bridal boutique has been in

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Timely games: Dubbed the game that took a 1,000 years to create, Millenniumopoly is sure to trigger nostalgia, and it's Y2K-compatible, \$24.95 at Rand McNally, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

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Merchants in downtown Rochester have concocted a "lady's night" event that's actually designed with women, rather than men, in mind. Girls Night Out, slated 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, aspires to unite women - girlfriends, sisters, daughters and mothers in an evening of girl talk and girl shop in downtown Rochester.

More than 20 retailers, will offer discounts, prize drawings, refreshments, entertainment and gifts with purchase. Shop at 10 or more participating stores (ask for a Girls Night Out punch card at your first stop) and enter to win an \$100 gift certificate

There's no shortage of new stores in suburban Detroit. At Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, recently opened retailers include children's clothier OshKosh B'Gosh, teen apparel shop Aeropostale and tuxedo seller Randazzo Tuxedo. Also, Borders Books & Music recently opened a store adjacent to Great Lakes Crossing.

New at Livonia's Laurel Park Place is Van Dam's, a small,

beautifully decorated women's clothing boutique where picking up unique apparel and accessories is sure to be a cinch and a joy (the store's decor is romantic-shabby-chic). Store owner Christine Van Dam will stock the shop with pieces by lesser-known, but up-andcoming, designers from New York and Los Angeles, as well as clothing designers from Michigan. Also at Laurel Park Place, Bath & Body Works has a new look. Earlier this year, the store abandoned its signature pastel colors in favor of a white and bright look.

In downtown Birmingham, life is good at upscale women's clothing boutique **Tender**. Actor and comedian Tom Arnold recently paid a visit and did some shopping at the store. And, **Cheryl** and Karen Daskas, the sisters who co-own Tender, were honored sever-

al months ago by state legislators as women business leaders who've made a difference in their commu nity.

Also celebrating good times in Birmingham is clothing and shoe store Edward Dorian. This year marks 10 years of outfitting local women for work and play at the Edward Dorian also store. expanded its digs earlier this year, which means a bigger shoe salon and an even larger selection

Retail Rap is an update on happenings in the retail scene, from boutique openings and special events to trendy goods coming soon and the latest retail talk. You can send Retail Rap items to us: by mail, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009, e-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net, or fax, (248) 644-1314.

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Birmingham for 21 years.



This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchan-dise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us

birthday cards, we have a reader who would like to donate them. Give us a call.

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- If anyone is looking for a 1976 Livonia Franklin High School yearbook, we have a reader who would like to donate

We still need a telephone number for the Ann Arbor Artisans.

center for Mrs. Dewey. - Laundry starch in powder form for Mary.

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A 1944-45 Fordson High School yearbook for Frances. Replacement brushes, Teflon pads and clips for a two-headed Shetland Floor

or see information about the item. within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Men's Haggar Exspandomatic dress slacks are advertised in the J.C. Penney Fall/Winter Big Book (Page 444).

- Ear wax candles can be purchased at Good Food Company in Troy and Canton, Zerbo's on Plymouth Road in Livonia, Lucky's Natural Foods on Broadway in Lake Orion, Health Ways in Plymouth, Pat's Corner in Grand Rapids and Herbal Way Learning Center in Ida, Michigan, (734) 269-2622.

- Buffalo Star B Ranch hot dogs are sold at Westborn Market in Livonia and possibly other Westborn Market stores.

- Life Buoy soap can be pur-chased at F&M in Rochester.

- Chic jeans (without elastic) are available at K-Mart and Target stores.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

We found: millinery supplies, a 1969 Rochester High School yearbook, a minichopper food processor, a 1961 Detroit All Saints High School yearbook and 1949-1951 Detroit Central High School yearbooks.

- If any organization is interested in obtaining used

- We need another copy of the children's book "Fletcher" for Michelle.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

A small, glass dome blue hird that shows weather predictions by changing colors for Shirley.

Hand-painted baskets by A. Baenziger for Terri.

- A store in the Southfield area where Benson's sliced fruit cake is sold for Don.

A long-line bra made by Subtract for Dorothy.

- A watch with a very large clock face for Joan, who has a patient who is going blind.

Stag Chili, which is sold at Ralph's stores in California, for Jeff.

- Wolf River apples.

A clothes poll used to prop-up clothing lines for Mary

- A game about the stock market called "Pit" for Joanne. Wicked Wahini perfume

for Jerry - A 1959-60 Holy Redeemer High School yearbook for Gary

 A pair of gravity boots for Tom.

- A Bob Vivant cocktail blender for Jo.

A motor for a Neutone built-in food center (model #221) or a replacement food

Scrubber for Bill, who lives in Garden City.

A replacement body for a "Dennis The Menace" doll for Norma.

Three Melanie's Mall dolls called "Prom Queen," "Melanie and her Poodle, Toodles" and "Rock Star Chrissey Lee" for Audrey.

- A 1971-72 Romulus Junior High School yearbook for Barb.

- A Cher fan club for Linda. - A pair of inexpensive silk gloves for Janet, who needs them due to a medical condition. - A video tape copy of the 1998 Thanksgiving Day Parade as shown on WDIV Channel 4 for Marion.

A Word Perfect 6.0 for Windows 95 manual for Irene. - A sfore in Northville

where women's jeans are sold.

A 1938-39 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook for Ira

A store where men's elastic-waist trousers polyester or cotton are sold for Mrs. Jones.

- Cassette tapes for a talk-ing "Big Bird" for Elaine.

- A comptometer electric manual for Marian.

A portable wine storage cabinet with a minimum capacity of 200 bottles for Joe of Livonia.

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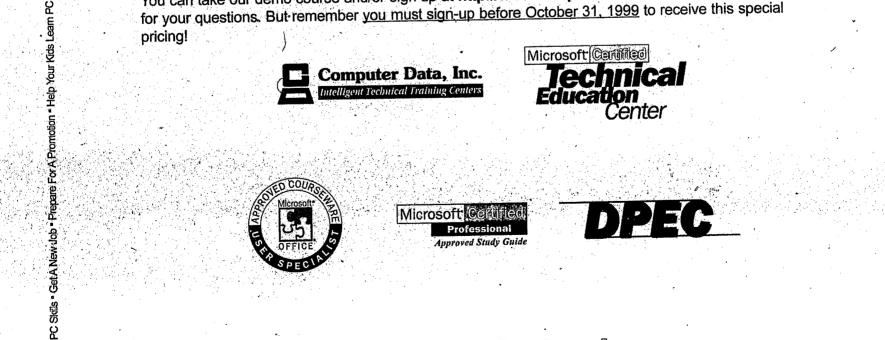
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Wine legislation should make you stompin' mad

ecently in the U.S. Senate, the Byrd Amendment to the Juvenile Justice Bill and the U.S. House Scarborough Bill, H.R. 2031, give attorneys general in constrained states (like Michigan, which prohibit the direct shipping of wine) the power to seek injunctive relief in federal court against out-of-state wineries which ship wine to adults like you.

Such legislation should make you stompin' mad!

If the bills become law, it sends a clear message that wine wholesaler and distributor control of the U.S. wine market supersedes consumer and winery protection under the Interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

It clamps down on your right to choose how you buy wine. If you hope to purchase a rare or limited production wine by having it shipped to you, forget it. If you want to have wine you tasted on an out-of-state trip shipped home, forget that, too.

Legislators viewing the wine world through puritanical glasses or who have had their campaign coffers lined by contributions from the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association (WSWA) stand behind the nonsensical legislation giving constrained states more clout and eliminating your freedom of choice.

To cover its tail, WSWA has blurred legislators' eyes with smoke screens such as underage wine access if direct shipment is allowed.

We don't know which teens naive legislators have talked to lately, but we doubt any under-21 year old with partying in mind would contact a winery, ask for a shipment, pay by credit card (which leaves a clear trail of delivery), wait 10 days for arrival, then put out the call, "Hey gang, Pve got wine, let's party down." Every underage person with a penchant to do so knows it's much easier, faster, and a heck of a lot cheaper to get an over-21 pal to go to a party store for a six-pack.

We're not belittling the serious problem of underage drinking, but it will not be slowed by curtailing direct. shipments of wine to adults.

Core issues

Since the repeal of Prohibition by the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1933, the wine industry has used a three-tiered distribution system of producer to wholesaler to retailer, mandated in many states (such as Michigan) to sell wines.

American enthusiasm for wine has growth. Licensed U.S. wineries now number 2,081, a growth of 14 percent in the last five years. California has more than half the wineries and 95 percent of the production.

Many Americans eat breakfast on-the-go. In fact, according to a study conducted by "The Breakfast Journal," the number of "deskfasts," or breakfasts eaten at the office doubled between 1990 and 1996.

Be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed

from a good breakfast every day

Back to school means back to busy days and hurried mornings, Some peo-ple rely on a quick bowl of cereal for morning fuel; some prefer contempo-rary breakfast creations such as scrambled egg wraps.

The ritual of eating breakfast dates back to the 15th century. Many Americans eat breakfast onthe-go. In fact, according to a study conducted by "The Breakfast Jour-

nal," the number of "deskfasts," or breakfasts eaten at the office, dou-bled between 1990 and 1996. Weekends are different. People like to indulge in breakfast and take the time to relax and catch up with family and friends.

In fact, "Restaurant Business" reports that the bulk of business at full-service breakfast eateries occurs on weekends.

The American Butter Institute offers these tips for enjoying breakfast, regardless of your morning schedule:

Start on Sunday – For delicious home-baked goodies, like Cranberry Almond Breakfast Biscuits, throughout the week, begin recipes

on the weekend and finish on Monday morning.

h the web: http://observer-eccentric.com

Scoop muffin batter into a buttered muffin pan; cover in plastic wrap and freeze. Wake up a few minutes earlier on Monday to preheat the oven, bake for about five minutes longer than directions indicate, let cool. Before heading out the door, family members can grab a warm muffin.

Go South of the Border – Infuse Latin flavor into eggs. While scrambling eggs, blend in chorizo crumbles and turn up the heat with a dash of Tabasco or salsa. Turn an omelet thoused on egg quesadilla by tossing in chopped red and green peppers, shredded cheese, diced tomato, salsa and cilantro. Save time by chopping egetables ahead of time and storing in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Make a fresh fruit salad and store in the refrigerator throughout the week. Chop fruits such as apples, bananas, pears, and cantaloupe and sprinkle with fresh lemon juice and

garnish with a sprig of mint. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator. On busy mornings, take an individual serving in a plastic container to enjoy at your desk. On the weekends, turn leftovers into a compote for pancakes, waffles and

French toast by heating with butter

and a sprinkling of cinnamon. ■ Scramble gourmet flair into eggs. Whisk eggs with a splash of milk, shred a favorite cheese and add vegetables like mushrooms or broccoli. Heat a pat of butter in a skillet until just melted, combine eggs, cheese and vegetables and cook until fluffy. For extra fluffy eggs, try cooking slowly in a double boiler or over medium-heat.

When it comes to breakfast, the possibilities are endless. Take the time to savor the meal and start every day off right.

For more recipes and cooking tips, visit the Butter Web site www.butterisbest.com

See recipes inside,



Prepare a batch of Buttery Breakfast Granola and enjoy with vogurt or in a bowl with milk. Make enough to last all week. For a quick breakfast or midmorning snack, put granola in a plastic bag and take it along.

B & B owners tell how best breakfasts are done

II The Wren's Nest, 7405 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township, likes to serve sev eral homemade favorites. Owner Irene Scheel makes a blueberry-pecan French toast ahead of time on a baguette and serves it with blue berry syrup. Another favorite is a homemade raisin muffin. The house specialty is tomato-goat cheese omelets made with one or more of the 60 varieties of heirloom tomatoes grown on site. Heirloom tomatoes are grown from seeds, not hybrid plants. The Wren's Nest has six rooms for visitors.

The 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast in Plymouth does an open-faced omelet (fritta ta) with peppers, green onlons, tomatoes, mushrooms, ham, and cheese (Colby and Monterey Jack) with a side of salsa. Owner Jon Gary makes them to order and presents them flat on a big plate. His home has three rooms to stay in, and two others are being remodeled

At Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast. 44255 Warren Road in Canton, owner Bernadette Van Lenten, makes breakfast to order. It's no contest for men: they like blue-berry pancakes made with Michigan blueberries the best, she said. Women like some thing different and "more elegant" because they cook the regular items so much at home. Top requests from the ladles: a quiche or Eggs Benedict. She also prepares a French toast with raspberries, raspberry Jam and cream cheese that guests like. She and her husband operate the B & B In a completely redone 1929 Arts and Crafts bungalow. They have three rooms for visitors.

E Sherry Farhat at Atchinson House in downtown Northville has two favorites. One, a German potato bake based on a recipe from her grandmother, is made from American fries, egg, cheese, vegetables and meat (optional) with added spices and sour cream, creating a mini soufflé. She serves the dish alongside fresh fruit and a muffin or coffee cake. Her other favorite is a German apple bake pan-cake made in an old fashioned skillet from a thin batter and apples. After baking in an oven the large pancake can be cut into individual serving wedges. Atchinson House, 501 W. Dunlap, is an 1882 Italianate house with six guest rooms.

E At historic Cobblestone Manor, just west of Oakland University, favorites for breakfast include a signature item; cobblestones, a bis cuit rolled in melted butter, then in sugar and clinamon, then buttered again, with pecan pressed into the top. The biscuits are baked about 15 minutes. Guests also love a stuffed blueberry French toast with blueberry syrup, according to owner Heather Crandell. Businessmen staying during the week like a plain breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast, "some thing not so sweet," Crandall said. Heather and Paul Crandall's 1840 all stone house has eight guest rooms



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Wine Picks

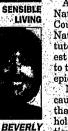
■ Picks of the pack: 1995 Mount Veeder Winery Reserve, Napa Valley \$50 (a blend of all five Bordeaux Varietals) is flat out fabulous. A near second is 1996 Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.

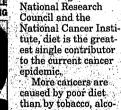
Pinot noir: In the mood for a luxurious: velvety red wine teaming with bright cherry fruit? This is the good stuff: 1997 Morgan Pinot Noir Reserve \$32; 1997 Estáncia Reserve Pinot Noir, Monterey \$22; 1997 Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir, Carneros \$27; 1996 Acacia St. Clair Vineyard Pinot Noir, Cameros \$44; Acacla Beckstoffer Vineyard Pinot Noir, Carneros \$44; 1997 Archery Summit Premier Cuyee Pinot Noir (Oregon) \$35; 1997 Archery Summit Arcus Estate Pinot Noir (Oregon) \$59; and 1997 Domaine Carneros Pinot Noir \$35.

Best buy reds around \$10: 1997 Marquis de Chasse \$10; 1998 Black Opal Cabernet Sauvignon/Meriot (Australia), \$10,50; 1998 Black Opal Shiraz (Aus... tralla) \$10.50; and 1997 L. Martini Caber-net Sauvignon \$10.50.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week: 2 Unique Main Dish Miracle





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hol, radiation, pollution and medications. PRICE October is Breast Can cer Awareness Month.

Let's look at powerful cancer preventive foods.

As a general rule, high consumption of vegetables and fruits can cut in half the risk of cancers. Carrots, green leafy vegetables, "cruciferous" vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage, and citrus fruit are considered the most beneficial for protecting against cancer.

These types of foods contain "antioxidants," which prevent substances from forming which can damage cells and impair their natural ability to resist the development of cancer.

Examples of antioxidants are vitamin C, beta-carotene, which is largely found in vegetables and fruits, along with selenium which is also found in nuts and seeds

PHYTOESTROGENS:

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called phytochemicals. Phytochemicals are substances naturally present in plants that help protect the plant from severe weather, insects and stress. In your body, they can aid in preventing the origination and growth of cancerous tumors as well as slow cancer cell growth.

Phytochemicals include compounds such as allyl sulfides (found in onions, garlic, leeks and chives), indoles (found in broccoli, cabbage, kale and cauliflower), and isoflavones (found in soybeans-i.e. tofu and soymilk).

Phytoestrogens have estrogen-like activity. They are much weaker than the bodies own estrogen and compete for the same estrogen receptors in the body therefore reducing your risk of breast and uterine cancer. Phytoestrogens are found in soy products, whole grains, nuts and seeds, and flax. They are also found in alfalfa, apples, carrots, cherries, chickpeas, corn, green beans, lemon, orange peels, peas, potatoes and vams.

LEGUMES:

Along with soy products, all beans as well as many whole grains are high in lignins. Lignins are substances that act like estrogens in the body and can bind to estrogen receptors. In this way, lignins can regulate your body's estrogen production in a way similar to isoflavones in soy products. Other beans besides the soybean include

adzuki (a macrobiotic staple), black beans, black-eyed peas, chickpeas, fava beans, great Northern, kidney, limas, navy, pinto, lentils and split peas to name a few.

These are all part of the legume family, which are very rich in nutrients including fiber.

WHOLE GRAINS:

Diet is a key part of the cancer epidemic

In the 1930's, grains became refined to keep the rats out of your cupboards. This was successful as the rats refused to eat refined grains.

However, we are eating these refined grains which are basically devoid of nutrients including fiber. Refined flour products can increase your risk of diabetes and breast cancer. Try whole grains such as barley, buckwheat, kamut, quinoa, brown rice, rye and spelt.

🗉 FATS:

Not all fats are created equal. We all need a small amount of fat in our diets to obtain essential fatty acids and to absorb fat-soluble vitamins. Current research indicates that a diet below 20 percent fat is necessary to prevent chronic diseases including cancers. In addition, olive oil has been shown to reduce risk of breast cancer,

ALTERNATIVE DIETS:

What about the macrobiotic diet? Macrobiotic diets are among the most common alternative approaches to cancer used in the United States today. Numerous reports indicate probable decreased risk of chronic diseases, such as cancer, among people following a macrobiotic diet, despite the evidence that exists for potential marginal nutritional status of some nutrients.

Evidence shows that yegans (vegetarians who do not eat eggs or dairy products) have an even lower risk of cancer than those who consume eggs and dairy products.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her Web site at

www.nutritionsecrets.com

Look for her column on the first Sun day of each month in taste.

Looking for a night out?

Beverly Price, registered dietitian and owner of Living Better Sensibly is offering a fun evening of vegetarian cooking. This class is offered Wednesdays, Oct. 13 and Oct. 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. at . Huntington Woods Recreation Center. \$35 a class, Call (248) 541-3030 for more information and to register.

