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A signed pledge

The Clarkston Community Schools board is used to saying out loud the Pledge of Allegiance before every meeting begins. There was an unusual-and adorable—twist to the Pledge before Monday night's meeting. Several second-grade students from Missy Rinehart's class at Bailey Lake Elementary "said" the Pledge in sign language. Their little hands and fingers were "saying" the words right along with the board members and the audience. Watching these second graders certainly made one more aware of the individual words in the Pledge.



City hall renovations in the works

It's a known fact—the Clarkston City

Hall is too small. It houses the city's Department of Public Works, city offices, Clarkston Police Department and all their para-phernalla in one small building. City manager Art Pappas has his own office, but it's filled with stored

papers and equipment.

Police Chief Paul Ormiston has his own area, but no privacy. There's only

a wall petition dividing the main city offices from the police offices.

The Clarkston City Council is committed to enlarging the city hall, said councilwoman Ann Clifton, who along with councilman David Savage is on

the building committee.
"The DPW has run out of space," said Clifton. "We want to add additional space for the DPW and also space for either a meeting room or offices. The police need a private interview room. Our main concern right now is getting additional space," said Clifton.

In order to get that space, the council recently approved spending \$10,000 to Wilson and Associates Architects of Oxford to a needs assessment for the additions and also to develop a

schematic site and building design.
"We've budgeted \$150,000 for the additions." Clifton said.

Some of that money will come from the .. 7 mill increase the council approved in the summer for 1999 tax bill.

People with a home worth \$200,000 will pay \$70 more in taxes a year for

the building construction fund. The money is collected in an account for building construction.

"That will bring the city roughly \$24,000 a year," said Pappas.

Clifton said there is no time frame

vet for the construction.

We hope to get this done just as soon as we can," she said.

One of the driving forces for getting the extra space added to the city hall is the pending need for additional staff. "We know Art is going to retire some-

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Pets saved

Firefighters help 2 cats survive fire; 2 perish

BY PAUL R. PACE

STAFF WRITER ppace@oe.homecomminet

Two cats and other small pets perished in a house fire Thursday that occurred on Lamson Street, located along Lake Oakland in north-ern Waterford Township. Waterford firefighters

and emergency medical technicians managed to save two other cats from the lakefront home.

No other injuries were reported and no one but the homeowners' pets were inside the home when the firefighters responded to the call around 3 p.m. Arlene said she was Waterford Fire Captain coming home from lunch

Steve Booth said the fire gutted the portion of the home which faces the

A cause was still being investigated Friday.
It took firefighters

about 20 minutes to get the blaze under control, Booth said. Homeowners Bill and

Arlene Farrar said they

spotted the smoke while traveling to their home in different vehicles. Bill said he was coming home from work at the General Motors Metal

Center in Flint when he saw smoke coming from his street. Arlene said she was

with a cousin when she saw the smoke as far away as Williams Lake Road and M-59.

"I thought, oh, some-body put the landfill on fire," she said.

Waterford police, which closed off portions of Sashabaw Road to Lamson for firefighters; told her it was her house that was on fire when she

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the lake: Neighbor Sharron Brown examines the fire damage to her neighbor's home on Lam-



Saved: Waterford firefighter Gary Kulakowsky (above) brings Yoda out from the house fire. Below, fire victim Arlene Farrar (left) waits to take her two cats to a veterinarian as emergency medical technicians (from left) Dr. Gerard Ashbeck, Raeanne Milose and Laura Wilson.feed oxygen to the two pets.





A little help: Emergency medical technician Raeanne Milose feeds oxygen to the Farrars' cat, Yoda.

Public opinion sought on golf course purchase

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

Township officials want to know what residents think of a proposal to buy Clarkston Creek Golf Course and permit 121 townhomes to be built on

a portion of it. Although it isn't a formal public hearing, Supervisor Dale Stuart said the board of trustees wants to listen to public input on whether or not the township should own a golf course at its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

Independence Township Library. The board could decide

whether to accept the idea in concept. If it does, then further details with developer and township resident Joe Locricchio would be worked out. The entire project, which Locricchio said he would like developed under a Planned Unit Development, would still have to go through the rezoning

The golf course is zoned recreation and the 20 acres where the homes would go

would have to be rezoned. Holes 12 and 13 would be relocated to there the driving

range is now. Also proposed are two office buildings and retail closer to Sashabaw Road. The entire plan would have to get Planning Commission and Township Board approval.

Locricchio's original plan was to buy the golf course, put homes on half and shorten the course to nine holes. When he approached the township, planner Richard Carlisle said he didn't think the township

would like that idea. Another complicating factor

for development was access. said Manny Kniahynycky land planner for Locricchio.

Because of wetlands, there is no easy access to the property from Sashabaw Road without going through property currently owned by the township and resident John Mar-

The plan calls for Locricchio to buy the 19-acre Marshall property as well as the 14-acre township property near Sashabaw Road. The township property has been considered a possible site for a new township hall, Trustee Jeff McGee reminded board members at a special meeting Nov. 9.

The township would borrow money to buy the golf course. Locricchio would manage the golf course and pay the town-ship to do so. That money would pay off debt incurred in purchasing the course.

"Under this scenario, the township risk is zero," Locric-chio said.

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POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston.

Independence Township

Recovered stolen property

On Nov. 11, the owner of a front loading bulldozer that had been stolen discovered the bulldozer parked on a piece of vacant property in the 4900 block of Lancaster Hill Drive. The bulldozer is valued at

Breaking and entering a resi-

On Nov. 10, someone broke into an apartment in the block of 5800 North Marshbank and removed 60 items of clothing and

Larceny from a vehicle

On Nov. 10, someone used a screwdriver to pry open the passenger-side door of a vehicle parked in the 5200 block of Woodcreek Trail.

The person entered the vehicle, smashed the dome light and removed 80 compact discs.

On Noy. 9, someone entered a minivan parked in the driveway in the 7100 block of Pine Knob Road.

The unknown suspect removed a woman's purse containing cash and credit cards.

Springfield Township

Accident

On Nov. 9, a tree damaged a vehicle while a 71-year-old man was driving westbound on Clarkston Road.

The driver told police strong winds broke the tree, which landed on his vehicle, scraping paint off the roof and hood areas.

Minor in Possession

On Nov. 8, a 17-year-old Waterford man admitted to police he sells drugs after they found a case containing marijuana cigarettes and drug paraphernalia in the glove compartment of his vehicle, according to police reports.

The police were questioning the man and a 19-year-old Clarkston man after a report that they had pointed a gun at someone.

The police didn't find a gun in their search in the vicinity of Oak Vista and Sashabaw Road.

Springfield Township **Police**

Larceny from an auto

On Nov. 10, someone entered a home in the 5100 block of Ormond Road by kicking in the front door and breaking the door

The person removed several rifles, scopes and a stuffed deer head valued together at more than \$1,300.

Independence Township Fire Department

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 21 calls from Nov. 8-12.

These included 11 medical calls, two personal injury calls, three building fires, two wires down and one call each for mutual aid, a grass fire and an

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Grim reminder: SADD member Roxanne Tripi, dressed as the Grim Reapen takes Leia Switzer out of class to transform her into the same at Clarkston High School.

'Reaper' visits Clarkston

Reality visited Clarkston High School Thursday.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) executive board members, all dressed as the Grim Reaper, pulled 50 stu-dents out of their classes throughout the day; put a rose on their empty seat and painted their faces white with a black teardrop, transforming them into tragic victims of drinking and driving accidents.

The students wore signs

around their necks saying "I'm just a memory, don't talk to me" or "I was killed by a drunk driv-

At the end of the school day, the 50 students stood side by side as a silent reminder to all students leaving the building of what drinking and driving causes—50 deaths a day. The event was the kick-off for SADD's first general meeting, which is at the end of school Tuesday, Nov. 16.

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Locricchio and partner Jim Albright, a golf course manager with 80 years experience, plan to make at least \$1 million in improvements to the golf course and banquet facilities, Locricchio said. Among the first would be to renovate the 18th hole and

install a sprinkler system. Residents of nearby Waldon Lake Village expressed concern over the project because they did not want any through traffic to their streets. Stuart said the road leading to the townhomes

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Nearby residents said while they know the current golf course owners are doing the best they can, they have not been happy with how the course has been managed in recent years.

"The most exciting thing I've heard is the management being turned over to and ownership to the township," resident Robert Hahn said.

He has people urinating in his yard and hears loud music at night as crews move the sprin-

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klers to water the course. If the township owns the course, he said he thinks users will take ownership of it and treat it with

more respect.

Township parks and recreation director Ann Conklin said acquiring the golf course is a great opportunity for the township. . "Golf as a municipal service is

no different than soccer, tennis,

swimming, dance, softball and many of the programs and activi-ties currently sponsored and supported by Independence Township," Conklin said. "A municipal program, whether it is soccer or golf, provides an affordable recreation opportunity for all its residents."

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy also is keeping a close eye on the situation. Executive Director Ron Davis said obviously the conservancy wants to see green space

"For every open space we lose that means more homes, more congestion," Davis said.

He added that Clarkston Creek is a natural run-off and development of the property could throw nature off balance. Although the conservancy would like to see the entire area remain untouched, Davis is real-

"The deal won't work without that trade-off (building condos)," he said. "If that's what we have to do."

He said if the township didn't get involved and just fought the rezoning from recreation to residential, it would likely mean a lawsuit from Locricchio or another developer and the chance the township would lose.



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School days: This photo of first- and second-graders with their teacher Miss Bates, was taken on June 20, 1922 in front of what is now Independence Township Hall. The picture is part of the new Clarkston Heritage Museum's first exhibit.

Clarkston Historical Society opens Heritage Museum

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

Founded in 1832, Clarkston is full of history and now there is a place residents can go to learn more about their hometown.

The Clarkston Heritage Museum opens Nov. 20 in the Heritage Room at the Independence Library. Run by the Clarkston Area Historical Society, the museum will be open whenever the library is open.

The idea of education and preservation have always been our goal. Now we want to interpret that history," society president Toni Smith said.

The 120-member society began 27 years ago and the museum will run exhibits featuring artifacts collected over all those years. Smith and other society members are excited to have a



place to share the area's history

About six months ago, the society decided to dive in and pursue securing museum and office space. The group received permission from the township to use the former meeting room at the library. An office was set up to the rear complete with a new computer system. And for the first time, the society has a

phone number, it's 922-0270.

"It's a start but a very big step," Smith added.

The hope is the museum will become a community fixture and be able to move into a larger, historical building.

Setting up the museum, even a small one, has been a huge undertaking. Smith said society board member Lisa Baylis Ashby was key in getting everything together. She enlisted the help of Dearborn-based Project Arts & Ideas, a firm that specializes in setting up museum space. Other people who helped get the museum going were Kim Huttenlocher, Mary Jane Schar-fenkamp, Jennifer Arkwright, Mary Alice Cook and Nancy Smith.

The cost to open the office and museum was about \$45,000. Smith said. That included hiring the consultant, purchasing the computer system, buying display cases, making labels for exhibits, lighting, graphics and brochures. The museum received a \$10,000 contribution from the Clarkston Museum Foundation and a donation from Daimler Chrysler AG.

The first exhibit is The Way We Learned: The First 100 Years of the Clarkston Schools, 1835-1935. Smith said choosing an education exhibit was easy and obvious as a first try. The society has lots of material on the schools and it is something of interest to most people.

"We're hoping, we're very much hoping school groups, other groups will come in," Smith said. In the past, the society has

taken artifacts to schools, but having a museum will give the group much more flexibility.

"Kids are just fascinated. They

love to see the teachers' shoes (and other artifacts)," Smith The museum will feature a 16-

by 5-foot mural taken from a postcard. It shows Clarkston from a hilltop looking down. Items in the education exhibit

will include an 1826 sampler from 12-year-old Emma Adams Parker. Smith said it shows how sewing was an important aspect of a girl's education in that time

Early school district records, yearbooks and photos also will be included in the exhibit.

Smith said the exhibit will be self-guided. People can learn about the artifacts by reading the labels provided. Some people have shown interest in training as docents, Smith said, so she hopes eventually the museum will be staffed part-time.



PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Setting up: Clarkston Area Historical Society president Toni Smith shows some of the artifacts that will be on display during the exhibit, The Way We Learned: The First 100 Years of the Clarkston Schools. The exhibit is the first for the new Clarkston Heritage Museum, which opens Nov. 20 at Independence Township Library.

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At the scene she discovered firefighters managed to save two of her four cats

She whisked the cats to Airport Veterinary Hospital after EMS technicians fed oxygen to the animals at the scene.
"They're doing fine," she said

of her cats Friday. "I'm so happy they saved them.

The two live cats were found on the lower level, while the two other cats were found upstairs where the fire gutted the house and damaged the upstairs deck.

The homeowners' son and daughter-in-law and their two children have been staying with the Farrars while the family builds a new house in Goodrich. A daughter also lives at the

If thought, oh, somebody put the landfill on

Arlene Farrar -Homeowner

home.
"I'm just glad nobody was home," Bill said while looking at the damage Thursday.

Arlene said she is an animal lover and by luck she happened to take her dog with her to her cousin's house Thursday around 11:30 a.m.

"I wasn't planning on taking him, but he hopped in the van,

She said her two pet tortoises,

several fish, and her grandson's pet gerbil also died in the fire.

Arlene said she and her husband will rebuild on the proper-

"We love living on the lake,"

She added that the fire was especially hard to take since she and her husband have been refurbishing the home since they bought it three years ago.

Arlene said that the family is staying in an area hotel, while they look to rent a house.

Schools to get 2nd liaison

Growth prompts recommendation of additional officer

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

An increase in population, not crime, led the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to recommend hiring a second police liaison officer for Clarkston Community Schools.

The school board and Independence Township trustees have agreed to split the cost of the cond liaison officer, who will probably be assigned to the district's two middle schools and seven elementary schools.

We asked for the second officer because of enrollment increases in the district, explained Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence Township substa-

The district enrollment grew from 5,813 students in 1993 to 6,977 at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

"Our current liaison officer, Deputy Chuck Young, is finding it more difficult to divide his time among all the schools," LaBair said. "He's spending the bulk of his time at the high school. We're leaving the younger kids by the wayside."

Clarkston Community Schools

Our current lialson officer is finding it more difficult to divide his time among all the schools.

> Lt. Dale LaBair Independence Substation

Superintendent Al Roberts thinks having the police in a partnership with the schools is a

terrific idea.
"It gives them (students) an idea of police officers that's very different from what they see on television every night," Roberts said. "It establishes a connection that will last a lifetime for the students. This connection is particularly helpful at the middle schools.

LaBair said crime isn't a reason for the request for the second liaison officer.

"It's due to population growth," he said. "We've had a modest increase in crime but it's more an increase in the volume of calls we get. We're getting more accidents, not necessarily

Because of this increase, how-

ever, LaBair also asked Independence Township for funding for an additional two officers. Staffing at the substation now includes the lieutenant; two sergeants, 15 deputies, three patrol investigators and one

school liaison officer.

The second school liaison officer with wages, benefits and \$6,000 in budgeted overtime will cost the school district and township a total of \$88,027 in the year 2000; \$90,317 in 2001, \$92,486 in 2002 and \$95,450 in

The cost is determined by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, according to LaBair.

LaBair is applying for a grant from the US Department of Jus-tice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to reduce the out-of-pocket costs for the three additional officers.

The department won't accept the application until the federal budget is passed and it knows it will have funding, LaBair explained.

LaBair said he doesn't know when the additional officers will

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day and it's going to take two or three people to replace him," Clifton explained. "Who will want to work here with our space as confined as it is right

According to the letter of agreement from Wilson and Associates Architects, it will provide "Programming, design, site engineering, construction documents and assistance in bidding for an approximately 3,000square-foot DPW garage addition and renovation of approxi-mately 2,600 -square-feet of ■ 'Art Pappas is going : to retire some day and it's going to take two or three people to replace him.

Ann Clifton -City councilwoman

office space

The DPW addition will have three to four truck bays, lawn equipment storage, a repair area, a storage mezzanine,

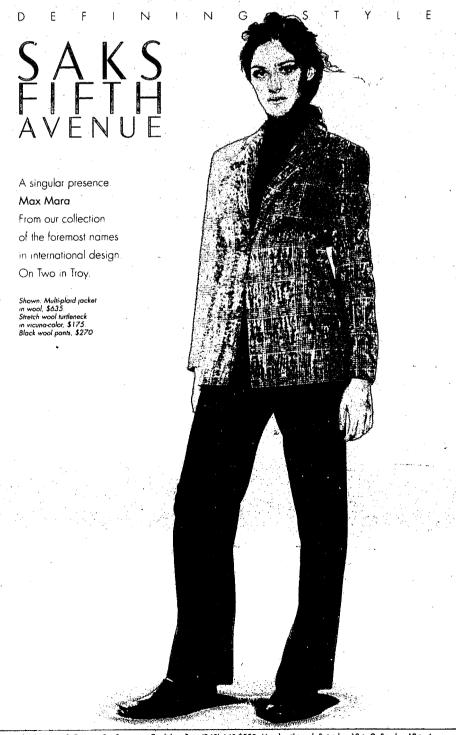
appropriate lighting, heating and electrical power.

The renovation of the existing building will consist of a meeting room, new barrier-free toilets, storage rooms, office, a police front desk and revisions to the HVAC, lighting and electric power systems.

As far as the interior, Clifton said the council will chip in and do as much work themselves as they can.

"I'll be glad to paint," she said

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Clerk heads off election day troubles

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

On election night 1998, Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary was living a nightmare. At least 200 voters were either not on the poll work-

ers' list or listed in the wrong precinct.

"You are so angry because you've been voting here for 20 years," McCrary said, and suddenly the name has disappeared. "You can't imagine how bad it was."

Residents were outraged at a situation McCrary had no control over — a new state system for printing out the voting rolls. Although action in the last month at the state level should help fix the problem of misplaced names among the township's 21,000 registered voters, McCrary isn't taking any chances.

She recently received permission from the township board to pay Plante & Moran \$7,700 to find out what kind of shape the voting list is in before the Feb. 22 presidential primary.

McCrary's fears are shared by municipal clerks across the state she said They all have had similar.

McCrary's fears are shared by municipal clerks across the state, she said. They all have had similar trouble with the Michigan Qualified Voter File system.

The problem lies with a switch made by the State Elections Commission four years ago. That was when people could begin registering to vote when they renewed their driver's license at the Secretary of State's office.

Secretary of State's office.

What would happen, McCrary said, is people could check a box saying whether or not they wanted to register. If they did want to register, that information was electronically transmitted to the State Elections Office. Then the information was forwarded to the local clerk.

McCrary said the state thought by making it easier for people to register and make changes of address, for example, eventually a master state file of registered voters would be created. That list would be more up-to-date and accurate.

McCrary said the concept was good because it can be difficult to keep files current. For example, when someone dies, the clerk needs an official record like a death certificate before the name can be removed from the voting rolls.

A surviving spouse cannot just come in and request the name be dropped without documenta-

tion. Having a statewide system means as soon as a death certificate is filed with the state that information is forward to the local clerk. When people move or get married, one of the first things they do is change their driver's license. People can still register to vote at the local clerk's office, but having the option at the Secretary of State was to help keep better records.

keep better records.

The problem, McCrary said, is that while the state received the information, the clerks received no signatures. To register to vote or to change anything on a voter registration card, a signature is needed. So while the state had the changes in their computer, the township had no signature to verify the change.

"We had 800 cards with no signatures because those people had some contact with the Secretary of State," McCrary said, "All the clerks were so upset that they were getting all these cards with

no signatures."

Three years ago, Independence Township, along with 15 other municipalities across the state, agreed to become a pilot site to run the new system. The township received additional hardware and state help in setting up the system. The 1998 election was the first one that the township used only the new state system. Previously, it had used the state list backed up by its previous system. That meant there were two books at each polling

When voters started coming through, problems begen. There were husbands who were on the list and wives who weren't. Residents on streets in one part of the township were turning up at precincts in a completely different place.

"We realized that names were dropped off, whole

"We realized that names were dropped off, who neighborhoods, whole streets," she said.

About a month ago, however, the state changed the form it's using at the Secretary of State office. This new process requires a signature and the entire card — signature included — is mailed to the township. McCrary said that should eventually solve the problem.

ly solve the problem.
"It should clear up a lot of people who moved away. It will be a great system when it's perfected," she said.

In the meantime, though, she hired Plant & Moran to sample 165 residents to see if they are registered properly.

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County debates 57-cent surcharge to overhaul 911 emergency system

By Ken Van Steenkiste

Will a 911 surcharge be show ing up on your phone bill in the near future?

Trying to answer that question has some county officials fuming

The board of commissioners is considering levying the 57-cents monthly charge to pay for an overhaul of the emergency system. They will vote to pass or reject the charge at their Nov. 18 meeting, after a public hearing.

Some citizens and commissioners who think the charge is excessive plan to state their case at that meeting. The opposition will present a petition and suggestions for alternatives at the hearing, which promises to be a heated debate.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the auditorium in the Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph.

Nearly everyone agrees that the 911 system needs a major overhaul. Police officials have

4 spent 100 hours researching this, and the research supports the fact that there is no other way to do this.'

> -Robert Daddowdirector, Oakland Office of Management and Budget

> > But others contend that the

user fee is the best, if not the

only, way to fund the repairs.
"(Tim Melton) doesn't have the

foggiest idea of what he's talking

about. I spent 100 hours re-

searching this, and the research supports the fact that there is no

other way to do this," said Robert Daddow, director of Oak-land County's Office of Manage-

ment and Budget.

Daddow said dipping into the

delinquent tax revolving fund

would be fiscally irresponsible,

and the general fund surplus was "absolutely already commit-

"When you have an invest-ment, you live off the dividends,

you don't cut into the principal. That's what (Melton) wants to do

with the (delinquent tax revolving fund) — cut into the principal," Daddow explained.

Charles Palmer, county com-missioner, said 911 was too important to quibble over the

surcharge. In an emergency, the

only thing that counts is getting

help quickly, he said.
"When you call 911, you cer-

tainly don't want to be put on hold. I've had that happen to me

and it's a scary situation," Palmer said. "We need to pay for

this and the current proposal is the only way i've been shown

But Melton insists that the

county could find another way to

that can accomplish that."

foot the bill for 911.

ted for other projects."

complained, characterizing the system as "falling apart," but how the upgrade will be funded

"I'm in favor of the upgrades, but I'm just not in favor of paying for it this way," said county commissioner Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills) who opposes the

Melton thinks the County should use existing moneys to fix 911. He suggests taking money from the County's delinquent tax revolving fund or the general

fund surplus of over \$13 million. He has led a petition drive, coll lecting over 350 signatures of citizens who are against the 57-

be another burden on the taxpayer," He said. "They want to call this a user fee, but it's not. I could call 911 over 1,000 times and I would still be charged the same as someone who never

Lawrence Obrecht, vice-chairperson of the board of commissioners, accuses Melton of political grandstanding. Obrecht called the debate a waste of time because, he said, financially disadvantaged people can be reimbursed for the charge by the phone company.

"Melton is pursuing this issue because reporters will put his name in the paper and it furthers his quest to become a state legislator," Obrecht said.

Karen Sanborn, a spokesperson for Ameritech, outlined Ameritech's relief program for low-income customers, dubbed "lifeline.'

Under the lifeline program, Ameritech customers with an income that is at or below oneand-a-half times the federal poverty level qualify for a discount of 20 to 25 percent, depending on their age, Sanborn

One commissioner suggests that in the end, perhaps both sides of the debate will meet

"Until recently, I didn't think there was a chance (the propos-al) would fail," said County Commissioner Ronald Colasanti. "But there is a push to lower the charge that some people are get-ting behind."

Melton said any cut in the surcharge would be welcome.

"Basically this amounts to a tax. I'm pushing to eliminate all of it, but any tax relief we can get would be good," he said.

is the source of contention.

surcharge.

cent surcharge, which he plans to present to the board on Nov.

OAKLAND COUNTY BRIEFS

Workshop set for would-be candidates

work will provide a workshop for those who think they might want to run for office.

At a meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, LWV and WON will present a panel of current officeholders: Anna Fidler, Rochester Hills Library Board; Debbie Macon, West Bloomfield Township Trustee; JoAnne McShane, Farmington City Council; and Geri Rinschler, Birmingham Board of Education. Panelists will share what went into the preparation and decision-making pro-cess for the run of their current office. They will also discuss the time commitment necessary for each position and the

rewards and challenges of being an elected official.

The Bloomfield Township Public Library at the southeast corner of Telegraph and Lone Pine Roads.

Engler to appear at OCC

Oakland Community College's Distinguished Speaker Series closes the 1999 season with Gov. John Engler on Tuesday,

Engler will speak on "The Future of the Community College" at 6:30 p.m. in the Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre, south of I-696 between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Admission is free, and the public is invited. Free parking is available in campus lots.

For further information about this program, call Professor Harvey Bronstein at (248) 471-7744.

Berline campaigns win advertising honors

The Berline Group, an advertising and marketing consultant in Bloomfield Hills, has won two awards at the 25th annual CADDY Awards show earlier this month.

Sponsored by the Detroit Creative Directors Council and the AdCraft Club of Detroit, the event recognized and honored creative excellence in advertising developed by the metro Detroit

advertising community.

The Berline Group received a bronze award for a direct mail campaign developed for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitor's Bureau and a television public service announcement for Make-A-Wish wish recipient Alexandra Graham. The latter featured the thoughts and feelings of Graham, a West Bloomfield teenager diagnosed with osteosarcoma in 1998, about being a child afflicted with cancer.

The commercial has appeared throughout Michigan and select markets nationwide

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OCC ceramics students set Potters Market sale

Hand-crafted ceramic sculptures, teapots, birdhouses, soap dispensers, jewelry, ornaments and much more will be on sale at the 24th-annual Oakland Community College Royal Oak Cam-pus Potters Market. More than 130 potters will sell their wares Dec. 3-5. Admission is free.

The sale fills the 12,000 square foot United Food & Commercial Worker's Union Hall in Madison Heights at 876 Horace Brown Drive, two blocks south of 13 Mile Road.

Displays include contemporary and realistic sculptures, functional porcelain and stoneware. Sale hours are: Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Potters Market allows advanced and former students of OCC's Ceramic Technology program to be involved in all aspects of planning, organizing, staffing, publicity, setup, sales and record-keeping for the largest pottery sale in the coun-

A benefit preview and advance sale will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 2, from 6-9 p.m. Admission to the preview is \$10 at the door

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Engler OKs 'identity theft' bill

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Identity theft - when a criminal applies for credit in someone else's name — is now a felony offense in Michigan. Gov. John Engler has signed

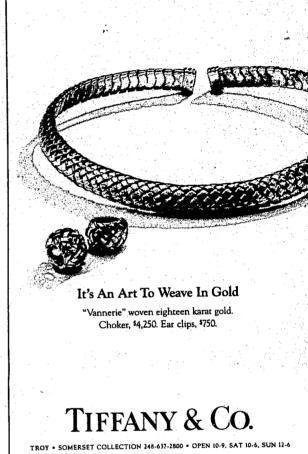
House Bill 4413, Nov. 4, making it a felony punishable by four years in prison or a \$2,500 fine to apply for credit in someone else's name. The bill, introduced by Rep.

Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) was tie-barred to House Bill 4598, sponsored by Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington) which makes it illegal to pos-sess credit information with the intent of passing it on to another for the purpose of credit fraud.

Brown said he believes his bill is the first Democrat-originated bill to win the gover-nor's signature this year.

Because credit card companies and credit bureaus have had to establish security departments to prevent such forms of fraud, Brown said earlier he believes credit identity theft has become the costliest form of fraud occurring today, "costing us millions if not billions."

Previously, the law did not address credit applications. Brown explained that police often had a hard time charging perpetrators when they applied for credit using a false identity. It wasn't considered illegal until something of value had changed hands. Police were in a position of "trying to concoct a charge" against those caught making such applications, he said.



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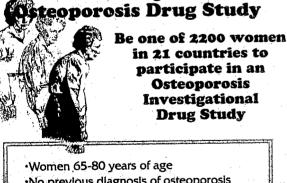
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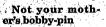
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Shop early for popular holiday jewelry gifts

THE JEWELRY





Have you noticed all the jeweled hair butterflies and flowers bouncing in the hair of young jewelry

through the summer, will continue to hold weight as approach the holiday season. You'll notice hair jewelry on dis-

play in area department stores and essory shops.

And, in reverse of the way things usually work, fine jewelry manufacturers are picking up on the trend and starting to create jewelry for the hair.

These companies also are starting to promote hair jewelry. For example, Cameron Diaz wore a diamond-set clip in her short blond hair at the Oscars. Bride's magazine recently featured a model wearing jeweled butterfly hair

In Michigan, we're generally not as quick to pick up on the latest fashion trends, but this is definitely one to watch and embrace

Always wanted to be a jewelry designer?

Now you can design your own engagement ring courtesy of the Internet and jewelry maker De Beers.

Log on to De Beers' web site at www.adiamondisforever.com, and click on the "Design Your Own Engagement Ring" feature.

Once there, you'll be able to choose a diamond size and shape and select a precious metal, yellow gold, white gold or platinum.

How about a few more diamonds on the side? Just name the shape, and like magic they appear on the screen.

After you've completed your design, you can make a print to give to your local jeweler, e-mail the design to yourself or anyone else in your address file who might benefit from the information.

While your design choices are limited to a simple band and side diamonds, the possibilities become much more exciting when you choose the "Browse Similar Designs" option. At that location, you'll be able to look at more unusual and asymmetrical ring configurations.

De Beers plans to promote the site on Nov. 5 with a commercial called "Click," so keep an eye out for it.

In the commercial, a woman clicks on her computer mouse and a "real" engagement ring materializes on her finger, as a voice says "design the perfect diamond engagement ring in just minutes. You'll have the rest of your life to design the perfect husband.

Now that would be an interesting

But seriously, if you're serious about designing an engagement ring, rather than treating the De Beers site like the free video game that it is, you will still need to interact with a person to

get what you want. The De Beers site will direct you to your local jeweler and is linked to the Jewelers of America web site, which lists local affiliated jewelers. While these are a fine bunch of stores, don't limit yourself to that list. Many rep-utable local stores were not on the list.