Try this unusual vegetable stew from Morocco

There's nothing more exotic than the foods of Morocco, North Africa's aromatic seasonings including saffron, ginger, and cin-namon — blend with colorful, sun-drenched Mediterranean fruits, vegetables and grains to make one of the world's most adventurous cuisines.

And a healthy cuisine it is as well, with an abundance of legumes, herbs, olive oil and fish. The core ingredient of Moroccan cooking is couscous, a tiny pellet-like pasta made from sempling wheat and water. It is steamed and served in a variety of ways with lamb, chicken and vegetables. Boxes of instant couscous can be found in the pasta

and rice section of most super- ... such as cumin, markets.

Try it cooked in vegetable broth with chopped dried apri-cots, dates and raisins, seasoned with saffron, cinnamon and sugar, and sprinkled with toasted, slivered almonds:

The Moroccan pantry includes lots of olives, chickpeas, fava beans and nuts. Zucchini, eggplants, bell peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, garlic, lettuce, artichokes, okra, spinach, beans; leeks and fennel are all widely used in cooking.

These traditional Mediterranean foods are made uniquely Moroccan with the addition of aromatic spices and seasonings.

cinnamon. cayenne pepper, anise, mint, car-

damom, turmeric and saffron. Fruits flourish in this region bananas, peaches, oranges, lemons, mangos, figs, watermel-on, pomegranates, dates, grapes and apricots are plentiful.

Many fruits are dried and used in sweet and savory dishes. Orange juice is used to flavor soups and sauces; lemon and lime juice is squeezed onto meat, fish and poultry before broiling. Harissa is a distinctive, fiery paste used as an ingredient in many recipes and served at most Moroccan meals as a condiment. It can be found in Middle Eastern. markets, or you can make it fresh

by combining, in a blender, minced garlic clove, cayenne, ground cumin, dried chili peppers and olive oil. It's delicious used as a dip for chunks of warm bread. Other Moroccan specialties include djej m'chermel, a classic chicken dish with preserved lemons and olives; m'choui, slow-roasted lamb seasoned with cumin, cayenne and salt; charmoula, a marinade of olive oil. lemon juice, coriander, saffron, garlic, paprika and cayenne (also a delicious sauce for baked fish): and harira, a hearty lemony lamb and lentil soup. A. Cartalian

NORTH AFRICAN VEGETABLE STEW 2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1 medium onion, sliced % teaspoon ground corlander % teaspoon turmeric % teaspoon cinnamon % teaspoon ground ginger ¼ teaspoon ground cumin 2 medium tomatoes, chopped 1 medium sweet potato. peeled and cut into 1-inch **chunks**

¼ cup water

2 tablespoon lemon juice 1 8.5-oz. can garbanzo beans,

drained and rinsed 1 small zucchini, cut into 1-

inch chunks % cup parsley, chopped % cup raisins

Hot pepper sauce to taste Heat oil in large non-stick pot or Dutch oven. Add onion and spices; cook 10 minutes or until onion is limp, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes, sweet potatoes, water and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer intil vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Add garbanzo beans, zucchini, parsley and raisins. Cover and simmer 10 more minutes, until zucchini is tender. Season with hot pepper sauce to taste.

Nutrition information: Each of the four, 1-cup servings contains 218 alories and four grams of fat. Information and recipe provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Wine from page B1

In the same period, the number of distributors in the U.S. has shrunk. If 800 larger California wineries each produce five different wines annually (and some produce a lot more), that's over 4,000 wines. There's no way wholesalers and retailers in every city and state can carry all those wines.

Some are limited production bottlings, not worth their time and effort. But they might be worth yours to have a special

wine shipped directly. But you can't. You live in a "constrained" state where interstate wine shipments are prohibited. Now, we're not in the worstcase scenario, fivé states (Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee) consider direct shipment a felony with serious

fines and even jail terms. But we're not in the best position of being a permit legislation state where direct shipping of wine is allowed. Essentially we're in shackles, out of luck and out of freedom.

Who knows what other restraint will be put on our freedom by legislative pettiness, coveted lobby revenues and ignorance of core issues? A responsible legislature, both local and federal, should use its powers to protect interstate commerce, not put a cork in it.

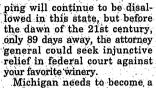
Maitre d' Mickey Bakst of Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills highlighted another issue. "It's next to impossible to establish a stellar wine list because Michigan law prohibits restaurants from buying at auc-

tions, from personal collectors and on the Internet, just like it does for consumers," he explained.

Is it any wonder Michigan had no Grand Award winners among the most recent "Wine Spectator" wine list awards? And it probably won't until ridiculous legislative restrictions on wine pur-chases are lifted. To establish a wine list with vintage breadth and depth, restaurateurs need to be able to purchase wine from private cellars and optional sources, other than local wine distributors.

In Michigan, that's illegal. In a host of other states it's not, and there were Grand Award winners.

If you let your elected legislators have their way, direct ship-



permit legislation state and interstate shipping of wine needs to become legal.

What can you do?

Contact your state and federal legislators NOW so your wine purchasing rights will not continue to be stomped on. The easiest way is the Internet and the Web site www. freethegrapes. org with its automated e-mail system, which allows you to send a message to your legislators." The site also gives you more detail about legislation. Without Internet e-mail

access, a letter is more effective than a phone call, but the latter is better than no contact. For names and addresses of U.S. senators and representatives plus state legislators, consult the blue section of a phone book under Political Leaders, National and State:

Adjust the following sample letter, to best express your opinions:

As an adult voter in the state of Michigan, I ask that you oppose attempts at restricting my ability to purchase fine wine

by direct shipment. I oppose federal legislation passed by the Senate (Byrd Amendment to the Juvenile Justice Bill) and the House (Scarborough Bill, H.R. 2031) giving state attorneys general the right to seek injunction in federal court against wine-direct ship-

pers Both pieces of legislation favor a state-legislated monopoly in wine distribution at the expense of consumer access to the diversity of America's wines. Kindly pursue permit legislation options that would satisfy consumer demand for wines not available locally, provide the necessary tax collection provisions and regulations for a socially-sensitive product like wine.

(Add to state legislators: I ask that you work to change Michigan wine laws currently restricting my rights guaranteed under the Interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution establishing free trade among states.) Please let me know where you

stand on this consumer rights issue and what you plan to do.

■ Monday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., \$15 per person at Victs World Class Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi (248) 805-7333, ext., 189. Tasting Australian Chardonnay and Shiraz from different growing areas with differ-

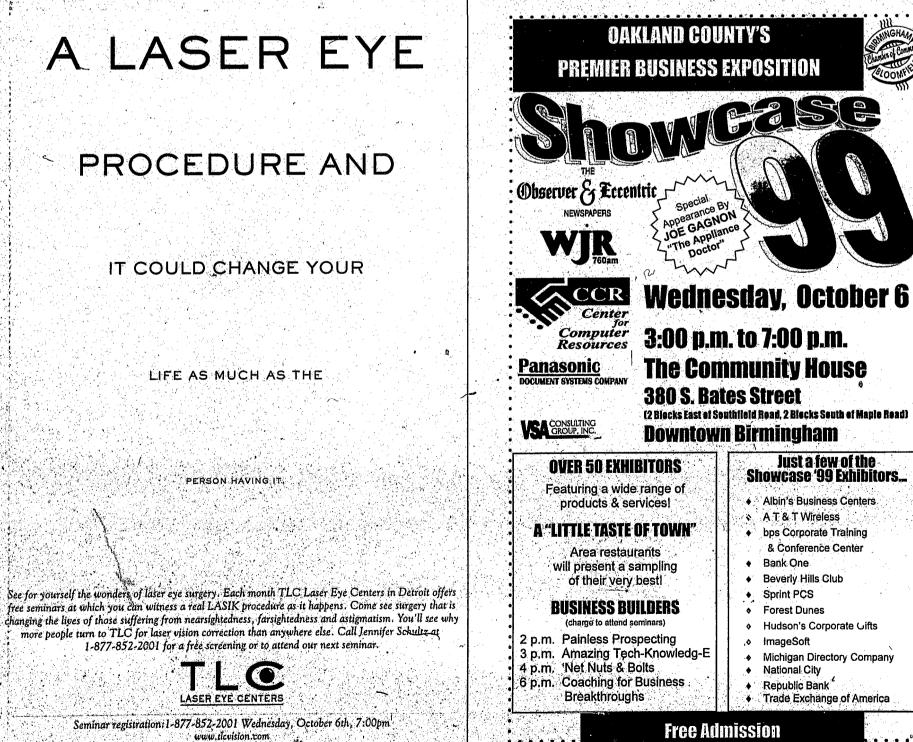
ent taste profiles hosted by Penfolds winemaker Peter Gago. Guaranteed! This will be a blast. Gago is not to be missed. His broad knowledge of wines and Aussie brand of humor will create a fun tasting of 10 wines accompanied by finger food. Limited to first 100 people reserving.

Have you always wanted to visit a famous French wine region? If your sights are set on Burgundy, your chances may be better than you think.

Before Nov. 1, enter the 1999 Bouchard Puzzler, a 12-question quiz on the Burgundy region. To on-line click www. play bouchardpuzzler. com/

Clues to all questions are located throughout the Bouchard Web site (www. bouchardpere. com). Those correctly answering at least 10 of the 12 questions will, automatically become eligi-ble for the grand prize, a trip for two to Burgundy including a VIP tour of Bouchard Pere & Fils, one of Burgundy's leading Houses. Drawing for the trip will take place Nov. 15 to coincide with Burgundy's famous Hospices de Beaune charitable auction.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds. dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



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Breakfast recipes: A great wake-up call

BUTTERY BREAKFAST GRANOLA

Makes 14 servings Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes 6 cups old-fashioned oatmeal, uncooked

1 cup honey % cup (1 stick) unsalted but-

- ter, melted 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoon salt
- % teaspoon nutmeg % cup pine nuts
- % cup dried apricots, sliced

Julienne style Preheat oven to 325°F. Spread

oatmeal evenly in roasting pan or large jelly roll pan. In medium mixing bowl, stir together honey, butter, vanilla, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg.

Pour over oatmeal and stir until evenly coated. Bake until evenly browned, about 20 minutes. Stir every 5 minutes to prevent clumping. Remove from oven, stir in pine nuts and dried apricots and continue to stir every 5 minutes until cool to maintain the loose texture.

Serve with creamy yogurt or milk, or enjoy by itself. Store tightly covered in the refrigerator for up to one month.

Note: Pine nuts and dried apricots can be exchanged for other favorite nuts and dried fruits like pecans and dried cranberries or walnuts and raisins. For added crunch, and a boost of fiber, add ¼ cup wheat germ to oatmeal.

Recipe from the American Dairy Institute provided on behalf of the American Butter Institute.Recipes for a better breakfast

CINNAMON SUGAR BUTTER 4 tablespoons unsalted but ter, softened (about 1/2

stick) 4 tablespoons granulated sugar

1% teaspoons cinnamon Combine butter with sugar and

cinnamon. Can keep tightly covered in refrigerator for three weeks. Makes about five servings. Prep time is about five minutes.

PUMPKIN PIE SPICE BUTTER 4 tablespoons unsalted but-

ter, softened (about ½ stick) 4 tablespoons canned pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon brown sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon % teaspoon ground cloves % teaspoon ground ginger % teaspoon freshly grated or dried nutmeg % teaspoon salt

Combine butter with sugar and spices and mix well. Keep about three weeks in refrigerator in tightly sealed container.

Can substitute pumpkin pie spice for cloves, ginger and nutmeg.

CRANBERRY ALMOND BREAKFAST BISCUITS Biscuit:

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 tablespoon baking powder % teaspoon salt ½ cup (1 stick) cold, unsalted

butter cut in small chunks % cup milk

1 teaspoon almond extract % cup dried cranberries **Topping:** % cup chopped almonds



Like butter: This spread - cinnamon sugar and butter - is easy to make.

¼ cup old-fashioned oatmeal, uncooked

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons (¹/₄ stick) cold. unsalted butter, cut in small pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F. In large mixing bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add butter and, using fingers or pastry blender, work dough until mixture resembles coarse meal with the largest pieces the size of peas. Pour in milk and almond extract and stir with a spoon just until dough cômes together. Add cranberries and stir until combined.

Turn dough into lightly floured surface and knead two or three times. Pat into a circle about eight inches in diameter and %-inch

thick. Cut into three-inch rounds using biscuit cutter or simply cut into three-inch squares using a sharp knife

In medium mixing bowl, stir together chopped almonds, oatmeal and brown sugar. Work in butter using fingers until mixture is crumbly. Press into tops of bis-cuits. Transfer to buttered, 9 by 13 cooking sheet. At this point biscuits can be covered with plastic wrap and refrigerated overnight. or baked until golden brown, about

Makes six servings. Prep time is about 8 minutes.

Recipes from the American Dairy Institute provided on behalf of the

Quick Chicken with tomatoes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Chicken With Piquillos, Tomatoes and Olives is an easy onepot meal with a Spanish accent that will take about 30 minutes to get on the table.

The recipe, for four diners, is. based on quick-cooking chicken breasts with fresh harvest vegetables. As in the traditional dish from Spain, color and flavor are added with piquillos - the Spanish name for a kind of sweet-piquant red peppers, roasted and packed in jars - and

saffron rice, to complete the

CHICKEN WITH PIQUILLOS,

- % teaspoon salt
- per
- % cup olive oil
- boned and skinned (about 1% pounds meat)
- pers, cut into %inch squares (about 2 cups)
- wedges (about 2 cups)
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic (about 1 large clove)
- chooped (about 2% cups)
- granules % cup piquillos or regular
- roasted red peppers. drained, cut in chunks ½ cup small pitted green

In a cup, combine salt, pepper

sides of chicken. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil until hot. Add chicken, green peppers, onion and garlic to skillet; cook, stirring frequently and turning chicken to brown on both sides, about 5 minutes.

Remove chicken from skillet. Add tomatoes and bouillon granules; cook uncovered, stirring untiltomatoes are softened, about 10 minutes. Return chicken to skillet. Reduce heat to medium; cover and simmer until chicken is cooked through, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in piquillo peppers and olives and cook just until heated through, about 2 minutes. Serve over saffron rice, if desired.

Makes four servings.

Recipe from: Foods From Spain.

Hot line helps with canning

It's jam and pickle making time once again in Michigan says Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County. "If it's been a while since

you've canned," you may wish to call the Food and Nutrition Hotline and check on any new proce-dures or canning times," said Treitman

"Up-to-date canning times and procedures are essential to ensure safe canned foods," she said.

The hot line fall hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (248) 858-0904.

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1/2 teaspoon paprika

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2 large sweet green bell pep-

2 large onions, cut in thin

1 teaspoon chicken bouillon

olives, sliced

and paprika; sprinkle on both

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Brilliant pianist opens season for **Music Guild**

Sunday, October 3, 19

Pianist Sergei Babayan is one of the cultural jewels made possible by the melting of the Cold War.

The Armenian-born Babayan, educated in Russia, immigrated to the U.S. in 1989, and within two years proceeded to win four of the most prestigious international piano competitions. He became a U.S. citizen in late September.

Babayan, an extraordinary technician who teaches at the Cleveland Institute of Music, opens the 49th scason for the Cranbrook Music Guild. The concert this

Tuesday at the What: Planist Sergel Babayan, In cohcert When: 8 p.m, Tuesday, Oct. 5 Where: Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills Tickets: \$85 for six concert series (\$125 for patrons), For information, call (810) 751-2435.

Cranbrook House features a selection of pieces from Rachmaninoff and J.S. Bach's "The Goldberg Variations," and an Aria with Diverse Variations in G. But perhaps the

biggest surprise of the evening will be Babayan's inter-

pretation of Australian composer Carl Vine's "Sonata in Two Movements," which opens the program.

The virtually unknown composition is tailored to Babayan's virtuosity. Vine's demanding, highly imaginative piece is a showcase for Babayan's speed, strength and precision, while it



Dynamic: Pianist Sergei Babayan opens the 49th season for the Cranbrook Music Guild on Tuesday.

also demonstrates the pianist's remarkable light touch.

Throughout his career, critics have often cited Babayan's ability to interpret a variety of motifs without sounding mechanical or rigid.

In the summer of 1998, Babayan appeared with the Detroit Symphony at Meadowbrook Music Festival.

Next month's Cranbrook Music Guild concert features another up-andcoming artist, cellist Shauna Rolston, who appeared at Cranbrook House two years ago as a member of the St. Lawrence String Quartet.

Rolston, who has been compared to cellist Jacqueline du Pré, brings a Shania Twain-sex appeal often lacking in the classical music world. Her concert is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 9.



FRANK PROVENZANO Lawrence Street has an open door – for now

N ear the corner of Auburn Road and Livernois stands the oldest living oak tree of its kind in the country. Its thick, deep fissures and sprawling boughs present a steadfast reminder of the strength and wisdom of age.

The oak is the subject of one of Alice Allhoff's charcoal drawings. For the retired art teacher and president of the Lawrence Street Gallery in downtown Pontiac, the centuries-old tree is the ideal image of permanency and experience in an ever-changing world. Unfortunately, the *permanency* of

the gallery where Allhoff's artwork is displayed is another matter. The gallery, still a sapling in oak

tree years, is facing a crisis as severe as a drought.

Heed the call

After a year of slow traffic into the gallery and a dwindling membership, Lawrence Street faces the ultimate notice by the end of this month. If it doesn't increase the membership of artists at its cooperative, the doors will close.

We're artists, not business people," said Allhoff.

"All of us would rather be working on our art. But we all realize that we all need a place to

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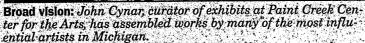
show our work on a regular basis. That's what this gallery has meant to us." Ironically, as Lawrence Street faces possibly closing, the basic cooperative arrange ment of the gallery

is an idea that's needed now as much as ever All that's needed is for artists to heed the call.

Not taking easy way

Until recently, Lawrence Street was operated by 17 artists who paid a monthly fee and shared the workload at the gallery. Members take turns ordering supplies, greeting visitors, and sending out flyers for new exhibits.

But half of the 17 artists have decided not to renew their membership. The reasons, Allhoff pointed out, range from members moving out of the area to artists deciding to retire. The age range of members is 35-80 years of age with most of artists lean-ing on the older end of the scale.