Something white Wrap up white for the Y2K holiday

— and shop early.

Jewelry fashion experts predict the present infatuation with white, as in white gold, silver or platinum will continue. Check out these metals to give as holiday gifts, but do so early. Otherwise, what your loved one wants might be out of stock.

PricewaterhouseCoopers predicts a 5.5 percent increase in general retail sales from last year's holiday shopping season. The same PricewaterhouseCcopers report predicts consumers will procrastinate even more than they did last year, so, once again, shop early.

South Sea pearls might be another smart holiday gift. While citrus shades, like lime and orange, will inform spring fashion, the neutral gray of South Sea pearls will continue to be a fashion keeper according to the experts.

Send your questions 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.



Walting: Lisa Schrader, of Northville, waits for the Duchess of York's autograph.

Shoppers are thrilled to meet Fergie, buy china

BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

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When Lisa Schrader, of Northville, learned Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, would be autographing Wedgwood china at Hudson's, she knew she'd be there.

She knew she'd drop a few bucks on Wedgwood china, too.

"Obviously, the duchess is signing thousands of pieces" said Schrader, who was standing in line with a Wedgwood vase and platter she purchased for \$330, putting in her 30minute wait for the former princess' autograph. "I just feel this is something to have. How much and how often can you have something like

The duchess appeared at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection in Troy on Thursday to promote England's Wedgwood china and talk about setting tables.



Flowers: MikeSenkowand his mother, Mary, bothfromWindsor, wait

to give

Fergie

flowers.

the way the Brits do.

Like most instore celebrity appearances, event generated lots of excitement and lots of sales.

Schrader's sister, Debbie Olive, of Farmington also spent a few dollars to get Fergie's signature, \$118 on a Wedgwood teapot. Olive collects and uses teapots, bùt that, admits 'no, I wouldn't have just come for Wedgwood."

Southfield resident Bar

bara Piehette also came with her sister. Although Piehette didn't plan on buying anything, she found herself in the back of the autograph line with three platters for Fergie's signature, one for herself, another for her sister and the third for a holiday gift.

"It's a collector's item," said Piehette. "It's kind of neat to get something like that. ... Even though she's not royalty anymore, this is probably as close as we're ever going to get at Somerset mall."

Schrader, Olive and Piehette definitely weren't alone, though.

The line of patrons waiting for Fergie's signature extended more than 100 people for over an hour. Many fans stood in line over 30 minutes to meet the duchess. Hudson's staff passed out punch, coffee and pastries to those waiting in line.

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Smart Fergie fans purchased Wedgwood china – about 60 pieces were sold in advance of the event - from Hudson's last week.

At the duchess' speaking event, a lesson about how to set a table with Wedgwood china, there were about 150 more individuals than the 400

who made reservations, said Michelle Goldstein, spokesperson for Wedgwood.

Most, if not all, came to catch a glimpse of Fergie, rather than learn about setting a proper table, a reality with which the duchess seemed more than in touch. Ferguson made lots of jokes, had a man from the audience stand on a Wedgwood tea cup and told her fans to "be your own style, be original, be yourself" when it comes to setting the table.

Birmingham-based rug retailer Hagopian among businesses honored for community involvement

BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

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Business as usual it wasn't for many Michigan

Community involvement, rather than boosting sales, took center stage at the Michigan Retailers Association's retailer of the year luncheon held Wednesday at the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

Three retailers, including Birmingham-based Hagopian Family of Companies, which operates Hagopian World of Rugs in downtown Birmingham, received the group's 1999 Michigan Retailer of the Year awards.

"We're extremely honored. We work hard in our business, and we work hard in our community, and I'm glad it shows," said Edgar Hagopian, chairman of the company, which operates two other rug showrooms, one in Oak Park and another in Novi.

In Hagopian's mind, community involvement ought to be business as usual. "It's very important. Every business, every person, has an obligation to the com-

Larry Meyer, Michigan Retailers Association CEO exhibition and sale. couldn't agree more. "For business, public service is important. I think good companies have giving back

to the community as part of their culture."

Since such good deeds are often overlooked, the association has a responsibility to draw attention to them, added Meyer. "All of us in our busy lives go to these stores to buy things, and I think we have a tendency to take (things) for granted."

The award program, founded in 1998 and sponsored by the association, The Detroit News and Michigan Radio Network, honors businesses in three sales categories, under \$2 million, \$2-20 million and more than \$20 million.

Rogers Department Store in Grand Rapids was honored as retailer of the year in the large business category. Sunnyslope Floral & Gift in Grandville was

selected for the award in the small business category.
Hagopian's company annually holds a design scholarship competition for students at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies. In addition to providing student

munity because man is such a social being," said scholarships through the program, the retailer transforms the first-place student design into a rug for

About 500 students have participated in the competition and thousands of dollars in scholarship money has been awarded since the competition's inception in 1989.

Hagopian also sponsors an interior design competition for Michigan universities, holds a Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings concert series in their Birmingham store and regularly contributes to many charitable organizations.

Hagopian said his father, who founded the family's rug business in 1939 after emigrating to the United States from Turkey, instilled a strong belief in giving back to community in him. Hagopian's father, an Armenian, left Turkey in 1921 during a period a genocide against Armenians in the country.

"America was a haven for my father," said Hagopian. "As a result of America offering the opportunities it did to him ... I really do feel strongly that I have to

give back to the community and the country."

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, clo Observer & Eccentric Newspa pers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248), 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

GIFT WITH VISIT

Visit the Clinique counter and enjoy a make-up con-sultation at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and receive a beauty gift through Nov. 21, 10 a.m. 6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. For an appointment, call (248) 614-3367. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

HERRERA SPRING COLLECTION

View Carolina Herrera's special order collection for spring through Nov. 16 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. To make a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3393.

DESIGNER APPEARANCE

Meet clothing designer Ron Leal and view his spring collection at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Collection Sportswear. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE SEMINAR

Master gardener and writer Nancy Szerlag shares ideas for decorative holiday centerpieces and tips for caring for poinsettias at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland, 6:30-8 p.m. For information, call (734) 425-9600.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

MAKE YOUR OWN SWAROVSKI JEWELRY

Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a Swarovski Crystal Studio event, at which customers create their own jewelry using Swarovski jewelry pieces and crystals, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Nov. 19.

For additional information, call (734) 953-7500.

SHIPWRECKS TREASURE SHOW

Tierra Fine Jewelers, 64 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston, hosts the Lost Galleon Treasures exhibit of sunken treasure with shipwreck recovery expert Andy Matroci through Nov. 21, 10 a.m-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information about the exhibit and related events, call (248) 625-2511.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MICHAEL DAWKINS APPEARANCE

Meet jewelry designer Michael Dawkins at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

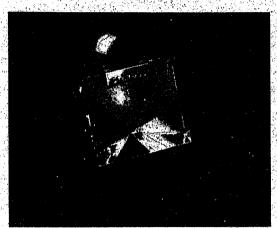
STORYTELLING

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Auntie Pooh's

Story Time for children, 2-3:30 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Sweet scents: Jacobson's exclusive fragrance Stardust recalls spring floral scents as winter approaches, \$95-325 at Jacobson's stores.



Book of beauty: "The Nature of Kensington," by Canton resident Ted Nelson, explores the natural beauty of Kensington Metropark through pages of color photographs, \$32 at Books Abound in Farmington or by contacting the author at (734) 394-1261.



Pretty baby: The newest women's fragrance by Yves Saint Laurent, Baby Doll, comes in a pretty-in-pink bottle, 3.3 ounces eau de toilette spray \$69 exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are look ing 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 see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- DuBarry Sophisticate makeup can be ordered from Laurel Heights Pharmacy, 2602 N. Main, San Antonio, TX 78212, (210) 736-3161,
- One Inspector Gadget right arm from a reader.
- Music for the songs "Mother's Love" and "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day" from a reader.
- Leather jacket repairs are done at The Craftsman, 15080 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, (734) 261-5222, and at Leather & Lace in Union Lake.
- Lightweight leather Harley Davidson jackets can purchased Boomer's on Dixie Highway and Andersonville roads in Water-

- Mary Proctor iron-WINTER WONDERLAND

Join the parade and welcome Santa to Wonderland Mall in

Livonia, 9 a.m. Nov. 20. And, between 10 a.m. and noon,

donate a toy or \$5 and receive an

autograph from Dino Ciccarelli.

The sounds of Bobby Lewis &

ing board covers can be bought at Adray's on Carlisle in Dearborn, (313) 274-9500. The covers may also be covers may also be ordered: from the Gustin Kramer Company, P.O. Box 528, Boston, MA, 02136, (617) 361-7700. (The company will mail an order form with pictures).

- One 1958 Detroit St. Joseph's High School yearbook is available from a read-

Sander's chocolate bumpy cake is available at Guernsey's Farm Dairy/Restaurant on Novi Road, west of Eight Mile Road, and at the Hard Ice-cream Cafe, 10930 Farmington Road in Livonia.

- Kathy's Cheesecake is sold at a store on Six Mile Road in Detroit but we don't know the store's name.

One copy of Dykes Automotive Encyclopedia for antique cars is available from a reader.

 One copy of Pills-bury Classic Cookies Galore cookbook is available from a reader. Another reader has a copy of the Classic cookbook.

One copy of the video tape "Barney at the Beach" is available from a reader.

One 1984 St. Agatha of Redford Township High School yearbook is available from a read-Township

 Snow/rain plastic boots apparently

they're called Drizzle and white) Christ-boots – can be pur-chased through The — A store where National Company catalog, (800) 480-

- One Austrian Swarovski crystal "Unicorn" is available from a reader.

- Chantilly roll-on deodorant is sold at the Sears store at the Livonia Mall.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

An under-thekitchen cabinet knife holder on a hinge that pulls down for Peggy.

- A store where Roadhouse barbecue sauce is sold for Dan. - A store where

"Dream Catchers" in different sizes are sold for Lorie.

- A store where Cutex Rescue medicated cuticle cream is sold for Marge.

A Revere six-inch frying pan with a cop-per bottom for Betty.

 A shop that inserts children's names into story books for Andrea.

- A pattern and instructions for making quilts from Tshirts for Roseanne.

- A store or stores Yardlev where Lavender talc powder and almond paste for baking cookies are sold for Nancy.

- A store that sells replacement seats for kitchen chairs for

A 1948 Royal Copenhagen .(blue

 A store where Elsie Lee's books are sold for Jackie.

- A store in the Livonia/Westland area, other than Farmer Jack, that sells Heinz tomato juice and Knorr's hungarian goulash mix for Joyce.

- A-1956 Harvey H. Lowrey in Dearborn High School year book for Anne.

– A 1968 Romeo High School year book for Cathie.

- The game "Catch Phrase" for Carol.

- A store where Hill & Archer men's underwear is sold for Linda.

A 1964 Betty Crocker cookbook for Georgine.

- Bill Blass per fume and Coty lip stick for Nancy.

- A "Making Faces" doll for Diane.

-A store that sells Schaefer fountain pens and peacockcolored ink.

A 1979 Churchill High School year. book for Linda

A store where Red Cross shoes are sold for Shirley of Waterford.

- Buster Brown children's clothing.

- Another store that sells Kathy's Cheesecakes or the name of the Detroit store where the product is carried.

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SANTA ARRIVES AT WESTLAND Santa Claus arrives by horse and carriage at 11 a.m. Nov. 20 at the Westland Shopping Center. Leading Santa to West Court will be the John Glen High School marching band and Westley Holiday Bear. Santa will accept visits and be available for photographs with children, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday through Dec. 24. Photo pack-

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ages start at \$10. For more information, call (734) 425-5001.



weive Mall in Southfield and check out the mall's card, coin, stamp and sports collectibles show

and gift gallery during the Southfield mall's regular hours, Nov. 18-21. Also, Detroit Red Wing Alex Delvecchio will autograph hockey gift purchases 1-3 p.m. Nov. 20 For more information, call (248) 353-4111.

SANTA PARTY AT LAUREL PARK PLACE

Santa Claus comes by horsedrawn carriage to Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 6 p.m. Nov. 18. Santa will arrive through the mall's Newburgh Road entrance near Talbots while the Wayne Chapter Renaissance Choir performs holiday carols. Prior to his arrival, children can decorate holiday cookies. After, children may have their photographs taken with Santa, and shoppers may take free carriage rides. Santa will available for visits and photos at the mall through Christmas Eve. For more information, call (734) 462-1100.

MISTLETOE MADNESS Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a private holiday shopping party and the mall's annual Mistletoe Madness event, 7-11 p.m. Nov. 20.

Guests will enjoy dinner and dessert buffets, dancing to a live band and a variety of special shopping services. Tickets are \$60 and benefit the Junior League of Birmingham. For reservations or additional information, call (248) 542-9393.

SANTA PARADE

MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills holds a parade

to celebrate Santa's arrival at the center, 7 p.m. Nov. 19. A horse-drawn carriage will deliver Santa to the mall's Winter Village, then he will join a mallwide parade of musicians, singers and costumed characters. Visits with Santa will be available 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and II a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 20-Dec. 24. For more information, call (248) 375-9451

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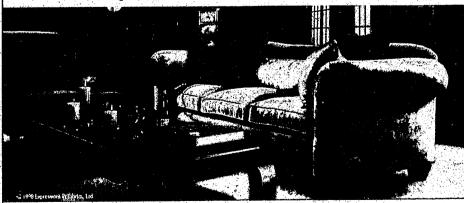
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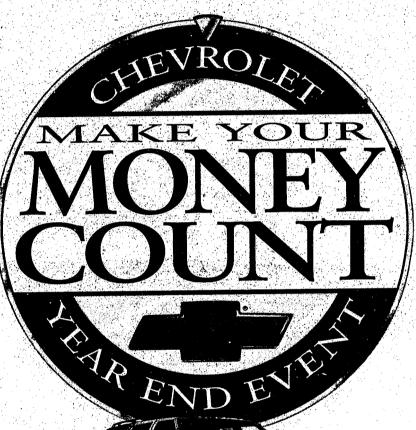
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Stir up some one-pot meals and memories

omemade soup evokes memories from my childhood, Grandma's stews always made me feel warm and fuzzy. Soup was my friend in sickness and a special treat on cold

My family had many traditions that centered around the bowl and a large spoon. The mandatory raking of fall leaves was always rewarded with homemade beef stew. Even though I couldn't have cared less about the big football game, I would linger near the action anticipating my mom's famous chili with enormous chunks of tomato and Cheddar cheese melted on top.

Hungry for homemade

I'm not the only one who still looks forward to homemade soup. In a soup and stew class I recently taught at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, one gentleman told me he enrolled in the class after discovering that the soup he held sacred in his taste bud memory as his mother's homemade was exposed to have originated from a packet box mix. He confessed he had sampled the exact same soup at his friend's house for a quick warm snack. He then admitted he is not even sure if he has ever had homemade soup. I'm happy to report my student is on his way to making homemade soups.

You don't have to look far to see that soup and stew is coming to a boil across the country – from the soup spoofs featured on the popular TV sitcom "Seinfeld" to nearby cities and towns where you are bound to discover a soup and bread establishment on

a corner near you.

If you really stop and think about it, you would be hard pressed to find another finished food commodity that is so sensitive to today's diverse and demanding lifestyle. Soup can be the perfect food to accommodate many of our daily life food challenges including budget, health, utilization of leftovers and various fussy palettes from youth through adult.

Perfect one-pot meal

It is without a doubt the perfect one-pot meal. You can produce most soups and stews a day or two in advance as well as over-produce and freeze them for another time. With good planning it can be a truly economical way to nutritiously feed your family and yourself. What I find baf-

Please see 2 UNIQUE, B2

Soup & Stew Glossary

Broth - Flavor extracted from meat Stock - Flavor extracted from bone Consomme - A clarified stock. Clear thin

Cream soup - Usually the addition of dairy

Purce – Refers to the consistency of soup achieved by grinding, mashing or pureeing your vegetables that were simmered in stock and then returned to the soup, This can be achieved by using a blender, food processor or mashing through a sleve,

Bisque – A thick, rich soup generally consisting of pureed seafood and vegetables

Chowder - Thick, chunky seafood soups of which clam chowder is the best known. This term is also used to describe an thick, rich soup containing chunky style

Base - Store-bought flavor-enhanced base (usually a paste) you reconstitute with water to produce stock for the purpose of auce, soup stew as well as other hot food

Keeping Soup Light

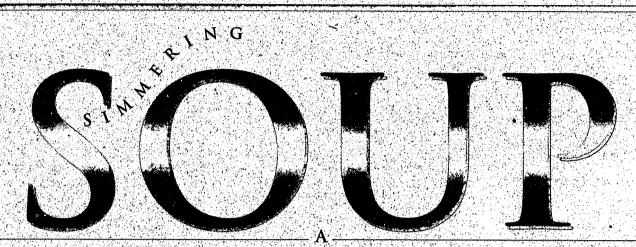
- Use milk, yogurt, rice or soy milk instead of cream; olive oil instead of butter.
- Substitute veggle stock for meat stock. W Use veggle purees to thicken soup
- Instead of cream or roux.
- 🗷 Use herbs, spice, acidic products to sharpen taste profile instead of fat

Trim fat from all bones.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Get ready for Thanksgiving Focus on Wine



LITTLE ATTENTION G.OES LONGWAY

By Peggy Martinelli-Everts

oup making is enjoyable; but it's time-consuming. When my dad makes soup, he carefully selects the freshest ingredients, cleans and peels and chops the vegetables, mixes and blends the ingredients, chooses the right size pot and nurtures the process along in a loving manner.

He is quite attentive, and it reminds me that making soup is kind of like raising kids. A little attention goes a long way: It isn't about how fast you can get every-thing into the pot. It's more like adding a few ingredients, adjusting a little here and there and getting the blending of flavors, textures and spices just right so that the soup can "hold its own" and carry on to make a meal. Making soup is one of the most satisfying and least precise of kitchen tasks.

Soup is an emotionally nourishing food; some cultures use soup for medicinal purposes. In my family, soup was a soothing addition to the meal. Another nice thing about soup is that it is just as good or sometimes even better the next day.

Take stock

The foundation of every good soup is the stock. Stock is a liquid in which solids have been cooked and then strained out, with the goal of transferring the flavor from the solids to the liquid. The solids are usually discarded and the liquid strained and defatted. You can find a huge variety of canned, cubed and powdered soup stock in the grocery stores. These pre-packaged stocks make whipping up soup quick and easy. But a homemade stock adds such depth and body to your soup

that it is definitely worth the effort. Start with a tall, narrow pot to slow water loss from evaporation. Use cold water to help extract flavor from the ingredients. Add veg-etables, meat and seasonings to the cold water. Heat to boiling and then simmer.

Stocks are not compost heaps. Cruddy old vegetables and aging



chicken will never improve the soup stock. The beauty of stock is that the ideal ingredients are usually the trimmings of the vegetables you're about to use in the soup. Celery leaves, leek roots, potato parings and other vegetables add amazing flavor to the stock water, My dad's rule is "nothing canned except tomatoes." All of his vegetables are fresh or frozen.

Cook meat stocks for a long time over low heat, usually one to five hours. Vegetable stocks cook much quicker, usually in 30 minutes to an

Bones are an important part to a neat stock soup but be sure there is a little meat on the bone to give the best flavor. Buy a whole chicken

and save the wings, back and neck for the soup stock. However, scraps of fat and skin will not make a good soup stock.

Vegetables from the cabbage family (cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, turnips and rutabaga) do not make good stock. Neither do powdered herbs, ground black pep-per, artichoke trimmings or too many greens. When in doubt, simmer the ingredients separately first and taste the water.

Don't allow stocks to boil vigorously. The fat will become too dispersed to be skimmed and the stock may taste too greasy. Bring the stock to just about boiling and skim

Please see SOUP, B2

No time to cook? Get crocking

Wouldn't it be nice to come home to a warm, hearty, home cooked soup or

Well, with just a few minutes of prep time, you can! Pull out that Crock-Pot that's stashed way back in your pantry and get ready for some tasty homecooked meals.

For many people who work outside the home, little time is left in the evening for meal preparation. One way to remedy this is to do your chopping and mixing in the morning. (15 minutes is all it takes, including clean-up). If you're not a morning person, do the preparation the night before and store everything in the Crock-Pot in the fridge. Then in the morning, all you do is plug in the Crock-Pot and let it do the work while you're gone. A Crock-Pot cooks at low tempera-

tures and takes at least four to five times as long as a conventional oven. With many recipes, the longer it cooks, the better. You can adapt your favorite recipes to the Crock-Pot, invent new ones or try the Swiss Chick In a Pot recipe I've included. (See recipe inside)

Just remember, when using a Crock-Pot, the food is cooked in its juice. What goes in is what you eat. Therefore, choose lean meats like skinless chicken and lean pork chops and trim

Generally speaking, if you're using your own recipe, follow these guide

Time Guide

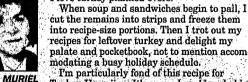
- If recipe says: 15-30 minutes
 Cook in Crock-Pot: 1-1/2 to 2 hours on high or 4 to 6 hours on low
- If recipe says: 35-45 minutes Cook in Crock-Pot: 3 to 4 hours on high or 6 to 10 hours on low
- If recipe says: 50 minutes to 3 hours
 Cook in Crock-Pot: 4 to 6 hours on high or 8 to 18 hours on low

Also use less liquid for slow cooking usually about half the recommended amount. Milk, cream and sour cream tend to break down during extended cooking. When possible, add these during the last hour of cooking.

Experiment! You'll be rewarded with a warm, satisfying meal.

Plan on having enough turkey for leftovers

Buying too much turkey for Thanksgiving Day is standard operating procedure at my house. Extravagant? No, it's really expedient, and saves me much time and money because I love turkey planned-overs.



Turkey Hawaiian, It's so good you'd probably make it even though you don't have turkey leftovers. It's also perfect for the rest of that

non-holiday turkey breast roast that you're tired of looking at, much less eating. This recipe also has the virtue of being what I call "Kwik Fix." It takes more time to assemble the ingredients than it does to make it. An Oriental accent gives Turkey Hawaiian a light interest-

extravaganzas. All of the ingredients can be kept on the pantry shelf or freezer. Frozen chives can be substituted for the green onion if need be. I like to make my own sodium-reduced soy sauce by diluting Kame (Japanese soy) with an equal part of dry sherry, or even

ing flavor in contrast to the richness of other holiday food

water. It tastes better, costs less, and has one-third the sodium of regular soy sauce with no added coloring or preserva-To raise the fiber content, substitute quick cooking brown rice or barley for the white rice.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dictition and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

TURKEY HAWAIIAN

- .1 (14 ounce) can pineapple chunks 1 (10 1/2 ounce) can sodium reduced, fat-free chicken broth
- 4 green onlons, washed and slivered (Include some green tops)
- 1/4 pound pea pods, washed and ends removed
- 1 (8 ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, drained 1 (10 ounce) package frozen peas, defrosted
- 1 (4 ounce) Jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/4 cup sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 3 cups slivered cooked turkey breast
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add water to juice to make 1 cup. Combine with chicken broth vegetables and soy sauce. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 3 minutes.

Blend cornstarch with 3 tablespoons cold water. Add to saucepan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Stir in pineapple and turkey. Heat through, Serve over white rice,

brown rice or barley. Serves 6. Food values per serving:

- Calories 241
- fat 2.1g
- saturated fat 1.0g
- sodium 270mg cholesterol 37mg

Food exchanges:

- 3 fean meat
- 1 fruit • 1 vegetable



Soup and chicken in a pot, yummy dishes for cold days

See related story on Taste front.

Johnny Kolakowski is chef proprietor of Kola's Food Factory in Riverview and author of a new okbook, "Soupin' it up with Johnny." Kolakowski likes to have fun with soup.

"There are a lot more soups than your mother's chicken noodle," he says. Here is a tasty recipe from his book. Make sure you use a large pot, as it makes 6 quarts. "Soupin' it up with Johnny" (\$19.95) is available through America's Premiere Smokehouse on the Web at www.premiersmokehouse.com or by calling (800) 490-3905.

Kolakowski said his cookbook will soon be available at Gander Mountain, Borders Books and Music and Waldenbooks.

KOLA'S CONEY ISLAND SOUP

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- 1 1/2 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 1/2 large onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 3/4 tablespoons chill powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 teaspoons sweet basil
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 quarts water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons beef base
- 2 (15 ounce) cans pinto beans
- 2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 ounce) can tomato juice
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef, browned and
- 1 1/2 pounds fat-free hot dogs, sliced 1/4-inch thick and blanched

1 large raw onion, chopped

1 1/2 pounds grated Cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a stock pot, add celery, green pepper, onion and garlic.

Sauté until crispy and tender. Add to this: chili powder, cumin, oregano, sweet basil, barbecue

sauce, water, beef base, pinto beans, canned toma-toes and tomato juice.

Mix and allow to simmer 20 minutes. Stir occasionally while simmering.

Add: Reserved ground beef and blanched hot dogs, continue to simmer five more minutes. Ladle into a bowl leaving room for the garnish. Sprinkle with raw onion, a small dollop of mustard, grated cheese and broil until melted. Makes

Nutrition information per serving: (without garnish), calories: 134, protein 11.5g, fat 4.5g, sodium. 761mg, carbohydrates 9.5g. Percent of calories

Recipe compliments of Johnny Kolakowski Chef & Proprietor, Kola's Food Factory

Here is a great Crock-pot recipe. Throw this together in the morning for a great home-cooked dinner.

SWISS CHICK IN A POT

- 4 chicken breasts, skin removed
- 1 onlon, chopped
- 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut in
- 1 (8 ounce) package fresh mushrooms, washed
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 5 slices processed American/Swiss cheese

Place chicken, sweet potatoes, onion and mushrooms in Crock pot (slow cooker). Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper.

Cover with lid, turn on Crock-pot and let it cook all day. For most crocks, a low setting is sufficient to cook for eight hours. Use the high setting if you want the food to be done in 4-6 hours. About one half hour before serving, lift the lid, layer the cheese on top of meat and vegetables, cover and continue cooking until cheese melts. Note: Parsnips and carrots are great in this too!

Nutrition information per serving: calories: 237, protein 24g, fat 6.5g, sodium 606 mg, carbohy-drates 20g. Percent of calories from fat: 24.5

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

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simmer.
Strain the stock as soon as it is finished. Then cool stock in refrigerator. This makes it easy to skim the fat before you reheat.

Adding meat and vegetables

Once you have a nice stock, it's time to give it some substance by adding vegetables and cooked

Pair flavors that naturally complement each other. These include butternut squash and sage, lobster and tarragon, cauliflower and curry, carrot and ginger, tomato and basil or beef and star anise.

In colder months, choose root vegetables, potatoes or squash as the soup's main ingredient. In warmer weather, carrots and celery may be desired.

If you are using several types of vegetables in your soup, cut them to all the same size so that they will finish cooking at about the same time.

If you are going to be adding large amounts of pasta to your

away the foam. Go for a gentle II if you are using several types of vegetables in your soup, cut them to all the same size so that they will finish cooking at about the same time.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts Registered dietitian

soup, consider cooking it al dente in a separate pot. Pasta absorbs a lot of water and gives off starch and can change the texture of your soup to a stew However, small amounts of ziti or orzo can be stirred right in without making much difference in the texture.

Butter and roux can be eliminated to keep the fat to a minimum. Flavor and body can come from pureed vegetables or beans; a splash of cream can be added to round out flavors, but be careful not to boil the soup once you've added cream or it may curdle.

Now comes the important part don't overcook your vegetables.
 Cook soup just until your vegetables are tender and then serve.

Enjoy the soup-making process

as much as the final product. Experiment with different ingredients. Use soup as an appetizer or as the main attraction to your meal. As the advertising jingle goes, "soup is good food" no matter how you enjoy it.

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packaged soup and stew concoc tions available in the market-I'm not implying that there are not some honest pre-made prod-ucts out there, but soup or stew can certainly be one of the easi-

est cooking endeavors you ever

undertake. Secret

The secret for good soup and stew cookery is having a good base, broth or stock. Making homemade stock is not difficult. In a nutshell, the making of stock is the extraction of flavor, water-soluble minerals and vitamins. You can simmer poultry, beef, veal, fish, bones or meat-(and, of course, there is always

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Chef Kelli Lewton Owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners

an all vegetable option) with the addition of a few other aromatic ingredients such as a bay leaf, peppercorns and usually celery, carrots and onion. Once you have achieved these fortified liquid bases, the sky's the limit.

If you're busy, consider making your base stock in larger batches and freeze to use later. Or try one of the commercial style bases. They're at food service stores, such as Gordon's, and some of the larger grocery and specialty stores. Another fla-. vor alternative you might like to

experiment with is miso (soy product flavoring paste) that is available at many health stores.

Whatever route you choose to achieve homemade soup, I promise you it's worth the trip.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

See recipes on Page B2.

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Rev up your blender for vegetable purees

and food processors. They've opened up a whole new array of pureed vegetable dishes to add to our culinary repertoire. A vegetable puree is usually made by cooking a vegetable, then processing it in a blender or food processor to the desired consistency - much easier than the old-fashioned method of straining cooked vegetables through a metal sieve.

Make your own thick and comforting cream soups this fall by simply adding a few cups of lowmilk to your favorite vegetable puree and heat. Or serve the puree piping hot as a colorful and elegant side dish. You can even use these purees as stuffing for other vegetables.

If you're concerned that a vegetable puree may be bland like baby food, sample a spicy cauliflower puree made by boiling florets until tender, draining and pureeing. Combine the puree with finely chopped onions that have been sautéed with ground cumin and turmeric and heat the mixture until very hot.

Another flavorful option involves eggplant that is grilled, peeled and chopped fine in a blender or food processor. In a skillet, sauté chopped garlic in olive oil, stir in ground coriander and cumin, and add the eggplant, Cook over low heat to thicken, season to taste with salt and pepper, and serve hot or cold garnished with parsley.

Use beets for a ruby red puree.