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or an exhibit entitled "Body & Soul" what would you expect? Idyllic landscapes? Warm fuzzy portraits? Take a closer look. To examine the condition of the

Leisure

body and soul at the razor's edge of the millennium some thing grittier and unflinchingly honest is in order. "Body & Soul" at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in

Rochester offers a panoramic view of 75 of the most influential and compelling Michigan artists inspired by the human figure.

Interpretations range from quite literal to satirical to abstractions whereby the human form can only be remote-ly imagined. The only semblance of a common theme is that for these artists, the human body is both a metaphor, and essentially, a self-portrait. Yes, there are plenty of bare breasts, buttocks – finely.

shaped and droopy – and frontal nudity. But at last look, there was no evidence of elephant dung, religious desecra-tion, or animal parts suspended in formaldehyde. Rudolph Giuliani-types can breath a sigh of relief.

Actually, for that matter, there is nothing remotely shocking in "Body & Soul," except, of course, that exhibit curator John Cynar could find time to travel to about 70 artists' studios and assemble such an impressive show in less than three months.

"This exhibit is the biggest celebration of influential work (of the human figure) to come out of Detroit," said Cynar of Birmingham, "Generally, there's very little expo sure given to these artists.

Drawn to form

The focus on the human figure continues to gain popularity among artists. Jef Borgeau, a visual artist from Rochester Hills who is also a member of Paint Creek's exhibitions committee, contends that's largely due to the



widespread popu-larity of fine art photography and the increasingly esoteric nature of contemporary art. "Many artists are reinterpreting what is considered the most identifi-

able of all forms, the human figure," he said. Apparently,

focusing on the human form allows artists to appeal to a universal image

ly making work that is as immediately accessible as com-

To its credit, in scope and quality "Body & Soul" has the sensibility of a museum-like exhibit. Cynar's intent is to document and promote local artists. And simply on that . level, he deserves accolades for his vision and persistence. "I didn't want to take an academic approach, but I did

want to show a lineage among the artists," said Cynar. "People are drawn to the human form because psycho-, logically we understand it. Yet I also wanted to be open to

exhibit, "Pontiac '97." That show two years ago included works of more than 80 local sculptors displayed in 11 sites around Pontiac.

and a form through which to address aesthetic, philo-

The styles of artistic expression run the gamut from Rodin-like sculptures to de Kooning-inspired abstract expressionism to highly sensual depictions, such as photographer David Rayfield's two symmetrical nudes, or painter John Hegarty's contemplative naked female standing before a mirror.

Anyone who has paid attention to the local art scene over the last three decades will find that 'Body & Soul" pays homage to many of the influential art teachers and artists, some who continue to live in the area and some who've moved on, and to the great beyond.

Notable artists whose work reflects technical mas-tery include Robert Wilbert, Sergio DeGiusti, Robert Schefman Charles Pompilius, Stanley Rosenthal, Stephen Goodfellow, Sybil Oshinski, Marilyn Zimmer-

Contemplative: Robert

Wilbert's painting style demonstrates a subtle mastery that has inspired many of his students at Wayne State University.

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the odd and different interpretation."

It's hardly a coincidence that Cynar would spearhead this type of comprehensive exhibit. He was also one of the organizing forces behind the last, compelling exhaustive

Human touch

Overall, "Body & Soul" presents the human body as an anatomical subject, an object to be deconstructed; sophical, psychological and political issues.

'It seems younger artist ing to support themselves, and they don't have the time to join a cooperative," said Allhoff.

The predicted effect of fewer memhers is that Lawrence Street will soon find a shortage of revenue and work-

ers in its gallery. For a gallery that doesn't take a commission and only makes money through dues and occasional rentals of one of its five galleries, that's like taking an axe to the trunk of an old oak

"The easiest thing would be to close," said Allhoff.

"But we believe that the opportunity for artists is so important

Impending deadline

Time is running out. Not just for Lawrence Street, but for any artist with an aspiration to have their work regularly displayed in a gallery. By the end of the month, Allhoff and the other artists will have to decide whether the odds favor bringing in at least 10 new members. That hardly seems insurmountable in a metro area.

But the cooperative commitment isn't always convenient. So, Lawrence Street is conducting a sort of blanke "call for artists," approaching local art associations to enlist members.

Since 1987, the space - first along Lawrence Street then at its current site on Saginaw Street – has given many artists a regular place to exhibit their work.

"It's given me legitimacy," said Sue

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Mysterious: Zubel Kachadoorian's "Backyard Ham-

mock" is one of the 75 works in "Body & Soul:"

man, Robert Sestock, George Riszick and the late Martin Maddox, whose oil painting, "Sisters," is an indelible portrait for its psychological depth, mesmerizing palette and composition.

Then there are a handful of influential artists whose work appears more allegorical and surrealistic, such as Ed Fraga and Mel Rosas. And there are

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The remaining concerts on the Cran brook Music Guild schedule include: Pacifica Quartet, Dec. 4 Meliora Winds, Feb. 1 ■ Ysaye Quartet, March 28 ■ Cellist Colin Meek, April 25 – Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

THEATER REVIEW

Joseph's dreamcoat shows its colors

Stagecrafters presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" through Oct, 10 at the Baldwin Theatre, 410 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$14-Call (248) 541-6430. BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

There's an inherent genius in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," And we don't mean Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

It's his musical itself. Born as a 20-minute church project more than 30 years ago, "Joseph" has mor-phed through many variations of complexity and cast sizes and is still being performed in several of them. A sixth-grade class can put on a perfectly delightful A sixth-grade class can but on a peneticity designation mini-Joseph, and you can hock your jewels for the family to see the inflated "Joseph" coming to town next month. That's the genius of "Joseph." Most productions of the biblical pop opera fall

soriewhere in between, Even so, while the libretto leaves little to interpretation, the presentation itself offers the kind of latitude that makes every production different. It therefore becomes not so much an actor's show as a director's and set designer's showcase.

Stagecrafters' season-opener is the conception of Dan Rose, who performs both off-stage functions. And

Sold into slavery and imprisoned in Egypt, Joseph wins Pharaoh's favor by explaining the ruler's dreams, predicting seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

what a performance he gives! His "Joseph" is a multimedia spectacle that doesn't forget or forsake its roots, a masterful combination of simple storytelling and razzle-dazzle that could turn younger heads away from MTV and back to OTV - Old Testament Version.

"It's all there in Chapter 39 of Genesis," we're told, this story of Joseph, the 12th and most-favored son of Jacob. His brothers lament that "Being also-rans doesn't make us Joseph fans ... the dreamer has to go." Sold into slavery and imprisoned in Egypt, Joseph wins Pharaoh's favor by explaining the ruler's dreams, predicting seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. In 1960s hipple terms, we're advised that "A man who can interpret could go far, could become a star."

As the Narrator, Jeanne DeLong lights up the Royal Oak stage brighter than the multi-colored coat

given to Joseph by Jacob. Her Broadway-level performance is flawless, irresistible and genuine; there's nary a note that seems the result of months of repeti-tion. She wisely plays her role as an observer, allowing her to react to as well as steer the story line

In the title role, 18-year-old Bradley Ellison has a voice far beyond his years, a mellow baritone that soars for Joseph's imprisoned plea ("Close Every Door") and gives cautious optimism to his final admo-nition: "The world and I, we are still waiting, still hesitating; Any Dream Will Do.

The show stops for Pharaoh. Composer Webber and lyricist Tim Rice were both huge Elvis fans and designed their potentate as a leather-clad, quiverhipped anachronism. Karl Miller took a demotion to play this part (he last was God in "Children of Eden") and, for a few minutes, turns the Baldwin into a rock

venue of biblical proportions. Over 15 years, Webber and Rice developed three specialty numbers for the brothers, with country and western, calypso and Jacques Brel motifs. Choreographer Jerry Haines doesn't go overboard in their staging, giving it personality rather than precision. Musi-cal director Martin Mandelbaum infuses great energy into the non-stop score and the cast of 48, including an enthusiastic children's chorus.

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Exhibit showcases emerging and established artists

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

Lillian Langerman's art always had popular appeal during her years as a commercial illustrator for businesses and corporations such as Kmart. But she never received a compliment that could match her winning the People's Choice Award at last year's Canton Project Arts exhibit.

"It was really an honor to have viewers and my peers vote for me," said Langerman, a Southfield resident. "I enjoy getting my work out there and hearing people's reactions."

Langerman's two works "Mulongo" and "Three Onions and a Bowl," are among the 95 paintings, sculptures and clay juried into the Canton Project Arts Fine Arts Exhibition Oct. 9-15 at Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. Sharon Dillenbeck, a Canton artist who was instrumental in getting the annual showcase off

the ground in 1993, juried the exhibit and will choose the award winners, who will split \$1,500 in prizes. Canton Project Arts received 185 entries from artists living in communities ranging from Bloomfield Hills to Livonia and Garden City, said Linda Shapona, exhibit.co-

chairman with Dick Dionne. "It's a really good variety and some incredible artistic talent. said Shapona. "It seems the quality of the artists is going up, probably because the show is established. It's the seventh year. One of the things that's kind of neat is we've seen some



Fine art: Long-time illustrator Lillian Langerman turns her talents to watercolor in this portrait.

of the artists grow over the years. But overall, the show's beautiful, with some unique pieces. It's very exciting: sculpture, clay, raku, also some fun pieces.

Shapona and other members of Canton Project Arts hit the streets earlier this summer searching for exhibitors. They passed out hundreds of applications to artists displaying works in the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Shapona is still searching for more three-dimensional works to display in next year's show.

We're also still looking for volunteers to sit with the art," said Shapona. "It's really fun because you get to talk to artists and other people about art."

Giving artists a chance

Tim Sabados is grateful for the opportunity to show his painting, "The Journey," in the Canton Project Arts exhibit. An emerging figurative painter, Sabados has never exhibited his

What: Canton Project Arts exhibits 95 pieces of fine art. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

When: Oct. 9-15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Where: Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Parkway, off Canton Center Road, Canton.

work before, although he's painted several works on commission

"I want to try to become involved locally in the arts community, and the Canton exhibit gives me a chance," said Sabados, who studied art at Michigan State University, Center for Creative Studies and Eastern Michigan University. "I'd love to have some responses to my work and expose it to peo-

ple. Sabados works large. "The Journey," an abstract featuring several figures, measures 28 inches wide by 94 inches long.

"I have an interest in the

human figure," said Sabados, who lives in Canton. "You see some of the most beautiful lines in the human body,"

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Livonia artist Barbara Demgen shows two works: one of a white shed in Sleeping Bear Dunes, and containers of May plantings. This is her second year in the Canton Project Arts exhibit. Demgen, who received a master's of art degree from Marygrove College, has exhibited widely.

"I'm thrilled that Canton even has this exhibit," said Demgen. They have such a beautiful facility and I'm happy to see the work out there.

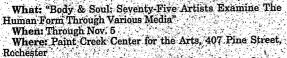
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impressive displays of work with decidedly existential motifs, such as Pi Beno's paper sculpture of a levitating mummy-wrapped, broken-hearted body, and Leah Gre-goire's "Death to Life" charcoal drawing.

Expressive diversity

While the three galleries on two floors at Paint Creek are so filled with paintings and sculptures it's sometimes difficult to focus on any one piece, it'd be utterly unfair to criticize the density of the show. Clearly, the emphasis is on diversity.

Whereas "Body & Soul" might push the envelope at Paint Creek, it hardly offers a glimpse into the trends of the



Hours: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. (248) 651-4110

contemporary art world. Among the 75 artists, few are provocateurs.

But this isn't London, New York or L.A. In the heartland of car country, cutting-edge is more of a term used in fabricating metals than describing local art exhibits.

Then again, cutting-edge is not only overused, it's relative. And "Body & Soul" certainly is

cutting edge for Paint Creek. The exhibit is a relatively pro-gressive step for the art center in broadening its vision and the

scope of its shows. Now maybe some of the area's art museums can see beyond the literal interpretation of the local art scene, and make their own statements about the quality of Michigan artists.

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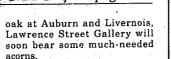
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looking for encouragement and motivation shouldn't be underestimated.

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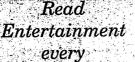


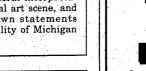
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AUDITIONS & CALLS FOR RTISTS

CRAFTERS CALL Crafters wanted for the Troy Athens Band and Orchestra Boosters "Festival 1999 Craft Show," Sat. Nov. 20 at Troy Athens High School. Call Jackie Garcher at (248) 689-0253. FOCUS: HOPE Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a selfaddressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Lathrup VIIIage, MI, 48076-0569. HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICE COM-

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A concert of music and poetry featuring Brian Bedford and Frederic Chiu, 8 p.m., Wed., Oct. 13 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Gallery tours and an afterglow reception with the artists are also featured. For reservations call the DIA Box Office at (313) 833-4005 or Pro Musica at (313) 886-5639

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY Flamenco guitarist Paco Pena and the Chilean group Inti-Illimani perform at 8 p.m., Frl., Oct. 8 at the Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

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SPINNING AND WEAVING WEEK

Storyteller, spinner and weaver Jean Gordon presents a program for children on Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile Road.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE Mort Crim presents "Good News for a Change," 7:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 5. 380 South Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

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Andree Putnam, French interior designer will speak at 7 p.m., Oct. 7 in the DIA Auditorium. Conference on Ben Shahn: Art and Politics, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 9 in the DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit. (313) 833-1851.

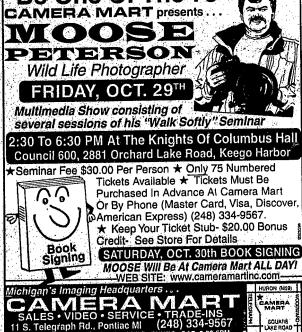




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BOOKS **True Holocaust story is** suspense-filled thriller

"In My Hands: Memoirs of a Holocaust Rescuer By Irene Gut Opdyke with Jennifer Armstrong

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Books too numerous to count have explored the origin of evil in human nature. But few have delved into the circumstances that lead to righteousness. What, we may

wonder, compels a person to risk his or her life for the welfare of others when the. instinct for self-preservation would dictate more prudent behavior?

This is the enigma and marvel of World War II hero Irene Gut Opdyke.

As. a 21-year-old. Polish-Catholic, she hid and nurtured 12 Jews in the basement of her Nazi employer's home and smuggled several others from a doomed ghetto to the relative safety of the forest.

In a recently published book entitled "In My Hands," written with noted author Jennifer Armstrong, Irene Opdyke relates her wartime experiences, from 1939, when she was a student nurse in Poland, to 1949 when, lonely and destitute, she emigrated to the United States.

Hers is a story so fraught with danger and so inspiring for its courage and steadfast virtue that it almost defies belief. Yet the events in her memoirs have been verified by witnesses and survivors as well as confirmed by

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Center in Israel, which has accorded Irene Gut Opdyke its highest. honor - that of Righteous Gen-

tile. For all the personal injustice Irene suffered – the loss of her parents and four younger sisters, forced labor, hunger and disease, and a brutal rape by Russian soldiers - she was blessed with a physical advantage that helped her survive. She had blond hair, blue eyes, and a pretty face. Her Aryan looks, coupled with a German maiden name (Gut), and the ability to speak the language of her captors meant a degree of acceptance and trust she would later exploit for the benefit of others.

Meanwhile, Irene started with small steps. While in Ternopol (German-dominated Ukraine), she served meals in an officers' dining room and eaves-dropped on the SS, reporting their conversation to Jewish workers living in the adjacent ghetto. She snuck food to the Jewish staff she had befriended in the laundry and stole passes to enable some to escape.

And when Irene was made Nazi Major Ruegemer's housekeeper in his newly commandeered villa, Irene found the answer to her prayers. Replete with servants quarters in the basement and a secret tunnel that led to an underground bunker, the facilities made a perfect hiding place for the 12 Jewish men and women who were shortly scheduled for deportation to a concentration camp.

What happened when Major Ruegemer finally discovered their presence and how the young and vulnerable Irene responds to this crisis further

reveals her character and the depth of her commitment to the people she had chosen to protect, "In My Hands" is a true story

that reads like a suspense thriller. Whether describing the protagonist's hair-raising flight from the Russians, the intricate plot to rescue Hitler's victims, or experiences as a Polish partisan, co-writer Jennifer Armstrong does an outstanding job of telling Irene Opdyke's story beyond the latter's linguistic ability to do it iustice.

Recently, Irene Opdyke spoke at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. A warm. unpretentious, generous woman, who, for all her 77 years still has a pretty face and the radiance of a young girl, reminded us that "telling about good things is contagious.

And of course she is right! If the actions of evil-doers can influence others, why not the actions of good people? What virtue needs is simply more coverage, and that's where the book comes in.

I highly recommend this probingly sensitive, exquisitely writ-ten story of initiative, fortitude, and courage as a gift, especially to young people whose thirst for heroes - real heroes - so often goes unquenched.

Photographs, maps, and a pronunciation guide for German and Polish terms accompany the "In My Hands" is availbook. able at Borders Bookstores.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Steinbeck named best author

African-American, Latino and

Asian writers are there. One-

third of the writers are still liv-

ing. In addition to Steinbeck,

the top 10, in order, are Ernest

Hemingway, William Faulkner,

Eugene O'Neill, T.S. Eliot, Willa

Cather, Robert Frost, James

The University of Michigan Insti-

tute for Humanities offers a five-

oir." The series, which explores

the increasing popularity of the

memoir, begins at noon Tuesday

Oct. 12, at 1524 Rackham Build-

ing (915 E, Washington) in Ann

part series and related mini course, "The Moment of the Mem-

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MINI COURSE

tion and nonfiction writers, Nobel Prize-winning novelist John Steinbeck is the best writer of the 20th century, according to the readers, editors and editorial advisory board of Writer's Digest..

The magazine lists the 100 best writers of the century in its November issue, which hits newsstands Oct. 19. The list also is available at www. writersdigest.com

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livo-nia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@ oe. homecomm.net

BOOK SIGNING

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will

Of the top 10, seven won poets, humorists and play-Pulitzer Prizes and five won wrights. More than 20 women Nobel Prizes. made the list; more than a dozen

White.

"The personal stories of the 100 Best are fascinating and inspiring to today's writers,' says Melanie Rigney, editor of Writer's Digest. "Some have won virtually every prize in their field; some are disparaged by critics but had major influence on their genre.

Arbor. Call (734) 662-7407 for organization that promotes literacy in Detroit and other Michigan details.

Author and U-M graduate Elwood Reid will discuss his latest work. "What Salmon Know," at Shaman Drum, Elwood, who impressed many with his first novel, "If I Don't Six," will talk about his new book, a collection of short fiction which explores the frustrations blue collar workers face in an increasingly complex post-industrial world. The event is set for 8-10

Bargain Matinees Daily • All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily

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2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660	Alf Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat.	NP DOUBLE JEOPARDY (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:20	248-788-6572 All times sun-thurs	FREE KIDS SHOWS SAT & SUN 10/2 & 3 For Kids 12 & TNDER
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<u>Showcase Pontiac 6-12</u> 2405 Telegraph Rd East side of Telegraph	NP THREE KINGS (R) 11:00, 12:00, 1:10, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00	MON-THURS 6:00, 9:30 INSPECTOR CADGET (PC) SUN 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45	313-561-7200 AFFORDASLE FAMILY PRICES \$1.00 Til 6 pm After 6 pm \$1.50	BAS S
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DUDLEY DO-RIGHT (PC) SUN 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15 MON-THURS 5:15 ONLY

acle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up! Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Hall Road, Shelby Township. Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Borders, Auburn Hills. Saturday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m., Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Ster-

ling Heights. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Award-winning author Christopher Paul Curtis will meet the public and sign copies of his latest work, "Bud. Not Buddy," at the Borders Books and Music store in Novi. "Bud, Not Buddy" is the story of an orphaned 10 year old who hits the road in search of his father and his home in 1936. Curtis, a Flint native, spent 13 years on the auto assembly line before winning a Newbery Honor for his book "The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963." Call (248) 347 0780 for information.

Children's book author and illus trator Chris Van Allsburg will sign copies of his books at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 N. Woodward in Birmingham. The Michigan-born Van Allsburg, creator of "Jumanji," "Polar Express," "Garden of Abdul Gasazi" and many other books, will appear from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Oct. 9, Call (248) 647-7040 for information. Proceeds will benefit The YES Foundation, a Birmingham-based

Arbor. All sessions are free and open to the public. Distinguished U-M professors will discuss all aspects of the memoir, including the genre's future and the respon sibilities of the memoirist. Sessions run on successive Tuesdays Call (734) 936-3518 for information.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library present Literary Outsiders: Contemporary Voices. This series at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness, storles that lay bare the terrible lies of love and madness that bind us all. Programs take place the following Tuesdays: Oct. 12: The Bluest Eye Oct. 26: Beans of Egypt, Maine Nov. 9: Family Dancing All programs begin at 7 p.m. The Carl Sandburg Library is at 30100 W. Seven Mile, Call (248) 476-0700 for details.

SHAMAN DRUM

Columbia University anthropologist Sherry Ortner, author of "Life and Death on Mt. Everest: Sherpas and Himalayan Mountaineer ing," will discuss a unique aspect of the Mt. Everest adventure: the conflicts between mountaineers and the Himalayan Sherpas who serve as their guides. The event takes place at 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Shaman Drum Bookshop, 313 S. State, Ann

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 LIBRARY AUCTION

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library will holding their 2nd Annual Silent Auction. This fundraising event takes place on Tues day, Oct. 5, from 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion of the Southfield Municipal Complex.

A variety of interesting items will be available to bid on - antiques. original artwork by local artists, autographed celebrity photos, and gift certificates, as well as unique services of various kinds. Refreshments will be available while the bidding takes place. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Friends of the Library, who provide quality programming aimed at encouraging reading and library usage for all ages. Southfield Public Library is located in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road. Visit

the Library's Home Page at www.sfldlib.org For information. call the Library Fiction Desk at (248) 948-0470

JCC BOOK FAIR

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

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7-40, 9:30, 10:00	NP JAKOB THE LIAR (PG13)	Same day advance tickets available.	TUES THURS 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
FOR LOVE OF THE GAME (PG13)	1.00, 7.00	NV - No V.LP. tickets accepted	1003-1003-100,733,733
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4:20, 6:45	11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20	Inside Oakland Mall	111. S
THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR (R)	NO VIP TICKETS	248-988-0706	Waterford Cinema 11
	FOR LOVE OF THE GAME (PG13)	ALL TIMES SUN THURS	7501 Highland Rd.
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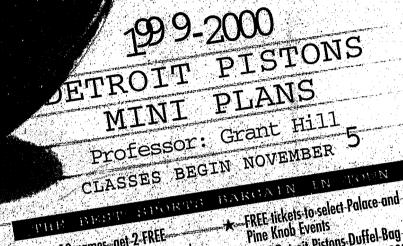
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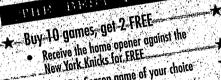
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DANIEL STICKRADT

Looking back while saying good-bye

Sometimes we take things for granted.

No matter if its a relationship with a family member, spouse or friend, a God-given talent, something we possess, or something as simple as our everyday health. We all are guilty of taking many parts of our life for granted.

Sports fans in Detroit may have also taken something for granted throughout the years - and that something is Tiger Stadium, located at the famous corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

The City of Detroit and the Detroit Tigers Organization retired the historic stadium this past Monday evening with an 8-2 Tigers triumph over the Kansas City Royals, followed by an hour-long grand finale farewell. And I was glad to be a part of it, sitting in section 411 in the upper deck along the third base line.

As the game went along, I started to reflect on all of the great times I had in this classic stadium, one of the few left in the states as newer stadiums, domes and arenas are erected on a yearly basis — facilities which feature high-priced suits and very little to often the common sports fans except for a seat way up in the nose bleeds section.

I recalled the first game I went to Tiger Stadium in the late 1970s the game where I fell asleep long before the final pitch. I recalled the games with my little league team, my parents, an ex-girlfriend and with my late grandfather.

I remembered seeing former Tigers first baseman Jason Thompson smack one on the roof, as did former Chicago White Sox outfielder Ralph Garr. I could visualize Alan Trammell at short and Lou Whitaker at second. Several images from the past raced through my mind, as did the scents of popcorn and Little Caesars Pizza.

"Did you really eat an entire pizza, Daniel?," I.remembered my mom say-ing to me at a Tigers-White Sox clash a couple years back.

As a die-hard sports fan, I've been to my share fair of professional sports events, including dozens of games at "Corner." I've been to stadiums and arenas in several different states, and I truly believe that Tiger Stadium is one of the greats -– a classic. I never really thought about it until these past few days.

The old stadiums like Tiger Stadi-

Netters fall just short of league crown

BY MIKE SCOTT SPECIAL WRITER

One point is all that separated Clarkston from an Oakland Activities Association Division II girls tennis

championship. The Walves fell just short of their. year-long goal, but finished with an impressive 39 points in the Thursday meet at Troy Athens, The host Red

Hawks scored 40 points and captured the title with four flight winners. The No. 3 doubles team of Andrea Gibson and Sara Sweeney highlighted

championship match. In five other flights, Clarkston players finished second, including Courtney Schubring at No. 1 singles.

"Individually we accomplished quite a lot, more than I would have anticipated at the beginning of the season," said Clarkston coach Beth Manojlovich. "In almost any one of those other (championship) matches we could have won and that would have given us the title.

Allison Olinger gave a gutsy perfor-mance at No. 3 singles. Olinger had

gone undefeated in Division II during the regular season and was seeded first in her flight. She suffered a sprained. ankle in her semifinal match and advanced to the championship, but understandably was hesitant playing on her ankle in the final match and lost in two close sets.

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Clarkston's day by placing first in their flight with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory in the



Not quite: Clarkston's Jon Robinson (61) tries to get a handle on Troy running back Sheldon Sofer during the Colts' 21-14 Oakland Activities Association Division I prep football win over the Wolves Friday. The win left the Colts in line for the OAA I crown, while the Wolves have to have help from one of Troy's final three league opponents - Rochester, Rochester Adams or Troy Athens.

Close, but no cigar Late touchdown dooms Clarkston in loss to Colts

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

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This time Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson thought it would be different. After two straight one-point losses to Troy, a day's grudge match sparked optimism for a favorable result. However, those hopes were quickly dashed when a Wolves' turnover resulted in a late-game Troy score and another heart-stopping Colts' victory, 21-14, before an overflow crowd at Troy. "I thought, finally, we were the ones getting the break," said Richardson fighting back tears after watching his Wolves lose for the first time in six games this season. "But we just didn't make the

plays we needed. Give Troy credit, they did some nice things in the second half." For the Colts, the win moved them into sole pos-

session of first place in Oakland Activities Association Division I with a 2-0 mark. The Colts stand a

The play of Griffith's defense in the first half limited the Wolves to just 31 yards and zero first downs. The Troy offense didn't fare any better as the Colts mustered only 56 yards and three first downs.

The result was a scoreless first half and the

um or so intimate, you feel so close to the game. I see why my mom cried when they tore down the old Comiskey Park in Chicago after the 1990 season, and why fans of the Boston Red Sox do not want to see Fenway Park be replaced by a new ballpark overrun by suits.

These old stadiums have character and anyone that's been to a game in one of these old ballparks, you know exactly what I'm talking about. I just wished I could have gone to more games in these types of places.

Next season, the Detroit Tigers will move into their new home, Comerica Park, but like most new stadiums and arenas, it just won't be the same.

It won't have that intimate setting - the New Comiskey Park and Jacobs Field in Cleveland both lack that, for instance. I guess I've taken old Tiger Stadium for granted over the years.

Looking ahead, the old stadiums are fading fast — an end of an era, part of history will be gone forever, but never removed from our hearts and memories. فم

I'll cherish every game I saw at the old Tiger Stadium, and some of its counterparts near and far - the games and experiences I took for granted.

Will you?

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perfect 6-0 overall. "It was a great high school football game," sighed Troy coach Gary Griffith after watching his team push across 14 fourth-quarter points, including the decisive six from senior running back Sheldon Sofer with 36 seconds to play. "We keep getting better

and better and maturing as a team each week. "I thought we played the best defense we've played all year," Griffith went on. "The return of (senior Tony) Cribari to the defense really helped and we battled their big guys up front."

thoughts of the first team to

The Wolves took the initiative on making those prospects come true as their first possession of the second half covered 64 yards in 11 plays and culminated with a three-yard pass form quarterback Ryan Kaul to Wide out Steve Sc ornak. The completion was Kaul's first of the game.

Clarkston's score was not only beneficial for its

Please see FOOTBALL, C2

Struggling cagers drop fourth straight game

The Clarkston Wolves kept it close through 24 minutes in their Oakland Activities Association Division I bas-ketball clash with Troy Thursday.

It was the last eight minutes that . killed the Wolves.

The Colts (6-3 overall, 2-2 OAA I) held Clarkston to just three points in the decisive fourth quarter and came from behind to post a tougher-than-itlooked 40-28 win over the Wolves on Clarkston's home floor.

The loss was Clarkston's fourth straight and dropped the Wolves to 5-5 overall, including a 1-4 league mark.

The struggling Wolves got points from just five players.

Clarkston, playing behind a solid defensive effort, held Troy to just nine points in the first quarter and led 12-9

after the first eight minutes. Troy bounced back and claimed a one-point lead, 18-17, at the intermission.

The Colts stretched the lead to three by the end of three quarters before putting the clamps on Clarkston down the stretch.

Senior forward Rachel Uchman led the Wolves with seven points. Fresh-man guard Kira Karlstrom hit the Wolves' only 3-pointer and scored six points. Juniors Kristen Falck, Tovah Bazely and Sarah Morgan each scored four for the Wolves.

Lisa Gerback and Samantha Essian scored 14 points apiece to lead the Colts,

Clarkston is at home Tuesday against Pontiac Central. Game time is 7 p.m.

Clarkston harriers sweep Red Hawks

Clarkston senior Nicole Fisher. cruised into pole position with a 19:57 clocking Tuesday as Clarkston defeated host Troy Athens 16-46 in an Oakland Activities Association Division I girls cross-country meet at Firefighters Park.

Sophomore Carla DelVecchio finished second (21:51), followed by senior Lisa Gauthier (22:02) and Karyn Erkfritz (22:09), as the Wolves (1-3, 1-3) swept the first four places. Jessica Martin led Athens (0-4, 0-4) by placing fifth (22:24).

In the boys meet, Clarkston (4-0, 4-0) swept the first five places en route to a 15-46 win over the Red Hawks. Senior David Sage broke the tape in 16:44, while classmates Matt Haver (17:30), Brett Quantz (17:48), Dan Burke (17:53) and Kevin Breen (17:57)followed suit for the Wolves.

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY CLARKSTON 16, TROY ATHENS

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Kickers fall to Highlanders

Behind a goal and three

assists from senior forward

Ricky Strong and two goals and

one assist from freshman U-15

national team member Nathan

Norman, Adams was finally able

to get its revenge with a 6-0 tri-umph over the Wolves.

Clarkston (4-4-2), which grad

uated 13 players for last year's team, actually had the game's

first shot, but quickly found

itself in a 3-0 hole before the

dates for this season's Mr. Soccer award, scored the contest's

first tally at 4:31, taking a pass

from Norman down the left side

with 34 points, while Royal Oak Kimball (24), Lake Orion (19)

and Waterford Mott (12) round-

Manojlovich said her team dis-

played steady improvement throughout the month of September and added that the

Wolves had to overcome a lack of

experience throughout the line-

ed out the team scores.

up.

game was 15 minutes old. Strong, one of leading candi-

BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER dstickrådt@oe.homecomm.net

Just over 11 months ago, Clarkston pulled off the biggest upset during the 1998 boys soc-cer state tournament with a head-turning 2-1 triumph over then-fifth ranked Rochester Adams, the two-time defending **Oakland Activities Association** Division I champion. So when the two sides gath-

ered for the rematch Thursday at Adams, it's not surprising that the Highlanders remembered that season-ending district finals loss

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"She really showed some spirit out there," said Manojlovich. "The ankle was pretty swollen by Berkley finished in third place the time she left the courts."

Schubring has also returned from a minor injury earlier in the season and is playing herbest tennis of the year. She, like many of her teammates, has cut down on mental

errors and is making her opponent hit winners to gain points.

Lauren Stout finished second at No. 2 singles as did Michelle

Football from page C1

side, but for Troy's as well. The Colts took the ensuing kick-off and needed just two plays to draw even.

After a three-yard Sofer gain on first down, Troy offensive assistant Mark Vranesich dug deep into the archives of the Colt playbook and called for some tricky. After taking a hand-off on a reverse from quarterback Tim Kaegi, senior Joey Keibou, who's had some experience at quarterback, crossed up the hard-rushing Wolves defense by lofting a pass to a wide open Kris Krstich. The Troy receiver hauled in the pass, covering 72 yards, and place-kicker Barry Najarian booted the PAT to knot the game at 7-7.

"We haven't called a reverse pass, for what? - six, seven, eight, nine years," Vranesich said: "But we needed a spark. We worked on that all week in - in from the two and place-kicker

practice and it worked. Joey did

a great job getting the ball out there The Colts carried that momentum over into the fourth quarter

and grabbed a 14-7 advantage on yet another Sofer score. Sofer, whose nose for the goal line has resulted in more than 1,000 yards and 19 touchdowns in '99, rambled in from 33 yards to successfully end a three-play, 43yard possession.

Troy's stifling defense rose to the occasion one more time down the stretch and appeared to put the game away with Sofer's interception of a Kaul pass at the Troy 10. However, one play later the

ball was back in the hands of the Wolves when they fell on a Sofer bobble at the Troy two. Senior tailback Chris Mitchell brought his teammates closer by diving

before going in all alone on Clarkston senior keeper Dustin Coleman and beating him to his left.

Just 4:52 later, Norman scored unassisted off a breakaway and at 14:32, seniorsforward Craig Penn scored off an assist from sophomore midfielder Alexander Renzi for the 3-0 lead.

Clarkston only mustered four first-half shots, although one by senior midfielder Jared Bauer rang off the crossbar when the Wolves trailed just 1-0.

"I knew when they went up 3we were in trouble," said Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald.

Playing in tournaments such as the OAA meet has helped the Wolves learn what to expect from competitive situations.

Clarkston is winding down to the end of the short season and is focusing on regional competition Friday at Troy. The Wolves will have to finish

in the top two in regional play to advance to the Lower Peninsula Division I state finals or score a minimum of 16 team points.

Rocky Lund tied the game at 14-14 with the extra point. After holding the Colts to a

three-and-out, the Wolves saw the prospects of victory slip through their hands with a fumbled punt. Sofer carried six times on the ensuing possession, including a punishing 10-yard TD run that saw the Troy back break several tackles on his way to the end zone.

"It (the fumble) was killing me, but my teammates wouldn't let me fold," said Sofer, who finished with 160 yards on 33 car-"They were telling me they ries. needed me and I just had to get the iob done.'

"He runs with great heart and desire," Griffith said of Sofer. "He's not the fastest and he's not the strongest, but he has a thirst for the hurt. He wants the ball and makes the plays.'



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Who knows golf better than Orlick?

When the United States team reclaimed he Ryder Cup last Sunday, Birmingham's Warren Orlick viewed the glorious and colorful scene from his golf cart as an official PGA Observer.

The 87 year-old Orlick spent the Ryder Cup weekend at the Country Club in Brookline accompanying and advising the PGA Rules Chairman. After all, who better than Orlick, who has been known as "Mr. Rules," to advise the PGA of America's presiding rules official.

LINKS TO THE GAME

MICHAEL SHIELS

It would take a month of Sundays to present Orlick's credentials, but it is important to realize that amongst us here in Oakland County walks a living character from the story of American golf history.

Early in his career as a Golf Professional, Orlick taught and toiled at Grosse Ile CC and Indianwood CC in Lake Orion. In 1953 he became Head Golf Pro-fessional at Tam O'Shanter CC in West Bloomfield, a tenure that lasted for 29 years before he retired in 1982.

While he may have retired from Tam O'Shanter, a man of Orlick's experience could never retire from the game of golf, nor has he, as evidenced by his special role at Brookline last week.

Orlick, in his storied career, is the only Michigan Golf Professional to serve as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the PGA of America, and ascension that occurred between 1966-1972

Orlick, a genuine voice in the shaping of modern professional golf, was instrumental in having the word "Caucasian" removed from the list of requirements to become a PGA Professional.