Boil unpeeled beets in salted water until tender. Drain in a colander under cold running water, then when cool enough to handle, peel and cut into small chunks. Whirl until smooth in a processor or blender, then add a mixture of light brown sugar, salt and freshly ground pepper, freshly grated nutmeg and a bit of melted butter.

Don't forget the beans! Their health benefits and versatility make them an ideal choice for pureeing. Make a leek and cannellini bean puree by sautéing sliced leeks in olive oil and sprinkling with salt, pepper and dried

When tender, add a quarter cup of water and canned, drained cannellini beans to the pot. Heat, stirring constantly until all the liquid is evaporated.

Transfer to a blender or processor and whirl until smooth. Pour into a greased ovenproof serving dish, sprinkle with a little grated Parmesan cheese, and bake for about five minutes. Serve with pita triangles and raw vegetables for dipping.

The simple combination of squash and apples in this recipe results in a flavorful side dish that goes well with chicken or

Information and recipe compliments of the American Institute for Cancer Research.



Flavorful side dish: Serve Squash and Apple Puree with chicken or turkey.

SQUASH AND APPLE PUREE

- 3 pound winter squash (such as acorn, butternut or Hubbard)
- 3 large baking apples (Rome Beauty, York Imperial or Granny Smith)
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ

Cut squash in half; scoop out eeds and stringy portions. Place in large baking pan, cut side down, and bake at 350° F. until soft (about 45-60 minutes, depending on size)

About 30 minutes before you expect squash to be done, poke a few holes in the apples. Add to baking pan in oven. When squash and apples are tender, but not mushy, remove from oven. Cut apples in half to aid in

Scoop squash out of shell (or pull off peel). Remove peels, seeds and cores of apples. Place squash and apple in blender or food processor. Add parsley and pepper. Puree.

Spread puree in lightly oiled baking dish. Sprinkle wheat germ evenly over the top. Bake at 400° F. for 20 minutes, or until bubbling softly.

Nutrition information: Each of the six, one-cup servings contains 133 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Simmering soups offer comfort in a bowl

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli Lewton.

This soup is a great way to use barbecue leftovers.

STEAK & POTATO CORN

- CHOWDER 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper (small dice)
- 1 onion (small dice)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 quart beef stock 2 cups diced potatoes (skin
- 2 New York strip steaks
- (cooked & diced) or beef of your choice
- 2 cups milk or half & half 1 cup fresh or frozen corn
- 3/4 cup shelled fresh or frozen peas
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Salt and pepper to taste

Sauté garlic, onions, and pepper until soft. Add beef stock and nota toes, simmer 10-12 minutes. Add milk and corn, simmer 5 minutes.

Remove 1/3 of liquid and puree in a blender or food process Return mixture to pot add beef, peas, Worcestershire sauce and parsley, season with salt and pepper, simmer 5 minutes.

Garnish if desired with thinlysliced onion lightly coated in seasoned flour and fried in vegetable oil. Blot grease and season with salt and pepper. Place a small bundle of fried onions on top of each soup bowl.

Makes about 8 six-ounce serv-

AUTUMN TURKEY & ROOT VEGETABLE STEW

1 pound turkey breast (raw), chopped into 1 1/2-inch

1 cup flour seasoned with salt and pepper

1 cup diced mire poix (combine diced celery carrot & onion to make 1 cup) 3 tablespoons butter 6 cups chicken stock

1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds 1 bay leaf dia 3/4 cup fresh cider 1 piece rutabaga (chunky

dice) 3 carrots, (chunky dice) 3 turnips, (chunky dice) 6 parsnips, (chunky dice)

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1 cup butternut squash (peeled and chunky dice) 1 Granny Smith apple (peeled and medium dice)

3/4 cup shelled fresh of frozen peas

3 tablespoons pure maple syrup

2 tablespoons fresh sage finely chopped

Season raw turkey breast chunks with salt and pepper. Dredge turkey in seasoned flour and sauté in melted butter in heavy bottom pan until browned on all sides.

Add mire poix, stock, cider and bay leaf. Bring to a bubble and reduce heat. Simmer for 15 min-

Add veggies and apples and simmer for another 15 minutes,

Add maple, peas and sage, cook for another 5 minutes. Adjust seasonings. Yield 8 eight-ounce por-

Serving suggestions:

Serve in hollowed small pumpkin, bread bowl or right out of the pot into your favorite bowl.

You can substitute leftover cooked chicken or turkey for the turkey breast. If using leftovers, omit first two steps. Add meat after simmering vegetables and apples for 15 minutes.

COOKING CLASSES

SPLENDID TABLE

Lynne Rosetto Kasper, host of "The Splendid Table" radio program and author of "The Splendid Table" and "The Italian Country Table," will demonstrate cooking techniques featuring her recipes 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia The event will benefit Michigan

Radio, the public radio stations of the University of Michigan. Tickets are \$125, and available by calling (734) 764-9210. Space is limited to 70 participants, and first priority will be given to mem bers of Michigan Radio. Kasper will lead the program in the demonstration kitchens of

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FRANK PROVENZANO

Too busy to think about violence? Meet a survivor

FACT: Firearm deaths for children are nearly 12 times higher in the U.S. than in 25 other major industrialized countries combined,

– Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control

eidi Van Arnem of Birmingham concedes that these days there are many issues that take up politicians' time. She'll admit that people, in general, are too busy to stop and listen.

She is polite, with a ready smile. And naturally tactful. She doesn't have to be.

No one would blame her if she's as angry today as she was 17 years ago when a bullet

What: "Ballet Hispanico," a benefit for the Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 Where: Detroit Opera House, at the corner of Medison and Broadway, one block east of Contribution/ tickets: \$50-\$100.

from a rifle ripped through her spinal chord. The gun was in the hands of the brother of her friend, a 13-year-old with an unrestricted curiosity and his own gun collection. Who could blame Van Arnem

if she talked

Call (248) 540-6868 about gutless politicians, reactionary supporters of the NRA who cry about a mandatory waiting period and how we've all grown complacent about violence?

Her tone is soft and knowing. Wisdom is a painful reminder of the circumstance that transformed her from an independent 16-year-old who just learned to drive to a quadriplegic who must rely on a staff of aides to transport her.

"It's a misconception to think that a gun is there to protect you. Guns serve to main and kill."

Perhaps it's time - once again - to confront misconceptions.

I-CAN, I will

On Sunday, Nov. 21, Van Arnem will serve as honorary chair of a ben-efit for Michigan Citizens for Hand-



Willpower: Laurie Muhn, (left), and Heidi Van Arnem in the offices of I-CAN, an online community for people with disabilities.

gun Control. The Birmingham-based non-profit organization will use the funds to support political candidates who support gun control legislation.

The citizens group is the underfunded opposition to the NRA and others who believe the right to bear arms comes without restrictions. Or, some may argue, without responsibility.

While she speaks out often about the need for gun control, Van Arnem, 33, has gotten on with her life.

She is the founder of Birminghambased I-CAN, an on-line community for people with disabilities.

The service will offer information about health, benefits and legislative issues as well as services such as making travel arrangements.

Van Arnem, who also serves on Gov. John Engler's commission on disability concerns, has a schedule that is hectic and ambitious, by any

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By Frank Provenzano Staff Writer Sprovenzano**©**ce.homecomm.net

Ray Fleming can't be accused of being shy. He's prone to speak his mind garnished with his gentlemanly, down-home Louisiana manner. Seldom is he ambiguous. And on occasion, he may even sound like an art-world pariah. "The joke about minimal art is

that it always has to be (exhibited) larger-than-life," said Fleming, all-too-ready to deflate what he might consider as anything less than a well-constructed composition.

Ironically, the accomplished watercolor painter, art collector and direc-tor of the Kidd Gallery in Birmingham has turned his attention to abstractionism, a style of expression of shape, line, form and color that lends itself to myriad interpretations. And usually, assertions about the relevance and accessibility of art.

"Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium" offers many variations on the theme, from works by legendary abstract artists such as Hans Hofmann and Helen Frankethaler to the inventive object-sculpture of John Torreano to the subtle compositions of up-and-com-ing artist Caio Fonseca to the West Coast, new age organic forms of Jeremy Kidd (no relation to the gallery owner).

"The best paintings have a sense of mystery," he said. "The magic hap-pens when the extremes of realism and pure abstraction start to merge.

Then, as if to make a case for his point of view, Fleming gestured to the paintings on the two floors at the

Like any expansive exhibit, there







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Three Galleries on Townsend

Abstraction: New Directions For A New Millennium—Robert Kidd Gallery, 107
Townsend, Birmingham, through Jan, 22. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday Saturday.

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Varied strokes: (clockwise from top left) The works of Victor Rodriguez, Robert Gniewek, Herbert Gentry and Ronnie Landfield provide examples of photo-realism, abstractionism and figurative-expressionistic painting.

are pieces that are easily looked past, and suffer the disease of abstractionism — a cool, calculated disinterestedness that looks more

like flaccid design than art.
But on a whole, "Abstraction" is the type of exhibit that aims beyond collector's taste, and provides a modest-ly convincing case about why Fleming believes there's a renewed inter-

est in abstract painting. "People are realizing that tabloid art' doesn't have any lasting power,

he said. "We're going back to the time when artists are expected to put a lot of thought into their work not just come up with something that's shock-

Stroll along Townsend

ing.

A stroll along Townsend in downtown Birmingham reveals three distinctive exhibits at two nearby galleries that complement the Kidd's "Abstraction" exhibit.

Collectively, the exhibits at the Kidd, David Klein and G.R. N'Namdi galleries reveal the diversity of contemporary painting.

For obvious reasons. "Detroit Theaters Past and Present: Recent Paintings by Robert Gniewek" at the Klein Gallery has received wide attention since the show opened last weekend.

In a series of realistic renderings of Detroit the-

aters, Gniewek has created a historical pictorial of the city's cinematic past. Among the theaters painted are the Berkely, Redford, Hiland, Crystal, Colonial, United Artists and Detroit's only surviving drive-in, the

Ford-Wyoming. While the paintings have a drippy nostalgia, there is a strong sense of time and place. And Gniewek is a diligent painter of details and fine lines that infuse the paintings with an intimate touch that can't be found in photos of the same subject-matter In the simmering light

of dusk in several of his paintings, Gniewek evokes the haunting forlornness of Edward Hopper's famous urban land-scapes. Perhaps that's an obvious comparison, but surely an endorsement of the depth of Gniewek's realism.

While Victor Rodriguez's work, dis-played in the front gallery at Klein, shares the same photorealism sensibility as Gniewek, it reaches for more symbolism and sensuality. His muse, his wife Mayte, is certainly as shapely as any physical structure of brick and mortar.

In a series of paintings of Mayte, Rodriguez expands the possibilities of photorealism. The style isn't just an accurate perspective of reality, but a visually laden, post-mod-

ern short story. Using an airbrush, Rodriguez liberates his

subject from the predictability of a portrait. She is self-aware in her nakedness, and slinking in and out of the pop cultural landscape with her gaudy sunglasses.

Distilled forms

Despite the quiet inside the NNamdi Gallery, the energy of Herbert Gentry's paintings exude a

swirling lyricism. Gentry is among the most influential African American artists of the century. And he was part of the Paris scene of the 1950s that included fellow painter Ed Clark, Romare Bearden and writers Richard Wright and James Baldwin.

In a metro area recognized as having one of the largest number of col-lectors of African American art, the N'Namdi Gallery is at the forefront of exhibiting an impressive list of --legendary artists.

Included in the exhibit of Gentry's work is his famous painting, "The Claw," one of the seminal figurative expressionistic works.

Gentry's evolution since the late 1950s has steadily explored and distilled relationships among human forms. His paintings are distin-

guished by basic figurative forms. Yet his work is hardly devoid of emotion. His use of deep reds, vibrant blues and startling yellows

provide the equivalent of optical jazz. "The issue in his paintings is the beauty of the spirit," said George N'Namdi, who'll moved the exhibit to his Chicago gallery after mid Janu-

ary. "There's a sense of mystery, yet a strong feeling for friendship and

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THEATER

Lively 'Flanagan's Wake' provides hearty laughs to resurrect the dead

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER (provenzano@oe.homecomm.net

The crowd filed in dutifully at the

makeshift parlor at Baci Theatre in Pontiac where a wake was being held for a friendly fellow named Flana-

First stop:

the bar to fill

up with spir-

its, limericks

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There's plenty of raucous

encourage.

What: "Flansgan's Wake," an audience interactive play Where Baci Theatre, 40 W. Pike Street, Downtown Pontiac Water: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday: 7 and 10 p.m. Inursopy-Friday; 7 and 10 p.m. Seturday; 2 and 6 p.m. Bunday Tielests: \$25-\$30. Call (248) 745-8668, or (248) 645ment for audience members to get two drinks - one for each kidney.
Irish wakes, as the roaming cast

of "Flanagan's Wake" reminds, is an ritualistic exercise of drinking, dancing, and between bouts of storytelling and eulogies, a fair amount of fighting. Somewhere along the way to

depositing the wooden casket six feet under, a sermon gets mangled and an Irish culture that celebrates life at a ceremony of death gets honored and insulted.

It's the type of irresistible fun of family reunions, comedy clubs, and well, Irish wakes.

Like its interactive cousin "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" that plays upstairs at Baci's, "Flanagan's Wake" proves that the theatrical experience can indeed transform an

audience of strangers into a community where the common interest is a good laugh and a sing-along.

There isn't any resisting the current production of the hilarious interactive play. In about two hours, the charming cast demonstrates the appeal of dissolving the traditional fourth wall of theater and inviting the audience to participate in a 50percent scripted play and a 50-percent free-for-all.

For Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills, who portrays the howling mystic Kathleen Mooney, "Flanagan's Wake? is a play of scripted spontaneity that draws in the audience in the actor's unfolding craft of storytelling.

Being "in the moment," said Dor-

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Liberated: The cast of "Flanagan's Wake" puts audiences at ease, but not without a good deal of prodding.

Gem Theatre 'yoops' it up with Jeff Daniels' play

Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, runs through Feb.13 at the Gem Theperformances: 8 p.m. Wednes-day-Sunday, Tickets: \$29.50 \$36.50. For information call (313) 963-9800.

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER

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Sure, there are thick breezes of flatulence jokes and a profusion of politically incorrect "yooper" convention, but what's not to love in "Escanaba in da Moon-

Not much. In fact, fewer folks leave the show with a frown on

their face than there are men walking the streets of downtown Menominee on opening day of deer hunting season. In both cases, there sure aren't many.

Jeff Daniels' comedy offers a constant array of manly merriment regulated by practical wis-

"If you're looking back at the things that you missed, you won't know what hit you," is just such a truism.

Yet this story does look back, to opening day 1989 at the Soady deer camp, "the world famous Soady deer camp, outside Escanaba.

In a log cabin decorated with animal hides and cases of Gobel beer, Albert Soady (Jim Porter-field) talks up the Superior State while he rips on the "flatlander fudge-sucking, beer-drinking trolls" who drive up north in

their Winnebagos.
"If we wanted company we would have built a bridge soon-

He's awaiting the arrival of his sons, Ruben (Phil Powers) and Remnar (Joseph Albright) who, he candidly explains, are not "the sharpest tool in the shed."

Ruben, at 35, is about to become the eldest "buckless Yooper" in Soady family history. So this year, he's breaking with tradition. No pasties. No Spam and mayo sandwiches in the

blind. He's trusting that the concoctions and incantations from his full-blooded Indian wife Wolf Moon Dance (Sandra Birch) will guide his aura (that's air-a as in the air around 'ya") and break the curse that has forever denied him a buck.

Naturally, the Soady men and friend Jimmer (Wayne David Parker), whose speech was rendered unintelligible after an alien abduction, are reluctant to

Remnar offers evidence to that with the tattered, duct-taped flannel shirt he's worn since he was 9, "Does it smell?" he asks

rhetorically, "Most certainly."
But it's tradition. And the

Hilarious happenings ricochet as the plot charges through visions of God, mishaps with porcupine pee and a surprise visit from DNR Ranger Tom Treado (Randall Godwin), who

has a penchant for teddies. But there are moments of Blair Witch" suspense, as when the men confront a bear walk, which, according to their knowledge of Indian lore, requires a sacrifice far beyond going without whisky for the duration of

Under Guy Sanville's direction, the cast hits their comedic

Soady men don't mess with marks dead-on. And though ancestral forces. pretty much the same group has pretty much the same group has been performing since it first opened at the Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre in 1997, they still have the ability to make rehearsed material sound — and

appear – spontaneously funny. Daniels has plans to take hi gem to the silver screen and is currently working on the movie screenplay. But you'd be wise to see the Gem's production.

Get ready for a facial muscle workout because "Escanaba in da Moonlight" will keep you lit tle "flatlander fudge-suckers" grinning ear-to-ear, from da start to da end.

Flanagan's from page B4

rington, extends beyond the stage. Audience members are encouraged, prodded, provoked and drafted into participating in putting flesh on the skeleton story about Flanagan's dreams, demise and foibles.

The collaboration with the audience requires a balance of wit and respectful distance - not easy when the cast is on the prowl for a quick laugh. But with this endearing cast, there is a near-instant comfort.

While actor appear firmly grounded in their respective characters, it's when they let out their personalities and demonstrate their improv skills that

they shine. At various times, the spotlight shines on Dorrington, Tony Lawry of Garden City, Dejan Ravich of Livonia, Charles McGraw of Hamtramck, Tom Whalen of Royal Oak, Pat Caporuscio of Richmond and Courtney Jo Demsey of Grosse

All have their fair share of dramatic and comedic theater credits and stints in improv

Together they take audiences on a journey through an Irish wake without hitting any insulting bumps. Well, then again, that depends on whether you're open to sparring with the likes of Flanagan's angry fiancee or his babbling, iron-fisted mother.

After six years of performances

In a local theater scene often lacking in vibrant performances, 'Flanagan's Wake' offers a glimmer of hope. It's the type of play that will be fun for those who prefer movies or home entertainment.

in Chicago, the play opened in Pontiac in early October. Several weeks later, however, the original producer, Joe Nederlander, pulled out of the show, and Baci owners Nino and Luigi Cutraro stepped up to keep alive "Flana-gan's Wake" and extend its openended run.

In a local theater scene often lacking in vibrant performances, "Flanagan's Wake" offers a glimmer of hope. It's the type of play that will be fun for those who prefer movies or home entertain-

And its a good laugh for diehard theater-goers who should be impressed with the improv ability of the cast.

"Danny Boy" might be delivered off-key, but there's nothing out of tune with "Flanagan's

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Conversations from page B4

Within a recent 10-day stretch, she will have moved into a downtown Birmingham condo from her home in Bloomfield Town-ship, traveled to and from Florida, then made a two-day jaunt to New York to make presentations to venture capitalists to try to attract financial support for I-CAN.

And before she leaves the Big Apple, she'll present a \$75,000 check for spinal-chord research at a dinner given by Christopher

In 1992, Van Arnem established a foundation to help find a cure for paralysis.

And about four years ago, she began "Spend A Day In A" Wheelchair," a program to help students heighten awareness of

the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

By the end of the day, it's not unusual, said Van Arnem, for students to be in tears, partly out of frustration, partly due to the melting away of their igno-

"People can't begin to realize how devastating it is to be in a wheelchair."

Yet the greater conundrum might be why we all continue to accept the violence at the root of so many these "accidents" that leave people bound within their own bodies

Too busy? That just isn't an

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Galleries

Indeed, the pervasive quality of the exhibits at the Kidd, Klein and N'Namdi galleries is that most of the paintings contain a sense of mystery.

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'Global Journeys' celebrates diversity



neys in Metro Detroit," (pub-lished by New Detroit, Inc. 1999, \$12.95)

As a former immigrant (from Germany in 1948), I've 1948), always regarded life in the Unit-

ed States as existing on two cultural planes. One is decidedly American: Broadway musicals, Thanksgiving, Walt Whitman, baseball, Wall Street and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The other is a kaleidoscope of cultures from around the world that seek to preserve their rich heritage for the benefit of compatriots and the population at large.

In celebration of our cultural diversity, Marcia Danner, Helen B. Love, and Patricia B. Peart. in collaboration with New Detroit Inc., have recently published "Global Journeys in Metro Detroit." The book's authorship is equally diverse, drawn from the 27 ethnic groups featured in this 500-page multicultural, Motor City manual.

Whether you're interested in sampling Creole cooking, listening to Beethoven or Kentucky Blue Grass, buying native American crafts, attending mass con-

ducted in Polish, tuning in to foreign-language radio, or learning everything from Norwegian embroidery to Japanese martial arts, you'll find the information in "Global Journeys.

Each chapter is devoted to a particular culture (Latin American, Italian, Arab, Korean, Indian, etc.) and begins with a map of the "Old Country" plus a brief description of its history and geography. Next comes a synopsis of the immigrant experience, explaining how each group came to the Detroit area and where its members settled. Various listings follow: restaurants, specialty shops, musical performers, churches and synagogues, holidays and observances, organizations of all types, publications, and Web sites.

But what makes this compendium especially enriching and much more than a guidebook are the numerous sidebars included in each chapter. Can't tell a knockwurst from a bratwurst? Want to create Ukrainian Easter eggs? Interested in African textiles? How about Jewish theater and Irish

dancing? Or Greek architecture? These topics, plus so many more, can be found in "Global Journeys," a treasure trove meant to inform and entertain visitors to Detroit as well as longtime residents. Parents can use the manual to introduce

their children to world culture: teachers, to supplement language and history lessons.

Those who don't have the time, money, or inclination to travel abroad can use the book's "guided tours" that come complete with mini-maps and detailed instructions.

In the preface, Mayor Dennis' Archer writes: "Our hope is that it opens your heart and your mind - your very spirit - to ven-ture out and experience the orld of cultures abundant in Metro Detroit. We hope it will open the invisible fences that too often separate our neighborhoods and help you build new friends among people you may not have understood.

To me, "Global Journeys" reflects what America is all about: a country so open and confident of its identity that it welcomes variety and differences. The book is attractively illustrated by Patricia B. Peart. It's a great gift for the holidays: well organized, clearly written, informative and reasonably priced.

"Global Journeys" is available in all major metro Detroit book-

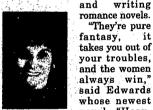
Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor'in English. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Writing romance novels is her 'Heaven's Reward'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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"They're pure



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always win," said Edwards whose newest novel, "Heaven's Reward," (Zebra Books.

Kensington Publishing Corp., New York, \$4.99) is now on bookstore shelves.

The book, a sequel to "Heaven's Sent," follows the story of Regan Carmichael and Drew Daniels, two people who meet in the 20th century, become soulmates, and land in medieval Wales after a plane crash. There Regan claims the body of Bronwyn, a beautiful Welsh rebel who wants to murder her new forman husband, Christophe, whose body has been assumed by Drew. Together they learn that love is eternal.

Time travel allow you to break rules and tell the story you want to tell" said Edwards, a Livonia resident. "I've always loved science fiction, action and adventure. Time travel is where my heart is.'

Edwards also loves history. She wades through many books in the library and contacts historical societies to find the details that add authenticity to her historical romance novels and characters who travel

Sometimes she even travels to the place where her story is set. Her next book takes place in Florida.

"Heaven's Reward" picks up the tale of Bronwyn and Christophe who travel through time to medieval Scotland where they are members of the Mac-Gregor clan. Bronwyn awakens to find she is now Ariana, who is married to Angus MacGregor, the head of the clan. Christophe enters the body of Robb, Mac-Gregor's son, Ariana's step-son, a fearless Highland warrior.

Sometimes Robb behaves like Ariana's Christophe, a knight in shining armor. Then, he leaves, and Robb, a man betraved by love who doesn't trust women. takes over.

Hard to put down, "Heaven's Reward" is full of action and suspense. There are surprises in every chapter as Ariana wins Robb's heart with kindness, allowing him to escape demons and opening his soul for her beloved Christophe to enter. In between there are battles to be fought and confidences to be won.

Following the same two characters wasn't easy, but Edwards says she's happy with how "Heaven's Reward" turned out. "I liked it an awful lot," she said. "It's the same characters breaking more rules. I like knowing that people are enjoying it."

Marian Edwards will be signing copies of "Heaven's Reward" 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

LOCAL INTEREST

Northville resident James E. Person Jr. will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Russell Kirk, A Critical Biography of a Conservative Mind," noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. Person is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and his book is an account of the noted thinker Russell Kirk, who also lived in Plymouth as a youth. Kirk developed a unique philosophy of conservative values and sentiments. The Little Book Shoppe is located at 308 S. Main.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Meet Andrew Meacham, a Journalist for the mental health industry, as he signs copies of his new book, "Selling Serenity: Life Among the Recovery Stars." This book chronicles the key events that brought recovery center

stage in America. Meacham will appear at the Borders Books & Music store, 5601 Mercury Drive in Dearborn, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. For more information, call (313) 271-4441.

■ Jeanne Dams brings her newest addition to her Dorothy Martin series, "Victim in Victoria Station," 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 to Murder, Mystery & Mayhem, 35167 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 471-7210.

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Upi" Saturday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m. Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Hall Road Sterling Heights, (810) 247-0420, and Thursday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Borders Books and Music, Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

CELEBRITY AUTHOR

Meet Eddie Fisher, singer, screen actor and former husband of Elizabeth Taylor and Debbie Reynolds, at Borders Books in Rochester Hills. Fisher has written a book about his eventful life in show business and will meet the public

AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Guess who's hopping into town? It's none other than that lovable bunny, Peter Rabbit. Peter will stop by the Auburn Hills Borders store at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, for stories, games and photo opportunities. Children can hear tales (tails?) and have their pictures taken with the oversized rabbit. Call (248) 335-5013 for

at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14. Call (248) 652-0558 for information.

Award-winning author Ann Turner will be the guest speaker at the 8th annual Young at Heart Luncheon, sponsored by the Story-Tellers Guild of The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The Massachusetts born Turner has written fiction and non-fiction books, in addition to poetry. The purpose of Story-Tellers is to enrich the lives of the young and young at heart through exposure to literature. Luncheon only tickets for the 12:30 p.m. Nov. 18 event are \$35, patron tickets are \$100. For reservations call The Community House at (248) 594-6405.

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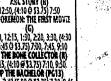














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These houses emphasized horizontal lines mimicking the flat, horizontalness of the American prairie west of Chicago. Also, Prairie houses often have massive square porch supports, flat chimneys, low-pitch, hipped roofs, ribbons of windows tucked under the ultra-wide eaves, and hidden entries.

To the first-time visitor to Oak Park, the Wright houses may seem "modernistic" but in fact some of them are more than 100

Here's a summary of details about an architectural and historic tour of Oak Park:

■ Call the Ginkgo Tree Book shop at the Wright home and studio and pay \$4 for the "Architectural Guide Map" and have them mail it to you. The excel-Tent map contains clear photos and addresses of all Wright homes and all other architecturally significant homes in Oak Park. You will immediately see how little walking there actually is to be able to see many Wright homes and Unity Temple, his first public building. Phone (708)



lar: Tours of the MooreDugalhouse have been suspended due to a death in the family. The home has been open on weekends for tourists.

Cheney House, 520 North East ■ The Frank Lloyd Wright Avenue, is one of the Wright

> four blacks from his home/studio. It may even seem romantic to stay in one of the two-room suites given the history of Cheney House.

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A recent documentary about Wright on Public Television revisited the famous details. An architectural commission for electrical engineer Edwin Cheney led to a love affair between Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney, the engineer's wife. Cheney and Wright left their families for a year in Europe in 1909.

This part of his life ended five years later when Mrs. Cheney and her children were killed by än insane servant at Wright's retreat in Wisconsin. Their "free love" relationship scandalized Oak Park and the nation.

Rooms at Cheney House are \$155 a night and include a continental breakfast. The home has been owned by Chicago attorney Dale Smirl and his wife for 22 years. Call (708) 524-2067 for reservations.

The red brick Cheney House



Modernistic: This red brick house near the Wright home studio looks like a recent addition to the area, but it was built in 1902.



No tourists: A careful reader can see a "no tourism" sign in this house's window, indicating not everyone in Oak Park likes visitors looking over these beautiful

has many typical Wright details: a large overhung hip roof, hid-den front entry, bands of windows tucked under the eaves and a stone sill surrounding the structure.

The magnificent, highgabled Moore-Dugal home very near the Wright home and studio has been offering inside tours

until recently; a death in the family has stopped these tours, offered on Saturday and Sundays April through October. Local inquiry with the Oak Park Visitors Center is recommended as it handles the tour tickets; (708) 848-1500. Just walking around the edges of the fenced

property is worth the short walk

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LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL SHIELS

Michigan churning out interesting golf courses

It might be said that many of Michigan's new golf courses are being baked in Birmingham. While National Golf Foundation statistics continue to show that Michigan leads the nation in new golf course starts, 41 year-old Birmingham resident Dave Richards is helping developers fine tune their recipes and cooking-up many of the mitten's most interesting

The cerebral Richards founded Golf Marketing Services in 1990, and public relations, marketing and business development company specializes in golf course facilities. He works to promote golf on all levels, from small public facilities to high-profile resort public facilities to high-profile resort projects. He has collaborated with Michigan golf destinations like Shan-ty Creek, Boyne USA, Garland Resort, The Gailes, Bay Harbor, and the Grand Traverse Resort. In addition, his "Golf Marketing Services" has opened over 50 new golf courses statewide, including The Orchards, Oakhurst Country Club, Island Hills, Ravines, and Hidden River Golf and

"I begin promoting a golf course before the first bulldozer hits the ground," Richards explains. "The Orchards (in Washington Township) is a good example.

By the time that golf course opened, most golfers already knew about it. There was talk in the industry, and

that's what our company tries to cre-With so many new golf courses pop-

ping up to meet growing player demand, competition for attention is intense. How, then, does Richards create industry "buzz" for new Michigan golf courses?