Orlick also served on the PGA **TOUR** Policy Board from 1969-1972, which were key years in the formation of today's PGA TOUR

Orlick, who was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in Hall of Fame in 1979, was the first consulting Golf Professional to serve on the USGA Rules Committee, and has been a rules official at the Masters Tournament since 1955.

His work with handicapped children, stroke victims, and amputees has been tireless.

Warren Orlick, aside from being a fine gentleman, is a walking encyclopedia of golf," says Michigan PGA Executive Director/CEO Ken Devine. "At the Michigan Section, we are privileged to have Warren agree to provide rulings at our tournaments, and yet he's the one that sends me a thank you note fol-lowing each event!" Devine remarks. "He's an astounding gentleman."

"Mr. Orlick is incredibly sharp," says Michigan PGA Tournament Supervisor Jon Norgard, who works with Orlick at State events. "He doesn't miss a thing!'

When it comes to the Ryder Cup, Orlick literally has not

Mangrum, like Orlick, had been wounded fighting World War II, and Orlick says he could understand Mangrum's sentiment.

"Mangrum was not an easy man to know, but he was a ter-rific competitor. The entire U.S. team was sick, literally, at the thought that they might lose the cup for the first time in twenty years," Orlick recalls.

It was after the U.S. pulled out a victory that Orlick, who'd traveled across the sea with Birmingham CC Golf Professional Ray Maguire, got the surprise of his life.

"The victorious U.S. Ryder Cup team left Wentworth and headed immediately to France, where they were to play against a Continental Team of European players," says Orlick, who reminds that the European players were not included in the Ryder Cup until 1979.

The International Matches would be played against golfers from Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Germany and Holland Orlick flew to Paris as well, to observe these International Matches organized by the Feder-ation Francaise de Golf. Upon his arrival in France, Orlick was approached by U.S. Captain Mangrum.

"Warren," he asked, "Did you happen to bring your golf clubs?" Since he'd brought his clubs and had made a side trip to St. Andrews, Scotland with with Maguire, Orlick nodded in the affirmative.

"Good, because you just joined the Ryder Cup team," Mangrum told Orlick.

A startled Orlick then learned that following the award ceremony at Wentworth, disgruntled American player Porky Oliver ouit the team in objection to being held out of the singles matches.

To avoid embarrassment, a faux pas indeed, and in order to present a full team, Orlick was drafted onto the team that included Jim Turnesa, Detroit Golf Club Professional Walter Burkemo, Fred Haas Jr., Dave Douglas, Ted Kroll, Cary Middlecoff, Sam Snead and Jack Burke

"We got the white glove treat-

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ment. The galleries were sizeable, and the International Match was very exciting," says Orlick. "The Ryder Cup players immediately treated me like a part of the team, and I was a paired with Turnesa in a foursomes match." Turnesa and Orlick lost their match 4-3 to two Italians named Angelini and Grappasonni, and Orlick says that Turnesa may have been dis-tracted. "We had French female caddies, and I think Turnesa may have been paying more attention to his caddie than the match."

Regardless of the outcome, Orlick is honored to have represented his country while abroad. Orlick, who still wells up when he speaks of World War II, says that the atmosphere at the Ryder Cup Matches in those days was much more patriotic than it is now. "I'm surprised that some of today's players have taken the attitude they have about money," he says. "For many years, the PGA used to lose money on the Ryder Cup,"

he insists. Orlick will be 91 years old when the Ryder Cup comes to him as the 2003 matches will be held in his backyard at Birmingham's Oakland Hills CC. That event will mark the 50th anniversary of Orlick's appointment to the United States Ryder Cup Team.

It is my sincere hope that the Oakland Hills organizers can convince PGA of America officials to allow Orlick to tee his ball one more time with an honorary shot across the bow.

* * * On My Own of Michigan will hold their second annual charity golf outing on Wednesday at the Heathers Club in Bloomfield Hills

The \$100 entry fee includes fees for a five-person scramble with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., lunch, dinner, and extravagant prizes including a two-year lease on a BMW Z3 Roadster. On

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Leaves are turning bright col-ors and the nights are getting cooler. Fall is in the air. When the sun peaked over the horizon Friday morning it was a wel comed site for Michigan's 400,000-plus bow hunters as the 1999-2000 season officially got under way. Use of elevated platforms (tree

stands) has been a legal practice for Michigan archers for many years. Just because it's a longstanding tradition doesn't mean

a little refresher course in safety and hunting regulations isn't in order.

Bow hunters are reminded that on public land it is illegal to:

Permanently construct or attach to a tree or other natural feature a scaffold, platform, ladder, steps or any other device to assist in climbing a tree or use any item that penetrates the cambium (outer layer) of a tree for climbing purpose

• Use or occupy a scaffold or raised platform, ladder or steps that has been permanently attached to a tree or other natural feature.

• Use or occupy a scaffold or raised platform without first putting on the scaffold or platform the name and address of the user in legible English. This identification must be easily read from the ground.

· Scaffolds, raised platforms, ladders, steps or other devices that assist in climbing a tree must be removed the day following the last day of the latest open season for deer in that area.

Each year archers in Michigan are injured, some more seriously than others, through falls sustained while climbing into, out of or while hunting from a tree stand. A few precautions will help you avoid becoming a statistic this season. Always wear a safety harness when climbing

to, hunting in or descending from your stand. • Use a safety harness with a quick-release

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• The Tri-County Cobra AAU

• Detroit Pistons 16-under fastpitch softball team is having a pitcher's only tryout for the 2000 season. Players must be 16-under on Jan. 1, 2000. The tryouts will be from 1-3 p.m. on Oct. 2 at Waterford Kettering

gram will conduct tryouts for the year 2000 boys 10-under team. This 1999 state runnerup is looking for players who have competitive-level fundamental skills (dribbling, passing, shooting) to successfully compete at the state and national levels. Interested players should be prepared to go through an intensive two-hour tryout at Oakland Community College from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 2. Registration is from noon until 1 p.m. For further information. contact Al or Regina Storrs at 553-8419 after 6 p.m. weekdays.

boys 10-under basketball pro-

system that will also hold you upright and will not restrict your breathing should you fall.

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 Always use a rope to bring your equipment to and from the ground.

 Avoid hunting from an elevated stand when overly tired or while on medication. Never hunt while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Ashteneau eyes Classic

Canton's Mary Ashteneau has qualified for the Angler's Choice Classic, Oct. 22-23, on Old Hickory Lake in Tennessee.

She and partner Kelly Bridgewater, of Pontiac, qualified for the Classic by placing 12th out of 45 teams in the Angler's Choice Northern Division this summer. The top 15 teams at the conclusion. of seven qualifying tournaments advanced to rep-

"We're the only girls to qualify from the north-ern division," Ashteneau said. "My partner is pregnant and can't go, and I can't get a substitute so I'm going to go down there and do the best I can all by myself."

There is a five-fish-per-team limit in the tournament so Ashteneau won't be handicapped by the number of fish she can weigh.

"I just hope I do well," Ashteneau said. " I've never been on that lake and I'll be a little nervous because it's a new lake and I'll be all alone, but I'm going to go down there and do the best I can.'

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

information, call Jim Kubicina at (248) 375-2439 or Loren Lang SOFTBALL • The Blue Jays travel softat (248) 375-2707. ball team will conduct tryouts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Girls must be 12-

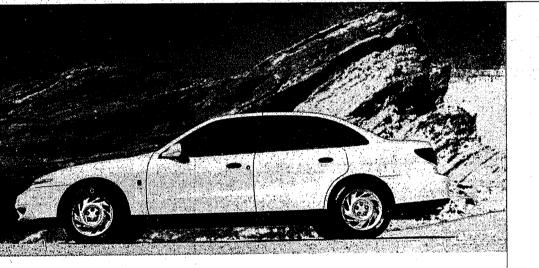
under and 14-under at of Jan. 1, 2000. For more information, contact Dick Lambert at (248) 645-9105, or (248) 540-3583. • The Rochester Emeralds girls fastpitch softball teams 750-6137.

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missed a thing, having been involved in the Matches since he traveled to Wentworth, England as an official observer for the 1953 clash.

He served as PGA Rules Chairman for the 1955 Ryder Cup Matches at Thunderhead CC in Palm Springs, CA, at the 1959 Matches at Eldorado CC in Palm Desert, CA, and at the 1967 Matches at Champions GC in Houston.

Orlick was United States Ryder Cup Chairman for the 1973 Ryder Cup Matches at Muirfield Golf Club in Scotland. He was a referee or observer at Matches through the 1980's and Matches through the Isoba and 1990's, attending Ryder Cup competitions at PGA National GC, Muirfield Village GC, Kiawah Island GC, The Belfry, and now The Country Club in Brookline.

Surely, when Orlick saw how close and dramatic last week's matches were, his mind must have wandered back to his first Ryder Cup Matches in October of 1953 at Wentworth.

Those matches, won 6&1/2 to 5&1/2 by the USA, were the most hotly contested Ryder Cup Matches since 1933. It took a late and total fold by British players Peter Alliss Bernard Hunt for the U.S. to retain the cup, and American Captain Lloyd Mangrum swore he would "never, never captain an American team against because of the 9,000 deaths I suffered in the last hour.

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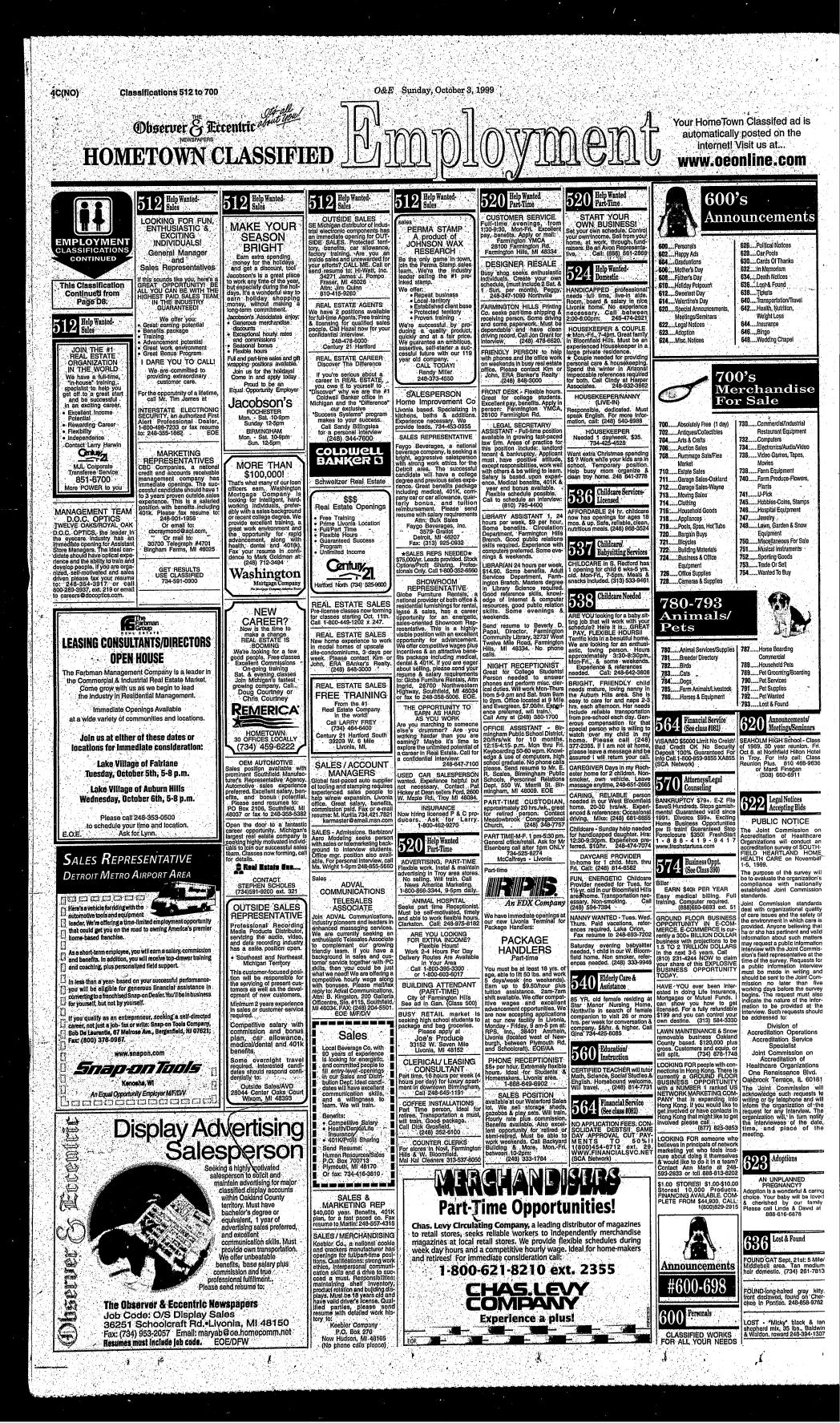
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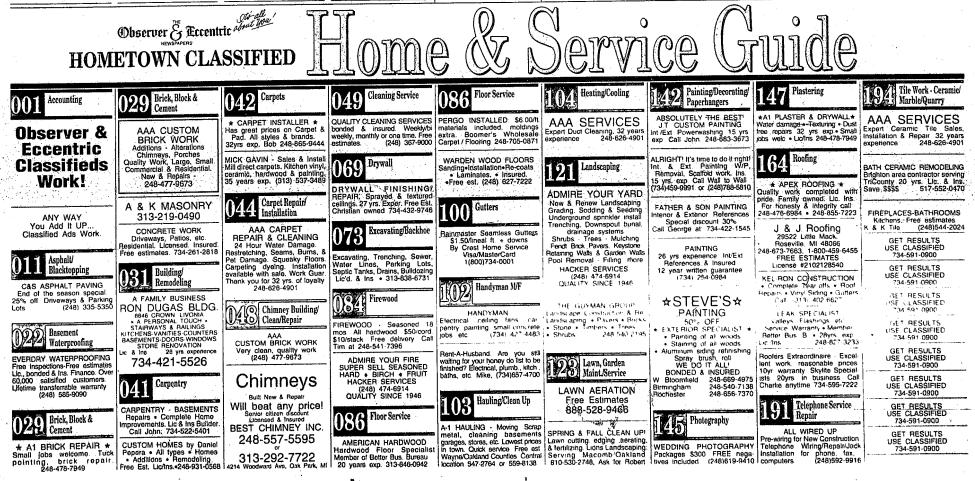


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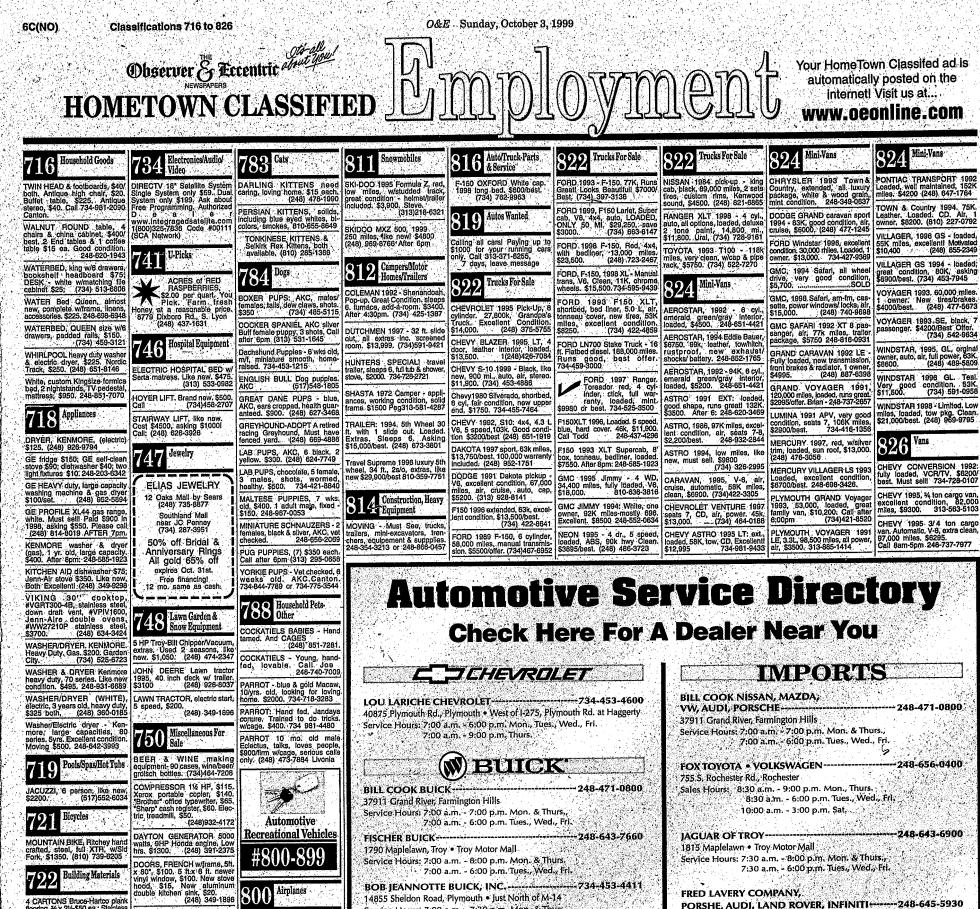


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They have pet names. "Road Runner." "Little Red Express". "Super Bee". Although their bodies are hard as a rock, their owners keep them sheltered from the rain and snow. These precious collectibles could pass any white glove inspection test because they are con-stantly waxed and buffed to perfection. They are classic cars. Thousands of

car enthusiasts from around the world have joined car clubs in order to brag about this favorite member of the family. Being a member of a car club means you have a passion for your vehicle. This passion has created an explosion of car clubs all over Michigan, and this is evident by the enormous attendance at two of the largest car shows in the state - the Birmingham Woodward Dream Cruise and the Meadowbrook Hall Concours d'Elegance.

Joe Valentine, management specialist for the city of Birmingham, said more than 23 car clubs participated in the 1999 "Dream Cruise," The club members enjoyed swapping stories about their cars with one another.

"During the Dream Cruise, many of the car clubs parked off the street, opened their hoods and just started socializing," he said. "You can tell that the classic car owners are very passionate about their cars just by the way they have taken the time to restore them

Valentine said the Dream Cruise attracted car club members from all over the world, including Australia and Europe. Some of the car clubs that attended the Dream Cruise included: Camaro Club of Michigan; Goodtime Wanderers: Holly Antique Car Club; and the National Corvette Restorers Society.