'At Bay Harbor (Boyne) and Cedar River (Shanty Creek), we grew-in one or two holes on each course as much as one-year before the rest of the course would be ready to open," Richards reveals. "That way, we had photographs that we could send to magazines and offer sneak previews at what kind of course we were build-

ing."
That kind of early attention results in anticipation, publicity, and the "Best New Golf Course" awards that are served-up by national golf magazines and steer players to Michigan. Here in Oakland County, we are

blessed with a wealth of seasoned offerings, as well as some exciting fresh new dishes

"My wife Denise (Fleckenstein) and I have joined Oakhurst Country Club in Clarkston," says Richards. "It is a younger, progressive new club with a great practice facility. I also enjoy opportunities to play at some of the area's more established clubs like Indianwood and Franklin Hills. Blackheath in Rochester is among my favorite public courses in the area, along with The Majestic, which is a Ray Hearn-Jerry Matthews design in Hartland.

Richards admits to sweeping floors at Salem Hills Golf Course at age 16, but says it wasn't for love of the game that he made his career in golf.

"I wanted to be in the sports business. It wouldn't have mattered to me whether it was baseball or hockey or any sport, but once I got into golf and realized what a friendly sport it was I was hooked. There was a lot of opportunity in golf, and I enjoyed the

variety of people I was meeting."
I asked Richards to provide a peek into the kitchen and divulge the next new great golf courses we might expect to see in Oakland County in the coming year. He seemed enthusi-astic about the horizon, and mentioned two courses that will open in June and receive national attention.

"Shepherd's Hollow GC in Clarkston will be a 27-hole, daily fee golf course that will receive raves, Richards insists. "The terrain is like northern Michigan, and it will not have a weak hole on it." Shepherd's Hollow received its name because the rolling and wooded piece of land it is

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Clarkston rallies for a 57-56 quadruple overtime win over Dakota to earn first regional title

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

With the game on a line, sometimes

you have to play the game of risk. Well, Clarkston football coach Kurt Richardson dragged out the board game Friday night, spun the dice and his Wolves came out with the most dramatic win in school history.

Faced with a fourth-and eight situation and with his team in a uncharacteristic 56-49 deficit, Clarkston junior quarterback Ryan Kaul scored on an 8yard run around right, and then senior Rocky Lund faked the point-afterattempt and hit senior Andy North with the two-point conversion pass as

Clarkston rallied for a 57-56 quadruple overtime thriller over visiting Macomb Dakota in the Division I regional finals in front of an estimated standing-room only crowd of 6,500.

The win moved Clarkston (11-1) into the state semifinals for the first time in school history Nov. 20 at Rochester High School against the winner of Saturday's Utica Eisenhower-Detroit King regional winner. Dakota, the Cinderella story of the Division I play-offs, finishes its best season in its short four-

year history at 10-2.

"I didn't know we were going for the fake and two-point conversion until we came back on the field," said North, who caught the conversion pass just

and it worked. This is the greatest feeling in the world right now."

Richardson took some advice from an

assistant coach and plan paid dividens. "We knew we had to try something different because Dakota was coming hard on those PATs and they got a hand on the last one," said Richardson. "My freshman coach, Dave Whitehead, said they were leaving that (right) side open and that we should run (the fake). It worked — it's just unbeliev-

Locked at 28-28 entering overtime, the two teams each scored in the first

over the goal line on the right side for the winning points. "It was a play that." 10-yard run by senior quarterback we just designed in practice this week Todd Wojciechowski, a 4-yard TD catch by senior Dave Reling, and a 3-yard run by senior Paul Sassin, while Clarkston countered with a 7-yard TD catch by junior Adam Gebus, an 8-yard TD by junior Adam Gebus, an 8-yard TD reception by senior Steve Schornak, and a 8-yard TD run around left by junior Rob Conley — which set up the wild fourth overtime period.

Dakota won the toss and elected to go first, with Wojchiechowski hitting senior Sam Anderson with a 10-yard strike on first down, followed by junior kicker Brain Henderson's eighth PAT on the evening.

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Can defense carry Wolves?

PREVIEW

By BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

year ago, Oxford went into the girls basketball district tournament as the underdog to Lapeer East and, perhaps, even Clarkston. The Wildcats wound up winning the district title.

This year, the unbeaten Wildcats (20-0 overall, 14-0 Flint Metro League) go in as the clear favorite for the tournament, which starts Monday

Oxford opens district play against Lapeer West (2-16) at 6 p.m., while Clarkston (9-10) plays Romeo (10-8) at

Lapeer East drew a first-round bye and plays the Clarkston-Romeo winner Wednesday night.

The Wildcats' status as the favorite doesn't surprise Oxford coach Ian Smith, who says his team got a favor-

"Aside from us, Lapeer East, Clarkston and Romeo had the best records. and they're all in the other half of the bracket," Smith said. "Clarkston is going to be tough on their home court, and beating a team three times in one season is not an easy thing to do."

The Wildcats are rolling, having cruised through a regular season dur-ing which only Fenton tested them to

They routed their most-heated rival, Lapeer East, twice, and they beat the Wolves convincingly in the seasonopening Lady Wildcats Invitational.

Oxford depends heavily on senior center Liz Holbrook, a Miss Basket-ball candidate who has already committed to play basketball at Clemson. She's been on fire recently, tieing the school record for points in a game with 40 against Holly Tuesday, then coming back with 22 points and 11 rebounds in the season finale, a 49-27 team.

But the Wildcats can also attack from other avenues. Junior point guard Dana Millard is uncanny from 3-point range when she's hot (she hit eight in a game against Lapeer West earlier this year).

Sophomore Payge Salquist has a deft outside touch and she's not afraid to go to the basket. Senior point guard Beth Drake is unflappable with the ball and is fearless going down the lane.

The Wildcats also play fierce defense, with senior forward Tonya Seidl and Holbrook down low and Drake, Millard, et al pressuring oppos-

Clarkston, meanwhile, depends heavily on its defense to win games.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKER

Key figure: Rachel Uchman (35) has been Clarkston's leader all season, and she'll have to be again as the Wolves open district play Monday.

The Wolves have struggled to score points all season, with senior Rachel Uchman as their leading scorer.

Uchman also plays tough defense, as does senior Candace Morgan. Junior Sarah Morgan has struggled offensively but has played solid defense all sea-

Clarkston also depends heavily on freshmen Jenn Carlson and Kira Karlstrom for a jolt off the bench, and senior Lindsay Prudhomme and junior point guard Kristen Falck have had

The Wolves, who play in the rugged Oakland Activities Association Division I, would be the favorites to win their opener against Romeo, and probably in the Wednesday semifinal against Lapeer East.

That would have the Wolves in posi-tion to gain some revenge on the Wildcats, who ousted Clarkston from last year's district. To have any chance to topple Oxford this year, the Wolves will have to contain Holbrook.

"We'd have to do what it took to control her and make someone else beat us," Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said.

Wildcats complete perfect season

Otisville-LakeVille played much tougher basketball against Oxford this season than they have in years past.

It didn't do them much good, but they were tougher.

Senior center Liz Holbrook scored 22 points and the Wildcats (20-0 overall, 14-0 Flint Metro League) went on a 14-2 run to end the first half en route to a 49-27 win over the host Falcons Thursday night,

The victory gave the Wildcats their first unbeaten regular season since 1987 and concluded a year in which they won the FML title outright.

The Wildcats, who got points from eight different players, started slowly once again, leading just 14-8 after the first quarter. But they turned on the defense and held the Falcons to just a single second-quarter field goal, outscoring them 14-2 and taking a 28-10 lead at the intermission

The second half was closer as the Falcons (11-9, 7-7) slowed the game down.

"They made it a little hard," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "They went into a bit of a delay game and took the air out of the ball."

Oxford outscored the Falcons 8-7 in the third and 13-10 in the fourth quarter to hold off the Falcons.

Holbrook also had 11 rehounds and seven steals for the Wildcats, who open district play Monday at Clarkston against fellow Flint Metro foe Lapeer West. Junior guard Dana Millard had two of Oxford's three 3-pointers and scored eight points, while Caryn Inman (one 3-pointer) had six. Jill Stork and Payge Salquist each added four

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS

Post-Season teams

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Each list should contain pertinent information such as name, grade, height, weight, positions. events, flights, etc., of each hon-ored athlete. Please include first, second- and third-teams, plus honorable mention listings, if available.

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All-Area Boys Soccer

The 1999 All-Eccentric Area Boys Soccer Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, at 7

The general coaches meeting will be held in the Birmingham Corporate Office, located at 805 E. Maple (next door to Kroger) in the first floor board room, and should take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Varsity head coaches are encouraged to attend, but may send an assistant if there is a conflict (one coach per school). Coaches are also encouraged to bring a copy of their team statis-tics sheet (scoring and goalkeeping) as well as copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams.

The 32 high schools in the Eccentric Coverage Area that sponsor hove soccer include Auburn Hills Avondale, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Birmingham Brother Rice. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Eton Academy, Birming-ham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Hills Ro per, Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Oxford, Oxford Christian, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Rochester Hills Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Southfield, Southfield Christian, Southfield Franklin Road Christian, Southfield-Lathrup, Troy, Troy Athens, Troy Bethany Christian, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Most and West Bloomfield.

Coaches with further questions can contact Eccentric sportswrit-er Daniel Stickradt at (248) 698-4900 or (248) 884-1051.

All-Area Boys Golf

Prep boys golf coaches within the Eccentric coverage area can contact Birmingham/Southfield Sports Editor Marty Budner for details at (248) 901-2564.

All-Area Football

The 1999 All-Eccentric Area Prep Football meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15 at the Birmingham Seaholm High School at 7 p.m. Coaches from the area can contact Rochester/Troy Sports Editor Jim Toth at (248) 901-2578 for details. By Daniel Stickradt STAFF WRITER dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

For some teams, the girls basketball state tournament is a chance to continue a successful season, while for others it's the

beginning of a new life.

Perhaps this is the case at most of the districts across the state — all 128 districts statewide begin Monday — especially at the six-team gathering at Class A Lake Orion, where teams of contrasting styles and leagues, plus different success rates; will square off for a chance to advance to the Port Huron Northern Regional the

following week. ... "It should be interesting," said Steve Roberts, firth-year coach at district host Lake Orion.

Roberts' team is one of those quads who is hoping to start fresh after struggling through-out at the regular season, where the Dragons finished 5-14.

"We're hoping to start all over again," said Roberts. "We're a young team, but we hope maybe to play the spoiler.

Rochester is the favorite in this district, which also boasts Rochester Adams, Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central and Waterford Mott. The 16-4 Falcons, who finished second in the ultra-competitive Oakland Activities Association Division I, have been ranked inside the Associated Press' Top 20 all season and are gunning for their fourth straight district title.

Rochester lost in the regional finals in both 1998 and 1996, and the regional semifinals in

"I've been around a long time and I've told the girls that it's a new season and you have to step up the intensity to another level," said Rochester coach Tom Hawes, now in his 18th season. 'And you can't look past any-

"I'd say this district is a little better this year. Right off the bat, we play Mott, a team that has won 17 games and has a lot of seniors. No one can look past

The rest of this district would at 12-0. However, the Corsairs'

like to have a say in the Falcons'

chances — and very well could.

Adams (7-13), which finished sixth in the OAA Division I, has played a brutal schedule and is "much better than what their record indicates," according to Roberts, and could be a sleeper pick as they have played Rochester tough twice in league

play, losing once in overtime.

Then there is Waterford Mott and Pontiac Northern, two teams that are enjoying fine sea-

Northern, which will play Wednesday in the semifinals against Monday's Orion-Pontiac entral Central (3-17) winner, is 12-8 and finished third in the OAA Division II at 8-4. The Huskies upset Adams early in the season and have defeated Lake Orion twice by comfortable margins, and could be the darkhorse if their outside shooting is clicking.

Meanwhile, Waterford Mott is having its best season in nearly two decades, going 17-3 and winning the OAA Division III title

strength of schedule may hurt as they open up with Rochester, a team that knocked Mott out of the tourney handily in the first round last year,

The winner of that game will face Adams Wednesday in the semifinals with the championship being played at 7 p.m. on

We have come a long way, but we're still struggling scoring points on a consistent basis," said Roberts. "We're getting the opportunities, but the shots just aren't falling. That's something that we'll need to do if we plan on winning a game or two in this

But the pressure is on the Fal-

"Right now, we're playing the best that this team can play and we must continue that in order to win this district," said Hawes whose team routed West Bloomfield 64-47 Thursday. "In our last 5-6 games, we only had one bad quarter against Adams. Other than that, we're playing very well,"

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built on near I-75 was leased from an order of Jesuit priests. Toledo architect Arthur Hills, who designed the course for Rochester developer Mike Bylen, reportedly characterized the landscape as a perfect piece of unspoiled inland property.

Richards says Oakland County residents should also be excited about a 27-hole, Jim Dewling development in Oxford called Boulder Pointe.

"Boulder Pointe is being built

in a huge, old mining quarry, It'll be very rugged and dramat-ic, with unique and unforget-table quarry holes," Richards

Dewling, recently elected President of the PGA of America Michigan Section, is probably best known for his 27-hole Mystic Creek development in Mil-

Personally, Richard is aflame about the 2002 United States Amateur Championship and the 2003 Ryder Cup Matches, both of which will be held virtually in his back yard at Oakland Hills Country Club. Richards has

been known to throw popular evening soirces at his home during major events like the 1996 U.S. Open.

"My garage will become an art gallery of Northern Michigan photography and I will have catered events each night. The parties will entertain the national and international media, and we typically have golf course architects and U.S.G.A. officials among the guests."

Richard laughs when he recalls a surprise visit from PGA TOUR player Ken Green.

"Green started hitting chip shots around the front yard, and then he hit some full wedges right down the street through the neighborhood!" With new courses and big

the Oakland County golf party begin! Just be sure to check the menu with chef Dave Richards!

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But with their backs against the walls, Clarkston countered with Kaul's TD scamper, which set up Lund's and North's lastminute heroics.

"This is the most unbelievable game I've ever been involved with, neither team gave up," said Richardson. "We played our butts off and Dakota played their butts off. It's a shame someone had to lose. This was just an amazing game."

Clarkston was on the brink of elimination in regulation, trailing 28-14 with 11:04 left in the fourth quarter when the Cougars ended a 12-play, 79-yard drive that took over six minutes off the clock when Wojciechows ki scored on an 11-yard run.

But Clarkston, which trailed in only one other game in the second half all season, came storming back.

Senior Chris Mitchell (31 carries, 159 yards) scored on a 1-yard plunge with 7:39 to play, followed by Lund's PAT that closed the gap to 28-21. And then the Wolves put together a 14-play drive that ended with Kaul nailing North with a 4-yard TD pass with just 12 ticks left on the clock.

Following a time out by each team, and an illegal procedure call against Clarkston, Lund connected on the PAT in dramatic style to send the game into overtime.

"We knew all along that we were one of the best teams in the state," said North. "To win like this and go on into the Final 4 is a dream come true. I'm almost speechless right now. We went through so much to win this game.

Clarkston scored first with 10:14 left in the second quarter when Mitchell scored on a 36-yard run up the middle. But the Cougars came storming back with a 25-yard TD reception by Reling (seven catches, 76

Clarkston once again took the lead on a 25-yard scamper from Conley (10 carries, 66 yards) for a 14-7 halftime advantage.