At the August 1999 Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance, the leg-



auto show at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe.

endary Packard and the Bugatti were the star attractions. Matthew Larcinese, Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance projects manager, said more than 22,000 people attended the event which included dozens of car clubs.

"People who come to this event just love the crowd," he said. "They also enjoy the feeling of being swallowed up so many cars because the whole field was covered with classic cars from the early to mid 1900s.

Packard anniversary

"This year's Concours d'Elegance celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Packard and the work of the Bugatti famed Italian designer Ettore Bugatti." But what is it about car clubs that attracts men and women of all ages. Ron Wiswell, president of the Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners car club of Canton Township, said it brings together people of similar interests for the same vehicle. MLMO meets every Monday of the month at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth Township.

"Our Mercury Club is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Mercury," he said. "Every car has its own beauty and legacy."

Many car club members name their vehicles. The names often reflect a girlfriend, a favorite cartoon character or even an old song.

When I was growing up, guys would write the names of their cars on the back fender," Wiswell said. "They would often take a name from a rock 'n' roll song

Wiswell's wife. Nina, is the secretary and show organizer of MLMO. She believes car clubs are an excellent support system for anyone wanting to share their passion for a classic vehicle. "If you are part of a car club, you have a support system to help you reach your goals for your car." she said. 'Car clubs are also an incredible social system. Some people will get together and actually drive hundreds of miles, for example from Michigan to Tennessee, just for a show. Some classic car owners will purchase a trailer just for their treasured automobile to travel from show to show."

Classic cars are really works of art, according to Nina Wiswell. She said more and more women are appreciating these masterpieces.

When I married my husband in 1976, our first car we decided to really take care of was a 1976 Mercury Cougar. I named it Eleanor after Edsel Ford. The more shows I attended, the more I enjoyed them. At least 20 percent of our national club members are women. When women look at a car, they like the interior, the paint and the shape of the car"

Katherine Fisher has been a member of the MiMiata Car Club of Michigan for two years. She hosts the MiMiata Franklin Cider Mill Drive in Bloomfield. Fisher works the late night shift as a nurse at Oakwood Hospital, and she said being a part of a car club helps

ple," she said. "I'm very active in politics, and I find that it's amazing the similarities you find between someone owning the same car as you and their view on politics."

Being a woman has its perks as a car club member, according to Fisher. Her male car club friends have now shown her how to fix her brakes, change a tire and change the oil on her convertible Miata.

"I like the idea that I can call up four or five car club buddies, and we can take off on a drive together," she said. "I just went to a Miata event in Tennessee, and I met Miata car club members from all over the world including Alaska and Florida."

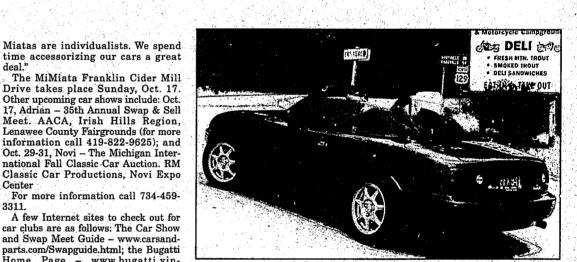
Fisher has a 1996 brilliant black convertible Miata. She said people who drive Miatas are different.

time accessorizing our cars a great deal." The MiMiata Franklin Cider Mill

Drive takes place Sunday, Oct. 17. Other upcoming car shows include: Oct. 17, Adrian - 35th Annual Swap & Sell Meet. AACA, Irish Hills Region, Lenawee County Fairgrounds (for more information call 419-822-9625); and Oct. 29-31, Novi – The Michigan International Fall Classic Car Auction. RM **Classic Car Productions**, Novi Expo Center

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A few Internet sites to check out for car clubs are as follows: The Car Show and Swap Meet Guide - www.carsandparts.com/Swapguide.html; the Bugatti Home Page - www.bugatti.vin-

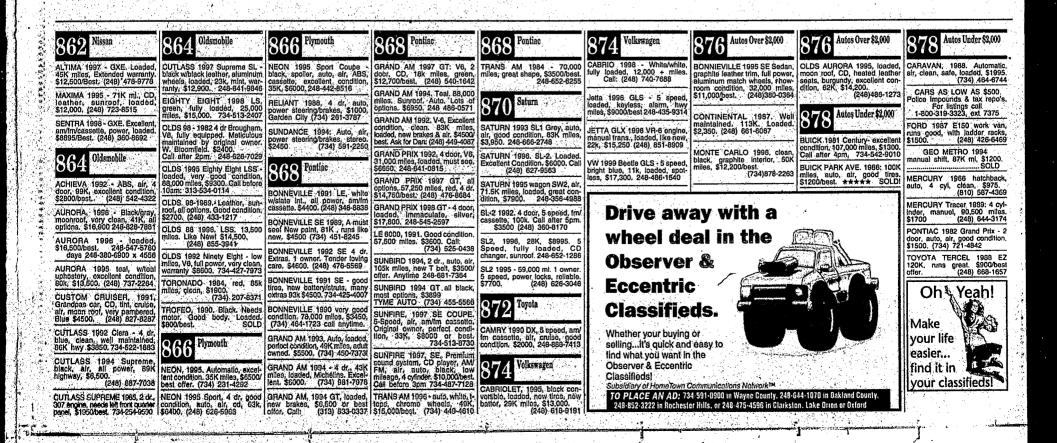


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borty fun: Katherine Fisher of West Bloomfield owns this 1996 Miata and has been a member of the MiMiata Car Club for two years.



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NONPROFITS A career choice with a lot of options

By THERESE MCFARLAND SPECIAL WRITER

On Oct. 22 President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton will convene the White House Conference on Philanthropy to "take a look at the challenges and changes that we are facing,"

Nationally, the number of charities has doubled in the last 14 years. Michi-gan's reporting charitable organizations nearly doubled in only nine years, ranking it ninth in the nation. In fact, Michigan's nonprofit sector accounts for approximately 380,000 jobs annually.

Historically, job seekers with a background in the arts or social work have sought analogous program positions with "not-for-profits." Not so obvious, however, are the numerous nonprofit opportunities for those with business, communications, marketing or finance experience, or an interest in organizing volunteers or event planning. Health services and social services,

to arts and entertainment, education, recreation and community develop-ment offer diverse nonprofit environmênts

Administrative positions that keep not-for-profits afloat also have direct parallels in the for-profit business. world: executive directors, financial managers, development directors, pub-lic relations specialists, marketing managers, publications coordinators, volunteers managers, event organizers, admissions directors and support staff. Larger organizations might fill all of these positions. But since the majority of U.S. nonprofits report 50 or less

employees, often times these jobs are pooled together, and sometimes fall to only a few.

Qualifications

Senior staff positions, like the executive director and fund-raising professional, often require a business or nonprofit background,

"I think certainly (there is) more accountability in the arts and any nonprofit due in part to a lot of competition for funds, cutbacks and cross-over donors," said Kimberly Adams, chief operating officer for ArtServe Michigan, in Southfield.

She explained that this accountability is "another reason to look at the staff credentials and degreed individuals." Adams teaches an arts management class at Eastern Michigan Unihas direct application to all nonprofits.

Michigan's Specific nonprofit educanonprofit tion is now widely available. In 1990, only 17 American universities. sector accounts for offered graduate degree approximateprograms with a concentration in nonprofit man-agement. By 1997 "the number had quadrupled," according to Seton Hall ly 380,000 jobs annually. University

Nonprofit courses usually include fund-raising, nonprofit law, board development and management, volunteerism, and often include internships and mentoring. The National Society of **Fund-Raising Executives (NSFRE) will** open its first Faculty Training Academy in January 2000, to provide master teachers to better educate fund-raising professionals.

Some positions - but certainly not all - require a college degree. Some organizations encourage on-the-job training that maximize employees' talents and skills. Nonprofit employers say it's not uncommon to train a nondevelopment person who has all the right qualities, but lacks actual development experience. These organizations can be an excellent training ground for advancement into key staff positions.

Transferable skills

"My thinking is that if you are good at one thing, that generally you'll be good at a lot of things — it is highly transferable to another area," said versity where the majority of content Shelley Roberts, a lawyer and execu-

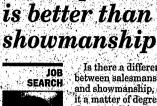
tive director of Birmingham's Community House. "And nonprofits give you that opportunity," she added

While smaller nonprofits can't offer medical benefits, others provide partial medical premium reimbursement, and some larger institutions like hospitals, schools and universi-

ties have excellent benefit plans. "We monitor our compensation pack-

age annually, provide a flexible benefits program and offer tuition waiver programs to our employees," said Cheryl Fredrickson, director of human resources at Madonna University.

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Plain speaking

Is there a difference between salesmanship and showmanship, or is it a matter of degree? Can a candidate be rejected for being too perfect?

We recently helped a company evaluate a senior level candidate who seemed to be an "ideal match" (his own GEORGE words) for a key posi-

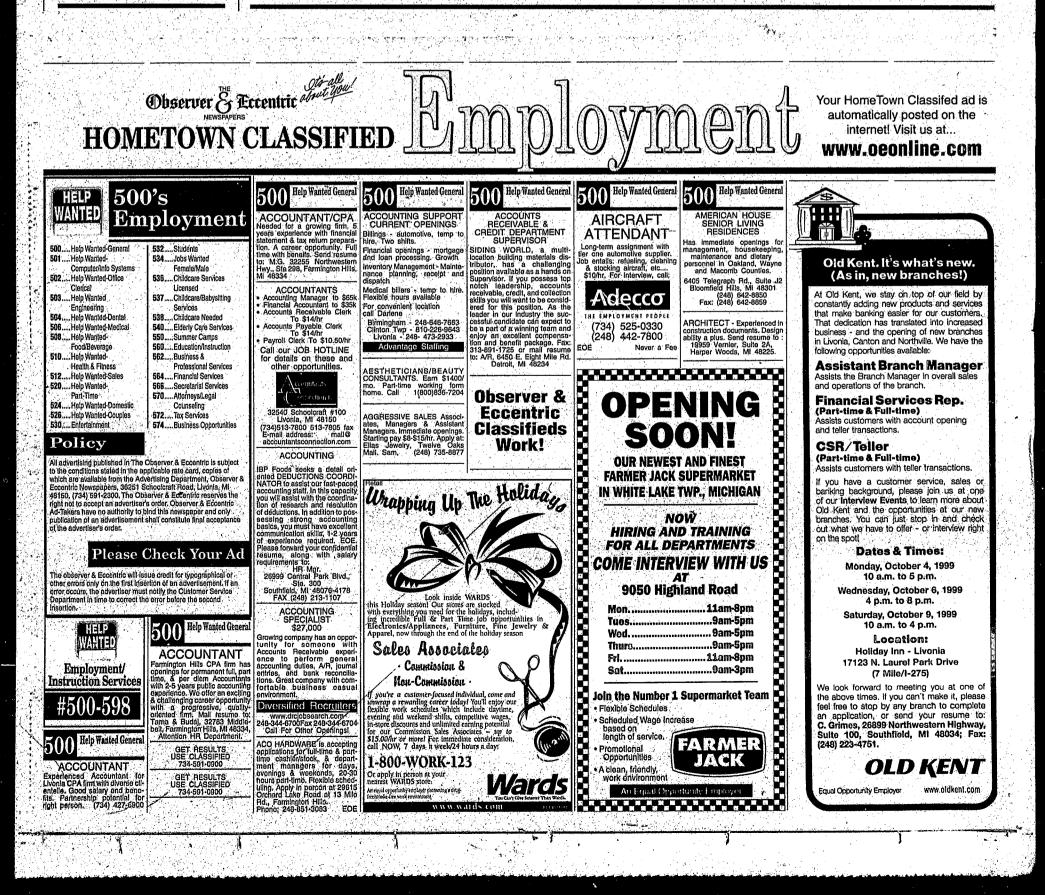
tion. In fact, he may have been an interview

ing genius. This man looked the part, talked the talk and avoided potentially damaging subjects. He made a strong effort to be engaging and connect with me on a personal level. His background looked like a good fit and he articulated 7 his strengths in no uncertain terms. Nothing I said seemed unfamiliar to him. Nothing about the situation troubled or scared him. Why, then, did the president 7 of the company and I independently come to the conclusion that this was the wrongperson for the job?

Quite simply, he was just too much. We both felt as though we had been audiences at a performance instead of participants in a normal conversation between business people. With his seeming perfection came a nagging sense of incredulity. Nobbdy can bat 1,000. Nobody. One of the beefs I've had with outplace-

ment firms is the radical plastic surgery they attempt to perform on a candidate's normal presentation. I can always tell when a person has been heavily coached by an employment pro. There are no wrinkles or surprises in the interview The talk has no character or texture. All the edges have been rounded off and I feel like I've taken too much cold medicine.

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Still, nonprofit is generally per ceived as a 'low salary' industry. Salaries are still not comparable with the for-profit industry, but they (nonprofits) are getting better than they have been," said Art-Serve's Adams.

Salary issue

Michigan Nonprofit Associa-tion's 1998 survey revealed the average annual wage for nonprofit employees was \$26,600. Among key nonprofit positions, however, the general salary range was between \$40,000 to \$90,000, with some of the top executive positions over \$100,000. Michigan's nonprof-it salaries for that same year it salaries for that same year amounted to an impressive \$10 billion, around 8 percent of total personal income.

We rely heavily on volunteers who assist us in office activities like mailings, just because they want to give," said Lisa Wilkins, executive director of Forgotten Harvest, a Southfield organization dedicated to hunger relief. Wilkins explained the upside of a small organization and wearing many hats: "I love the fact that I have 60 different projects going on at one time. It makes my days just fly by." Employee skills

Characteristics common to most key employees are excellent com-munication skills, a value-driven self-starter, able to roll with the punches, be flexible and creative, can see the big picture, and effectively interface with a wide array of people from all different walks of life.

Nonprofit organizations essen-tially have two "bottom lines." One is financial accountability, which is different than the profit-centered bottom line of business: The second - and their reason for exist- ing \rightarrow is that they are mission-dri- . ven

Unanimously, "commitment to mission" seems to be a critical ele-ment that spurs individuals to

choose the nonprofit career path Borrowing a quote from Sunday's service, "it is mission that energizes us to do something." This passion for purpose energizes the work of the nonprofit employee.

Those interested in a nonprofit career, can start by volunteering. Michigan's charitable organiza-tions "average 180 volunteers and nearly 9,500, volunteer hours annually. This translates to 4.6 full-time workers per organization - or the equivalent of more than 28,000 full-time employees and nearly \$760 million in donated labor per year," according to Michi-gan Nonprofit Association statistics.

Those interested in trying out a nonprofit for a day might consider volunteering time at a Make a Difference Day event on Saturday, Oct. 23.

For Make a Difference Day information, contact Lindy Lange, Michigan Community Service Commission, at (517) 335-4295.

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ccasion. It's impossible for a candidate to know everything about the problems a potential employer is facing or to a master of every skill required in a new position. Even if you are going from McDonald's to Burger King, some things will be different. People who make long verbal stretches to relate their experiences toabsolutely everything an interviewer says come across as desperate or arrogant. Employers don't trust know-it-alls.

Talk straight. When I asked Mr. Perfect what he had been criticized for, he launched into a dissertation about object lessons and the value of in-depth experience. It really sounded good at the time, but it occurred to me later that he hadn't answered the question. And don't use the old transparent

ploy of coming up with a weakness that is really supposed to be a strength (I'm overly driven to get things done and meet objec-tives. (ag.) Personally, I love can-didates who can look me in the eye and say something like "I was fired." Most employers will be irritated (sometimes unconsciously) by answers that are overly calculated.

Take responsibility for some of the bad stuff. How did our hero end up leaving his last position? He was politically "blind sided" by another employee and conse-quently couldn't make his numbers. How about the job before that? The owner had two sons who were jerks and made it impossible for him to meet his objectives. Nothing bad was his fault and everything good was his doing. I'm certainly not encouraging job seekers to broach or spend much time talking about subjects that might nix the deal. However,

when a negative is on the table, it's better to briefly describe the

misstep and the lesson learned. Employers find flawless people suspicious.

■ Support your claims. Mr. Wonderful said he was proud of his achievements. He didn't tell me what they were, but he was proud of them. I also learned that he considered himself a strong and natural leader who was particularly good at developing sub-ordinates. Unfortunately, he didn't offer any details about the people he developed. I didn't hear any anecdotes about his leadership in the trenches. Want to sound credible? Start out a few sentences with "For example ..." Tell real life mini-stories, which illustrate your points.

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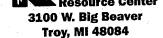
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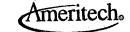
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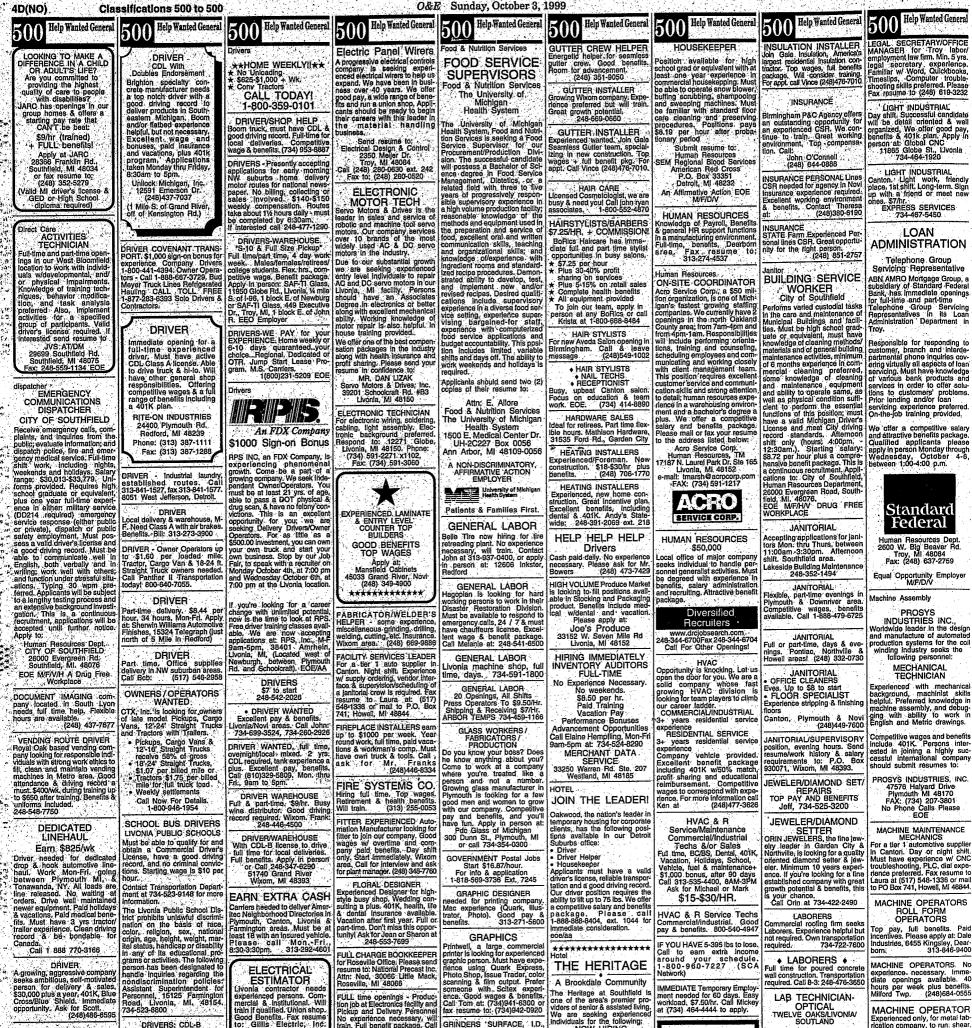
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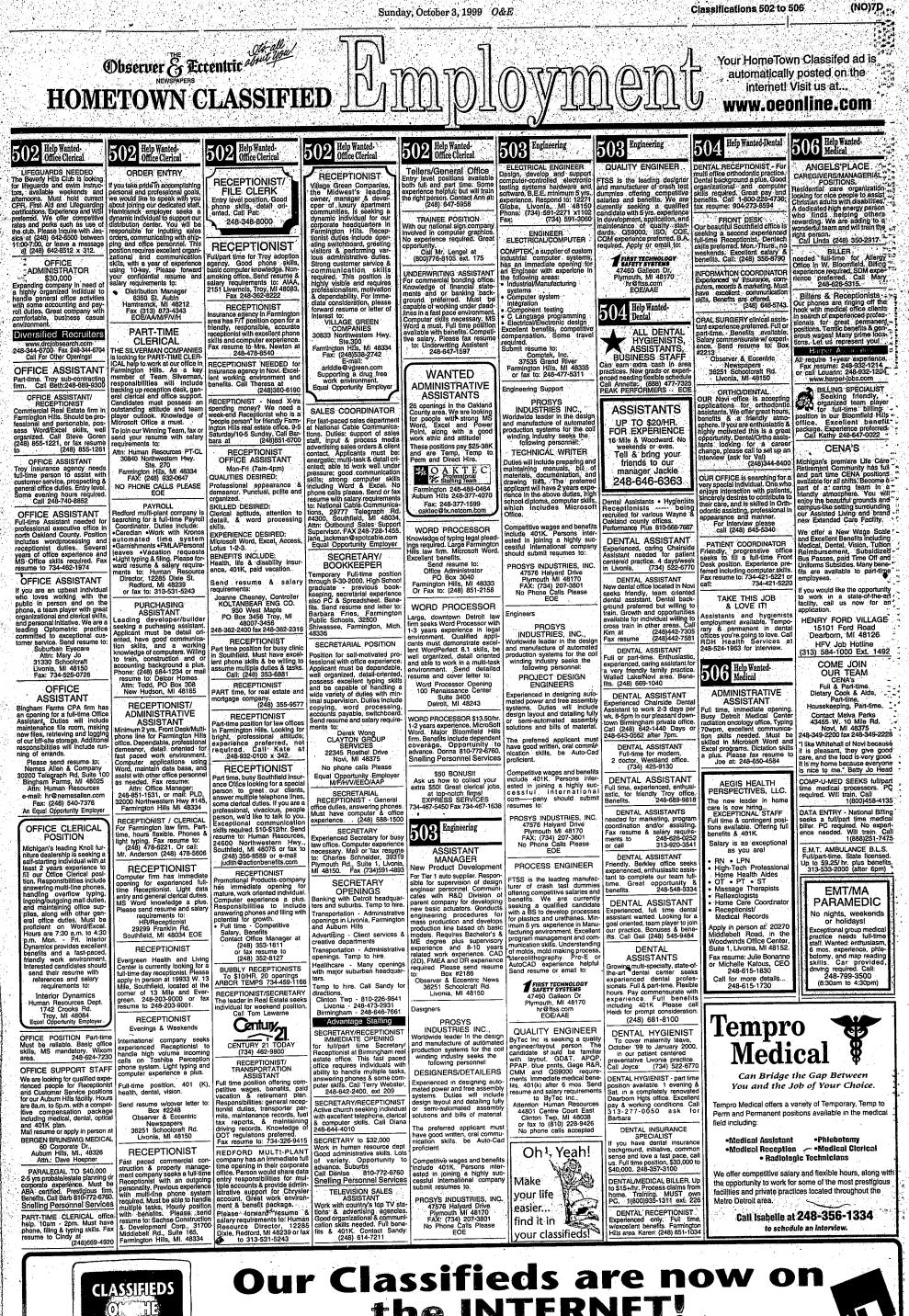
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Condos are a little bigger, a little better

Robertson Brothers Group, which enjoyed much success at the Links of Pheasant Run in Canton, has embarked on another condominium venture nearby - Links West of Pheasant Run.

Plans call for 128 condos, four to a building, off Newton east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Geddes roads.

"We made them a little bigger, a little better ... a little more effective," said Paul Robertson Jr. "All the plans were enhanced in some form from when we did the original Links."

Quality of construction, 36 units on a golf course, the wetlands area, and, I think, privacy and seclusion of the property, itself, are all desirable features," said Jan Lippert, sales consultant."

Other attractions elaborated by Lippert – the close proximity to the Summit (recreation complex), township offices, highly acclaimed Canton Library and Pheasant Run Golf Club,"

"People like being around that," Robertson said, "They have a tremendous senior program, as well as family programs." Links West, Robertson's fourth res-

idential community in Canton, also will feature a pool and clubhouse.

The nice thing about this property is it's secluded and we know what's going to be around it - an existing subdivision to the west, wetlands to the south, golf course on the east and wetlands on the north," Lippert said..

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and Tyvek insulation wrap.

full bath also are upstairs.

Landscaping is included.

The two story features a great room downstairs. The master suite

with cathedral ceiling also contains

two vanities, a walk-in closet and a

wall closet. A second bedroom and a

The model contains about \$7,000 in

The story-and-a-half is a unique

plan, orienting the kitchen/ nook and

aundry toward the front of the

"I think the central location to Ann Arbor, Detroit, the airports and freeway access are added features that make this Robertson Brothers community one of the most unique in the area," she added.

Three floor plans are offered. The two story of 1,693 square feet with two bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and

daylight basement carries a base price of \$189,400. A story-and-a-half of 2,086 square feet with three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and a walk-out basement has a base

price of \$226,400. A ranch of 1,942 square feet with two bedrooms and a den (or third bedroom option) and two baths prices. full bath are upstairs,

ing over the great room and dining area, and another over the kitchen/ nook.

The master, also with cathedral ceiling, contains a sitting area, twosink vanity and walk-in and wall closets. A second bedroom and full bath are down a separate hallway.

The model contains about \$6,000 in upgrades. inks West of Pheasant Run is

within the Van Buren school boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$29.31 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, half of purchase price. That means the own-

ers of a \$226,400 unit there would pay about \$3,350 the first year. The association fee, which includes

pool and clubhouse, grass cutting, snow removal and water, is projected at \$180 per month.

Bernie and Jackie Stack, longtime Canton residents, wanted to stay in town and downsize their residence with all four children grown They ordered a ranch at Links West.

"What really impressed the tar out of me ... was quality," Bernie said. When I saw the detail they put into these things, I said, 'Wow, I'm happy.'

We're both in our 60s. We wanted a bigger bedroom. It has a beautiful master bath. We like a lot of windows. It's very airy," he said.

The sales office I models for the Links West of Pheasant Run, (734) 394-0442, are open noon to 6 p.m. daily.



appealing location on the lake.

Additional features include

finished basement, natural fire-

place in living room, central air,

all appliances, city water and

city sewer and well treed lot.

This is a turnkey home - howev-

er, there is plenty of room for expansion. Truly a must see if

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Brick fireplace won't give the heat you want



fireplace with a gas log set-up; that is, a gas burner and cement logs. We'd like to burn wood logs instead, to get some heat in the house, but

we're wondering STONE what problems this

might entail. What is your advice? Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,

The crackle of a traditional log fire can certainly provide a cozy and romantic ambiance to your living room

But contrary to common belief, a masonry fireplace provides very little heat to the interior of a home.

If you stand near a wood fire, you will enjoy the warmth of radiant heat. But while this is happening, the convection which draws smoke up the chimney is also drawing the warm air from within your house, sending it in the direction of Santa-Claus after the stockings have been stuffed.

If you wish to heat your home by burning wood, the best approach is to install a fireplace insert. Basically, this is a wood burning stove, specifically designed to be set into the combustion chamber of a fireplace.

To determine which insert model will fit your fireplace and provide the greatest amount of heat per volume of wood, consult a certified chimney

great room with sloped ceiling and the master with cathedral ceiling, two vanities, a walk-in closet and wall closet on the first floor.

in upgrades. The ranch features a cathedral ceil-

So, too, is a deck, wood floor in the foyer and half bath, carpeting throughout, energy sealing package

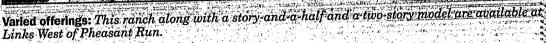
closet are standard features in all

Air conditioning, fireplace, base-

A sitting area, two bedrooms and a

The model contains about \$25,000

ment, two-car garage, separate tub and shower in the master, range and dishwasher in the kitchen and firstfloor laundry with cabinet, sink and



Dear Barry. The home we're buying has brick

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\$249,900 Tall trees and sparkling lake. Sunrises and sunsets: Water skiing and snow ski-ing. Bass fishing and ice fishing. Sailboating and snowmobiling. Sunning decks: Beachfront docks. The down side...there is only room for a dozen nature loving members. This unique way of living sits on a nat-ural 2.3 acre lakefront. The availability of these units is limited. People don't move once they are in. This is your opportunity to enjoy the benefits of this phenomenal life style, The full-length southern-exposed insu-lated bronze glass wall with sloped glass ceiling almost brings the lake into your home. Approximately 1,700 sq. ft. of inte-rior space features a 2-story foyer that

rior space features a 2-story foyer that leads to an open kitchen with a snack bar island.

Beyond the kitchen is a dramatically expansive dining and gathering room. This luxurious area features a fireplace

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with marble surround. Situated beyond the gathering room is a 20' x 10' sunning deck offering total privacy on both sides and a staircase leading to the sandy shoreline of beauti-

fail Long Lake. A private 1.5 car garage leads to a util-ity area complete with laundry, pantry, coat closet and powder room, There is also approximately 900 sq. ft. of private

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Huge kitchen allows for plenty of cooks, helpers

A vaulted family room and summy kitchen are at the heart of the Allegheny, a midsize family home designed for families who enjoy spending time together.

The kitchen is huge, effectively expanding the family room living area. Bay windows open up the nook, and four skylights bathe the area in rich, natural light.

There's room here for the whole family to cook together. Counter space on three sides of the kitchen is augmented by a central work island capped with a chopping block. Other amenities include a garden window, a pantry, an eating bar and builtin appliances.

Most of the back wall in the

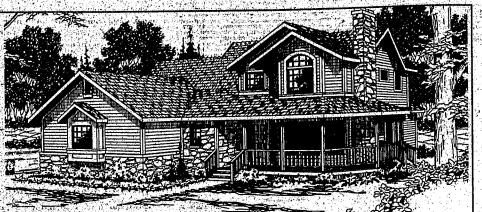
family room is filled with slid-ing glass doors that open onto a large deck. Sliders to the left link the room to a screened porch that's also accessible from the master suite.

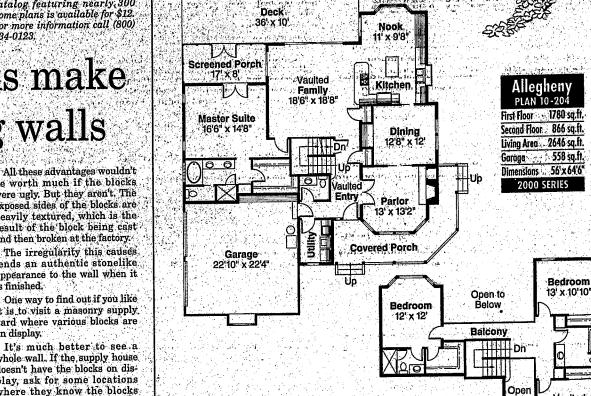
The formal dining room can be totally closed off from the kitchen. It comes outfitted with a wide built-in hutch. The parlor is bright, thanks to bay windows that fill most of the front wall. A stone fireplace adds warmth and charm when the weather turns ugly.

Entering the home, you step into a vaulted entry traversed by a second-floor walkway that overlooks both the entry hall and the family room. A powder room and utilities are just inside the door, and the French doors on the right open into the

The Allegheny's master suite: is also on the main floor, It has a double vanity, walk-in closet, soaking tub, shower and private toilet. Three rooms are upstairs. Two share a bathroom, while the third has its own and a walk-in closet as well.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Allegheny 10-204 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring nearly, 300 home plans is available for For more information call (800) 634-0123,





Interlocking blocks make effective retaining walls

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Retaining walls are a real staple of the landscape business. Not only can they solve a wealth of erosion problems but they can also lend a lot of character to otherwise uninspired grounds.

We've all seen our share of concrete, concrete block, brick. stone, log and even railroad-tie walls, And many of these still look wonderful after years of great service.

But; unfortunately, many of them don't look so wonderful. Some are cracked, some are crumbling and some are leaning so far, they seem to defy gravity. One of the biggest troubles. with traditional retaining walls is that they are difficult to build. well, especially for the inexperi-

enced worker. It's relatively easy to erect a wall that looks good when you're done. But it's quite another to have the same wall look good in three months and

still another for it to look good

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after a cold, hard winter The construction difficulties normally associated with

retaining walls have all but disappeared with the invention of today's simple interlocking block systems.

Several are on the market and each has a slightly different method of interlocking and a somewhat different palette of colors. (One example is the Aztech Wall System designed by Block Systems Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.)

But their similarities far outnumber their differences.

All are made of cast concrete with a single block weighing about 20 to 30 pounds. All are designed to be laid up dry, so no. mortar and no mortaring skills are necessary.

And finally, because the blocks aren't joined together with mortar or by other means, hydrostatic pressure cannot build up behind the wall because the water simply seeps through the cracks between the blocks.

be worth much if the blocks were ugly. But they aren't. The exposed sides of the blocks are heavily textured, which is the result of the block being cast and then broken at the factory.

The irregularity this causes lends an authentic stonelike. appearance to the wall when it is finished.

One way to find out if you like it is to visit a masonry supply. yard where various blocks are on display.

It's much better to see a whole wall. If the supply house doesn't have the blocks on display, ask for some locations where they know the blocks have been installed and take a ride by to see if you like the résults.

Prices vary, but our shopping showed prices of about \$1.75 per block, and that included a good discount for buying in volume. If you want to build a small wall of only 100 blocks or less, expect to pay at least \$2 a block, delivered.

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ight dimmers create mood

(NAPS) - Table lamps can feature three-way bulbs, allowing you to turn the light level up or down, depending on your need. But did you know that you can

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also dim lights installed in your ceiling or on walls? In fact, you can even dim track lights suspended from the ceiling. Diming room lights at dinnertime focuses attention on the table, where it should be, while the boundaries of the room recede into a mixed composition of light

and shadow. When you're through in the kitchen for the night, rather than leave the lights on or off, you can

In your living room, dimming the lights can create just the right balance of illumination between the room and the television set.

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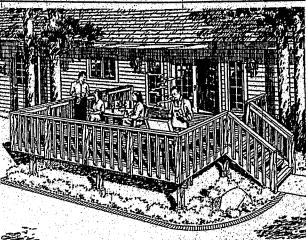
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In their simplest form, lights can be dimmed by lowering a tog-gle switch or by turning a knob on the wall. For more sophisticated settings, a wall keypad with buttons can control various lights

If you want to create dramatic scenes in your home, all it takes



The Weekly Do-It-Yourselfer



Easy raised deck

An alternative to the patio deck featured previously is this easy raised deck. Adding a deck, especially over thin grass, will increase the value of and enhance the exterior of your home. This weeks raised deck comes in eight sizes, from 8' x 8' to 12' x 16', and can be built to any height so one is sure to fit your needs, even on rolling terrain or at a summer home. Stair and railing instructions are included in the two sets of plans you will receive: one for you or

your builder and one for the building department. Plans include clearly labeled, detailed drawings along with full framing instructions. Illustrations are drawn three dimensionally with full elevations and cross sectional diagrams. Step-by-step.comprehensive instructions are included to aid you in construction. A full materials list will make your trip to a local lumberyard for building materials another easy step toward the completion of your new project.

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Sealants plug leaks, drafts

The fall season beckons most homeowners to get their homes ready for winter.

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Along with raking leaves and putting down that last application of lawn fertilizer, homeowners should begin sealing joints and cracks in roofs, driveways and gutters to get them ready for the ensuing cold, wet weath-

er. To help homeowners easily tackle these winterizing tasks, adhesives and sealants. manufacturers have specially formulated. repair products for nearly every one of them. And they've packaged them with easy-toread labels that clearly spell out the products' applications so consumers will feel confident they're using the right one.

Seal roof cracks and holes

Since harsh winters and hot summers can cause roofing materials to blister and crack; causing leaks and openings around chimneys, flashings and roof vents, homeowners should seal these cracks to prevent further damage to the roof or their home's interior from water infiltration.

"A quality roof repair product should adhere well to roofing materials and be waterproof and flexible enough to withstand expansion and contraction caused by tem-perature changes," said Rodney Conn, ealants chemist at Macco Adhesives

The firm manufactures Liquid Nails brand construction adhesives, caulks and sealants.

Conn offers this rule of thumb when sealing any crack.

The depth of the crack should be no more than half the width. (For example, a 1/2-inch wide crack should be no more than 1/4-inch deep.) If a sealant is applied too deeply, it will tend to pull apart.

Conn recommends that you clean as much. of the surface as possible and fill any deep joints with a solid filler such as a polyurethane backer rod. To get a tight fit,

use a backer rod with a wider circumference than the hole you are filling.

Roof repair scalant can also be used to bond loose shingles. In this case, you'll need to apply weight to the shingles until the sealant is cured.

Some sealants, according to Conn, can be applied to wet roofs and won't freeze.

Seal concrete cracks

Since water expands as it freezes, cracks in concrete surfaces like driveways and sidewalks can worsen if they're not filled before winter arrives.

Cracks in cement around basement window frames and in basement walls and floors should also be repaired to keep out drafts and foreign materials and reduce energy costs.

Before applying any concrete repair prod-uct, make sure that all surfaces are clean, dry and structurally sound. Fill any deep joints with a solid filler.

For horizontal cracks such as those on sidewalks, you can use sand as a filler. For vertical cracks such as those in walls, you can use a backer rod.

A siliconized acrylic latex sealant is weather-resistant and can be used for both interior and exterior applications.

Some are also ideal for sealing joints between concrete, brick, stone, cinder block, stucco and mortar. They're not, however, recommended for use around fireplaces.

Some concrete repair sealants can be applied with a standard caulking gun. Others are available in 6-ounce, easy-to-apply squeeze tubes.

Seal gutter cracks and joints

Cracks and holes in gutters and downpouts can greatly reduce the effectiveness of these devices to guide water away from your home.

If your gutters or downspouts have cracks holes, or open joints, Conn recommends that you repair them with a flexible, watertight sealant that is specially formulated for these applications.

An application of gutter sealant between the back of a gutter and fascia board (a wood or plywood strip that's applied to the area where the roof and wall meet) will keep water from running down the wall. End caps, section laps and fittings should also be sealed.

As with any sealant application, make sure surfaces are clean and dry. Additionally, remove any old paint or rust.

For best results, Conn recommends that you seal gutter seams from inside the trough whenever practical.

When a seam is sealed from the outside, you'll have a greater chance that damming. will occur. In winter, this can lead to ice dams which can cause serious damage to roof structures and home interiors.

Larger gaps should be bridged with fiberglass tape before applying sealant. Then level the patch with a putty knife or spatula to minimize damming. For holes larger than a 1/2 inch, place a piece of metal over the hole and seal around the edges.

Using a putty knife, tool the sealant firmly into place to ensure firm contact and a smooth finish.

According to Conn, the efforts you take and the money you spend to keep ice and water from damaging your home is a mere dribble compared to the costly, professional. repairs that can occur if you don't take these simple, preventive measures.

For more information on Liquid Nails products, contact your local building materials retailer, mass merchant, home center or, call (800) 634-0015.

For instant information, visit the Liquid Nails Web site located at http:// www. liquidnails.com

Time to think about leaf blowers

(NAPS) - For more than 25 years, leaf blowers have been a boon to homeowners. Now they may be made even better. Leaf blowers can be supplemented so they can "round up" the leaves for bagging.

With a leaf-corralling system, which includes covering wire rods or wood stakes with burlap set up in an inverted V, the leaves are blowing into the wide end of the V and funneled onto the narrow opening at the bottom where they can easily be bagged.

Another ingenious improvement is the dramatic reduction in leaf blower noise in debris properly. recent years.

Be considerate and safe when using lawn and garden equipment.

Comply with local ordinances and timeuse regulations. Don't start too early or go too late. The usual recommendations are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Operate power blowers at the lowestossible throttle speed to complete the job. ull throttle is seldom necessary.

When possible, use only one piece of out-

door power equipment at a time. ■ After using your equipment, dispose of

 Check your equipment before operating, especially the muffler, air intakes and air filters.

Use the full blower nozzle extension so the air stream can work close to the ground, minimizing dust clouds.

In dusty conditions, slightly dampen surfaces or use a mist attachment if possible.

■ Watch for children, pets, open windows or freshly washed cars; blow debris properly and safely away.

Wear eye and ear protection when using

Use cedar when storing clothes

Part of the getting-ready-forwinter ritual includes packing up summer clothing for the season

Without taking the proper precautions, however, people could inadvertently expose garments to deteriorating elements and find it necessary to replace warm-weather clothing next spring.

Stored garments are vulnerable to damage by insects, mildew and mustiness

All fabrics are prone to mildew damage. Insect damage occurs mostly on natural fabrics such as wool, cotton and linens. Fabric "blends" that contain these natural fibers are also susceptible. Even pure can he i am-

ments, other valuable fabrics such as linens, towels and stored rugs should be protect-

Natural aromatic cedar can be used in closets, drawers, storage boxes and garment bags to preserve garments and other fabrics in the home.

The aroma of cedar, while pleasant and harmless to humans, is a powerful appetite suppressant to moth larvae. It's the larvae that damage fabrics, not the winged adult moths. The presence of sufficient aromatic cedar vapors will stop the larvae from eating and damaging stored fabric.

Immediately before extended storage, garments should be or dry cleaned to washed

seal tightly. Use enough cedar in each

application to build up a noticeable cedar fragrance on the fabrics you are protecting. The amount depends on the size of the container and on how often it is opened.

You can find cedar in a variety of forms including cedar balls, blocks, sachets and closet hang-ups as well as cedar clothes hangers and shoe trees.

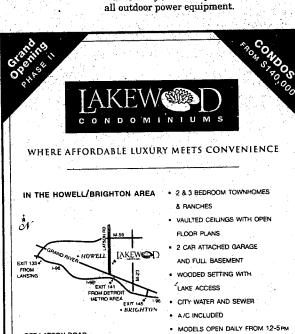
Many environmentalists recommend cedar as the "right choice," because it is a natural alternative to chemical moth balls which are petrochemical products containing naphthalene and/or paradichlorobenzene

container or garment bag and renewable non-endangered resource that grow abundantly throughout the eastern United States

Most cedar products will remain effective for six months to one year. Airflow and light cause cedar to age faster. When the red parts of the wood have turned brown and lost their scent, the product may be ready for replacement or rejuvenation.

Unlike volatile chemical moth balls that literally evaporate, cedar can be renewed over and over by using a cedar spray.

Cedar Fresh Home Products are available in discount department stores, supermarkets and drug stores. Con-Both of these chemicals can cause neurological damage in sumers can get more informa-tion at http:// www. cedarfresh. com or they can call Cedar Fresh at (800) 763-9500.



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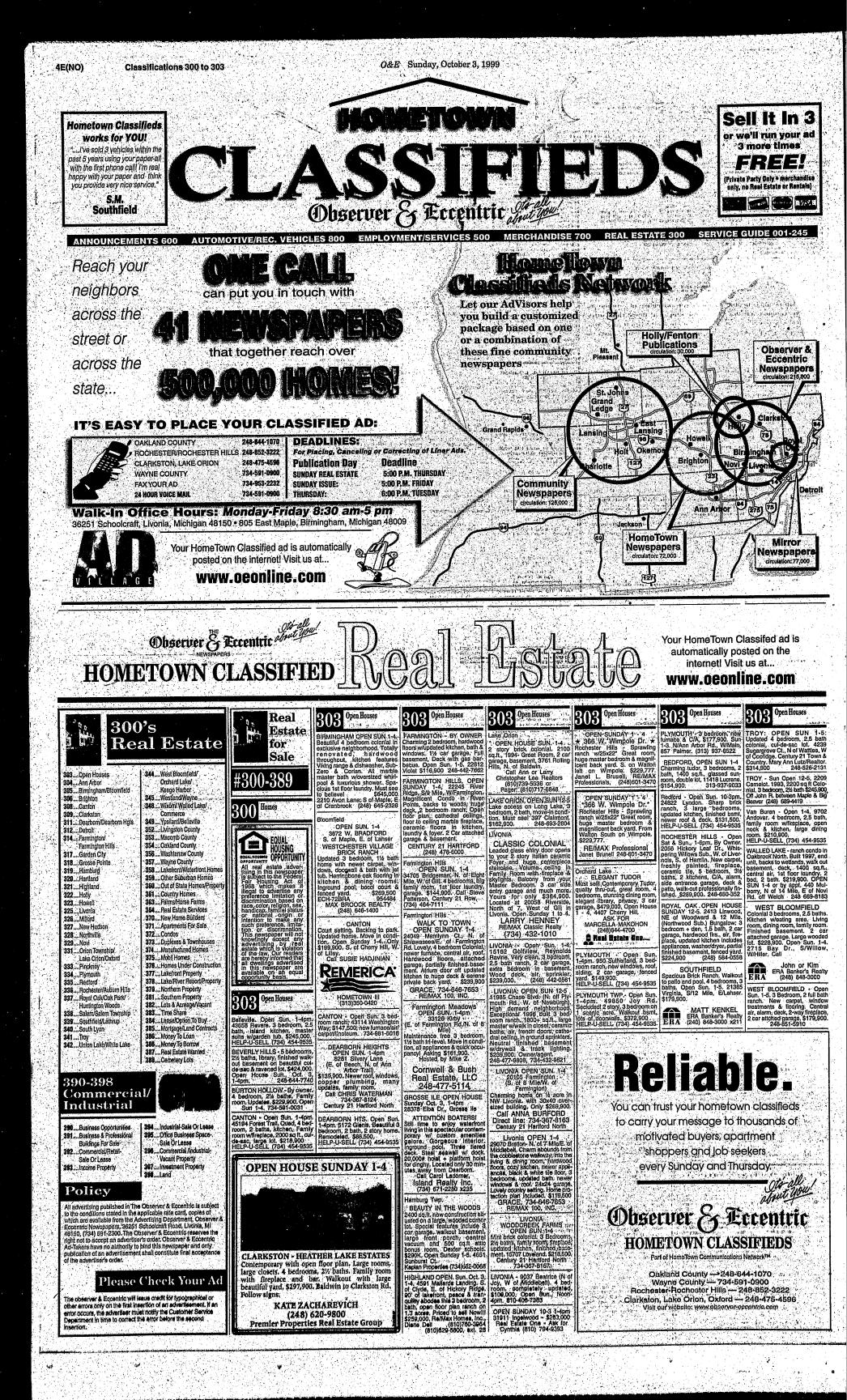
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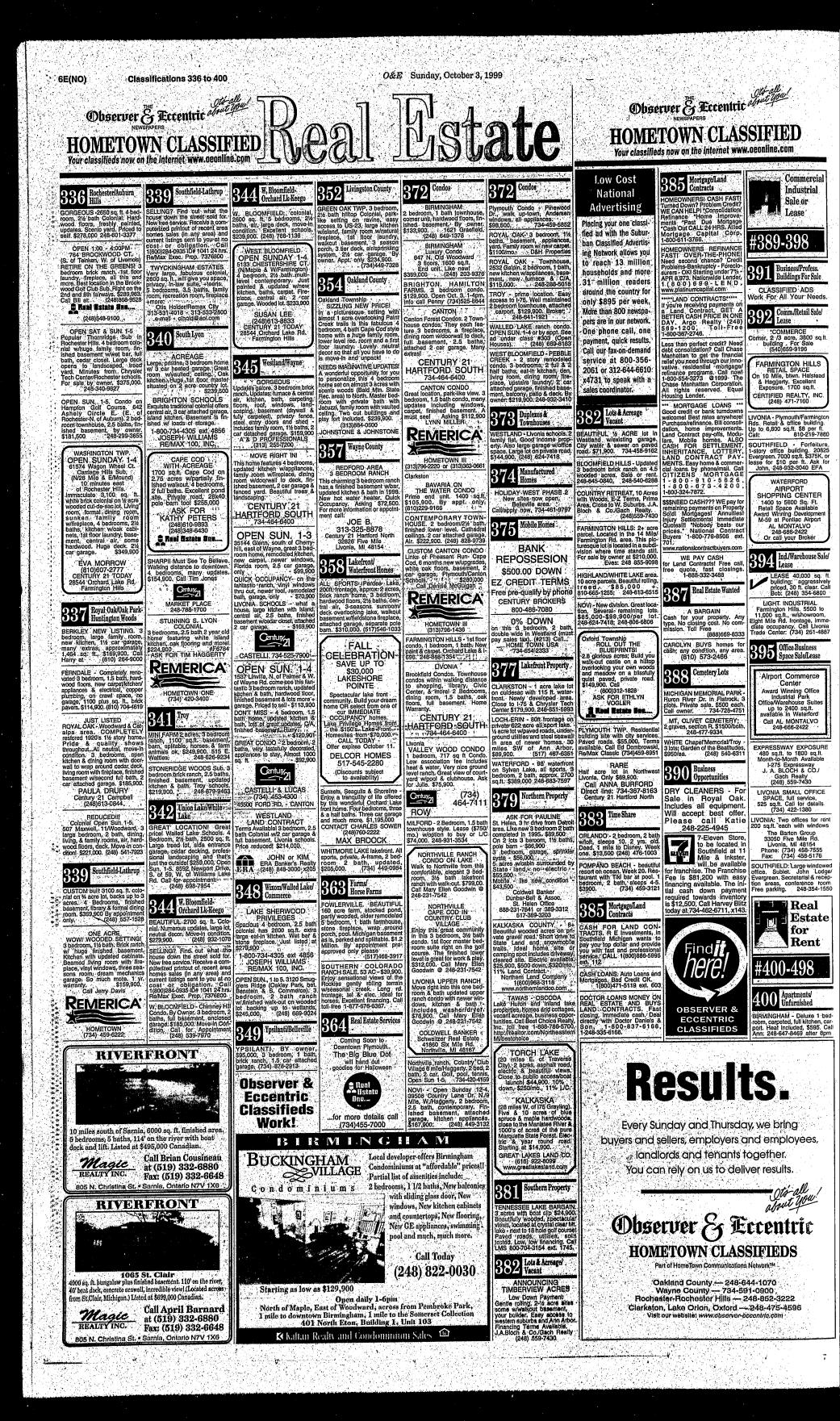


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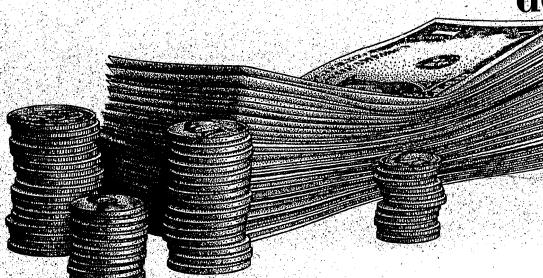
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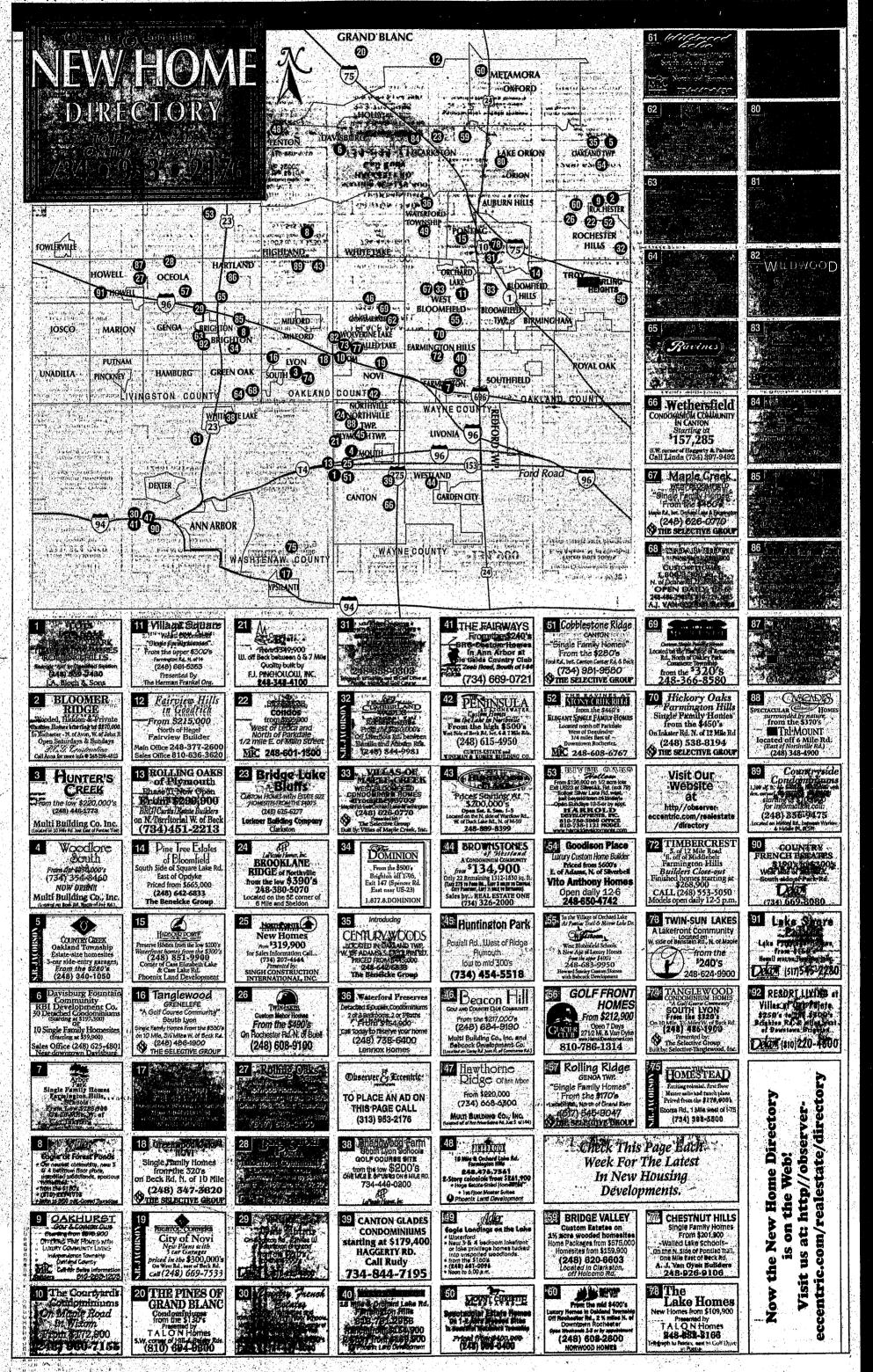
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