But Dakota scored three straight TDs — a 1.yard plunge by Wojciechowski, who was an amazing 19 of 25 passing for 168 yards while rushing for 69 yards on 15 rushes, and a 29yard blaze from senior Adam Thompson just 1:07 part, and then again on Wojciechowski's 11-yard scamper — which put them up 28-

Dragons fall to Northern

BY MIKE SCOTT SPECIAL WRITER

Heading into districts, Lake Orion will want to forget this final week of the regular season.

For the second straight game, the Dragons were unable to get their offense on track, and were thumped by Pontiac Northern 62-35 Thursday night in Ponti-

The game was much more lopsided than when the teams met earlier in the season. The Huskies built a double-digit lead early in the second quarter, and controlled the rebounds on both ends of the court. Particularly dominating was Nicole Greer

who finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Lake Orion wanted to cut the lead in half in the third quarter, but instead the host Huskies picked up their defensive fullcourt pressure and extended their lead to 20 points before both teams emptied the benches in the final eight minutes. The game eerily mirrored Tuesday's home loss to Oak Park when the Dragons fell behind early because of a barrage of Cortne Ellis three-pointers.

Dawn Maynard led Lake Orion in scoring for the second straight game, pouring in 15 points and 12 rebounds.

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An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

MAYBURY HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at Maybury State Park on Sunday, Nov. 14. Participants are asked to meet at 1 p.m. at the park concession stand (at the Eight Mile Road entrance). Call Max Nemazi at (734) 421-4397 for more information.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information. JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

SHOOTING **SPORTS**

SPORTING CLAYS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information. FISHING BUDDIES

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The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd. Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor, Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

SIGHTING-IN DAYS

Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold its annual sighting-in days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Nov. 14. Range fee is \$6 for two guns and \$3 for each additional gun. Bore sighting services are available for a donation to WWCCA's junior program. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Twp. Call (734) 453-9843 or (734-455-5060 for more information.

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for

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10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more informa-

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NATIVE AMERICANS AND PIONEERS

Ages six through eight can explore the life of Native Americans and early settlers through crafts, games, a hike, stories, a snack and more during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Independence Oaks.

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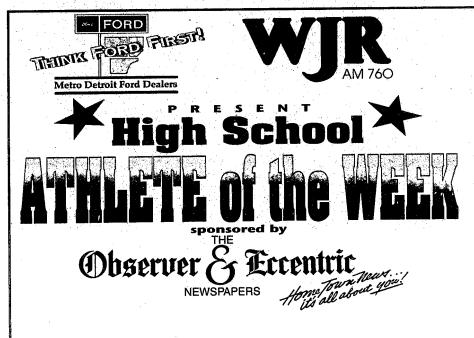


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San Francisco: There's no record of people making predictions about "the horse of the future", but it seems that automotive fortune-telling was born the day after the first primitive car rolled out of its inventor's

One of the earliest predictions comes from Thomas Edison, The year was 1895, when only 500 or so cars were registered in the

United States. But Edison confidently said, "it is only a question of a short time when the carriages and trucks in every large city will be run with

Of course, he was planning on those motors being electric. Scientific American was equally optimistic about the abilities of the automobile to benefit mankind, stating in 1899 that city streets of the near future would be rendered "...clean,

dust-free and odorless, with light rubber-tired vehicles moving swiftly and noiselessly over their smooth expanse..."

Henry Ford, never one to hesi-

tate in offering his opinion to the world, spoke to reporters in 1936 of future cars that would use "synthetic materials to replace heavy metal parts." While the 1953 Corvette was only the first of many automobiles to prove him right, Ford was less on target with his comswagen. He thought the car uncommonly small, extremely ugly and absolutely unsellable. It would be hard to beat Car

Life's 1954 prediction on the forthcoming atomic car: "Its length will run between 25 and 30 feet, and its weight will be at least ten tons. Its horsepower will be between 1.000 and 2.000. It will cruise at speeds of 150 miles per hour and capable of attaining 500 miles per hour."

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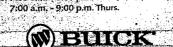
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sound financial decision for everyone.
"Auto industry people will tell you that, the people at the bank will tell you that, heck, eyen a new car sales-men might tell you that," said Bruce Belzewski, a senior researcher at the

University of Michigan. Belzewski, who works in the university's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation, points out that you don't have to be a researcher to know that new cars have risen in price over the past 10 to 15 years. That price increase is considerable, even when adjusted for inflation, he said.

"In the late eighties a former Chrysler executive explained to me that the most rational thing to do is buy a vehicle that's two to three years old, because of the instant depreciation that takes place when you drive a new

car off the lot. "That has held true, and perhaps even become more valid, because as the cost of new cars has risen, so has the manufacturing quality," Belzewski

The bottom line: Although most cars drop significantly in value over the first year or two on the road, they don't

decrease that much in reliability. That's a big plus for used car buyers

Another plus: because of improvements in the production process, cars rolling off the assembly line today stay on the road longer than ever — an average of

"Manufacturers have not only refined the production process, but they've great-

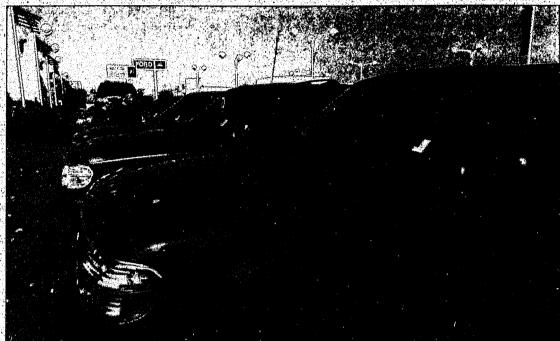
Manuacturers have not only remed the production process, but they we greatly improved their designs, making simplifications that mean there's less likelihood for screw ups, Belzewski explained.

Add to that increased availability, and it's easy to understand how used car sales account for a larger portion of the market than ever.

According to Scott Smith, manager of used car sales at Avis Ford, 29200 Telegraph, Southfield, the growing number of lease cars on the market has increased the availability and the control of the second of the secon the availability of used cars. However, the swelling supplies have not decreased price. Smith said.

That is probably because demand for new and used vehicles has been steadily increasing, Belzewski explained.

Nationally, used car sales can account for half of a dealer's business.



Alternatives: Used cars await buyers at Southfield's Avis Ford. Auto shoppers should weigh the benefits of buying used vehicles before breaking out their checkbooks.

"Our sales are about three to one in favor of new cars, but that's because we're in the middle of Ford 'A plan' country, that's not the norm. Around the U.S., that figure is closer to two to one or even one to one," said Steve Endman, general sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford, 37300 Michigan, Wayne.

Belzewski advises car shoppers to check with a company called Carfax before buying. It offers information on a car's history through its website at www.carfax.com

For \$14.95, a prospective buyer can order what carfax calls its "car history

You can find out how many times a car has been purchased, if it was bought on a lease program, if it has ever turned up on a lemon list," Belzewski said

In fact, the company offers to pay 10 percent of a vehicle's cost, up to \$1,000, if it fails to inform you about any of a list of past problems with a vehicle.

According to their website, Carfax will cough up the dough if the vehicle you buy turns out to have been "junked or salvaged; rebuilt or reconstructed; flood damaged; disclosed as damaged; bought back by its manufacturer; (listed with an odometer reading that) exceeds mechanical limits (or) was not actual mileage."

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he "welfare-to-work" Work First program developed by Gov. John Engler in 1994 "mandates these recipients to work." Together with the Family Independence Agency, the Michigan Department of Career Devel-opment seeks "self-sufficiency" for their recipients. The Southfield Career Center, as a provider for the Work First initiative, has assisted in placing 77 percent of their 3,000 referrals.

Welfare recipients enter a four-week program beginning with an orientation and selfassessment, then continu-ing with job search workshops and Job Club par-

ticipation. The Job Club meets regularly at the center, generally in the morn-ing, to share information and resources. Participants have access to a fax, computers, the Internet, copiers, and even telephones and postage -

provided free of charge. Some are eligible for additional support such as transportation or work clothing assistance. These resources, combined with professional staff counseling and assistance, are designed to enhance the client's employability.

A recent innovative program initiat ed by SCC works cooperatively with SMART shuttle sites, the Child Care Coordinating Counsel (4 C's) and the Career Development Division to address clients' needs for coordinating employment with proper day care and transportation.

Job training partnership

Southfield Career Center's programs targeting the economically disadvan-taged or dislocated worker are partially funded by the federal Job Training Partnership Act. Those eligible receive profiling, basic readjustment services, skills and classroom training, and often take part in work experience pro-

Basic skills training might include

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The SCC also offers eligible candidates computer training in Microsoft Word and Excel. Other services and referrals include funds for transportation or work clothing, enrichment classes, books and supplies, personal and financial counseling or mental health services, as well as participation in the Job Club.

Resource center

SCC's expansive Resource Center open to the general public — boasts bulletin boards teaming with job fairs, job hotlines, vocational biographies and personal job insights. There is access to company and employer research materials, college, vocational and trade school information, and current job openings in hard copy or on the computer.

Everything from university exams to personal growth resources and tax information is available. Audio and video tapes on interviewing, job skills, communication, negotiations, and conflict resolution are free resources to the public.

Qualified staff members offer workshops such as "Interview Tips and Techniques" and "Video-taping as a Tool for Interview Preparation" every Friday for anyone who wants to regis

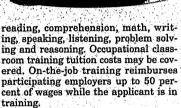
Assistance for employers

"We are always actively seeking employers to bring together screened candidates to fill employers' vacant positions," said Arthur Glinz, SCC job developen

The SCC is a vital resource for local employers, too. The staff seeks com-patibility by matching a client's personalized employment plan and screened referrals to employers' needs when filling openings. The center offers employers quality recruitment assistance, including their own "Career Days."

Training incentives, like the on-thejob training program, offer excellent benefits. Out placement services provide workshops on resumes, job search techniques and career counseling, as well as placement assistance for laidoff employees.

The Southfield Career Center offers companies an expanded pool of motivated applicants and prescreened potential employees, and can reduce Please see JOB, G2



time initiating rather than nurtur-ing. It's OK to drop this company a note or give the manager a call every three weeks or so. If something comes of it, great. But don't invest much more time or emotion. Never stop searching until you've actually started a new job. Remember the days when you

ness conditions change. A million

things can slow the process or make it fizzle altogether. Never count on

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At this point, shift your focus to

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Originated in 1969 as a Youth Employment Service, the Southfield Service Center has grown under the 29-year leadership of Kennedy to its present status as a full-service job search and placement agency for youths and adults.

"Our approach is based on the total person - a holistic method to career and employment that considers the entire person, their background, their family situation, their skills, and the areas for improvement," explained Kennedy.

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fast. She turned it down because "something seemed fishy." I might have accepted for the halibut.

Q. Why do interviewers always ask where I want to be in five years?

I have no idea! 🗛 This is the world's most popular interviewing question. Most managers either picked it out of a "how to interview" book or remember that they were asked this question once and it sounded intelligent.

Others want to gage how goal-directed you are. Presumably, a person needs to have a real achievement orientation to perform most jobs effectively. Even when there is zero possibility for advancement, a failure to suggest lofty objectives is proof positive that you're a slacker.

You don't want to be a slacker, do you? Of course not. So here's how you answer the question: "My strengths are in X, Y and Z. These are the things I'm Any vague or open-ended question can be used to your advantage by reinforcing the points you want the interviewer to remember.

good at doing and enjoy. In five years, I'd like to expand the scope of my responsibilities in those areas."

In other words, seize the opportunity to clarify and sell your primary skills. Any vague or open-ended question can be used to your advantage by reinforc-ing the points you want the interviewer to remember.

Q. How can I become a candidate for a managerial position when I've never actually supervised anyone?

A. When you don't have experience that is directly related to a particular task, emphasize the next best thing.

This is what I call the First Cousin

Approach.
What is similar to supervision? Have you ever been put in charge of a special project? An anecdote about coordinat ing the activities of others to accom- ... plish a specific task could help make your case. Have you ever trained a new employee? This usually involves giving instructions and offering suggestions -things that a supervisor would do. You were probably chosen as a trainer because of your interpersonal skills. Don't be shy. Say this to the interviewer. Any military or social service experience in which you functioned as the boss, even for a short time, can also be mentioned as evidence of leadership ability.

It usually takes less than you think to successfully address an interviewer's concern about a weak area, particularly if everything else is in place. Let's say that I am looking for a Shop Superintendent to manage my die making operation. You are a journeyman die

maker who has dealt with customers. purchased raw materials and devised new processes. No direct supervisory experience? Gee, too bad. Oh, you were a den mother? Good enough! Welcome aboard.

■ Sure fire interviewing tip:

Surgically remove the word "like" from your vocabulary to sound more credible and adult. For example, "I was like the only one doing that job" could be translated into "I was usually the only one doing that job." You can do it with discipline.

Now let's try "I was like, c'mon!" That translates into . . . Well, I'm like stumped.

Send questions or comments to George Hayes, Job Search, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48037 or e-mail jobsearch@emplexcorp.com. Mr. Hayes is president of Emplex, a recruiting and pre-employment testing firm, and a regular columnist.

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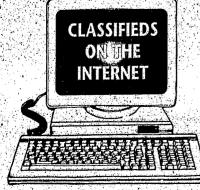
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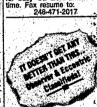
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When I bought my house, my home inspector found some building defects, which the seller grudgingly agreed to

When it rained, there was a lot of leaking at the sliding glass doors; the carpet was soaked. When I lifted the

carpet edges, the tack strips were rotten, indicating a history of leakage. The seller denied responsibility and blamed the home inspector for not finding the problem. He said the inspector should pay for the repairs. Do you agree?

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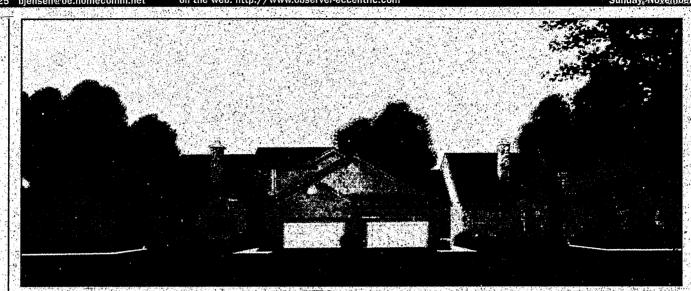
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The fact that the tack strips were rotten indicates the carpets must have been soaked repeatedly, something an owner could hardly have failed to notice. His paltry defense is to cry, "It was the inspector's fault!"

He is making two false assumptions: (1) that the purpose of a home inspection is to absolve sellers of their obligation to disclose; (2) that inspection firms are warranty companies for sellers, underwriting apparent efforts to conceal hidden defects.

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Barry Stone is a certified building inspector. E-mail your questions to barry@ housedetective. com



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Mix and match at Cherry Hill Pointe

Cherry Hill Pointe, attached condominiums in Canton, is all about

Buyers may select from among four lower-level layouts then add one of three upper-level plans – or none at all to stay with a ranch look - in the 66-unit community at the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Lotz.

"You can mix and match different floor plans," said Suzie Eisen, sales manager. "People really like it. They really get excited. They spend a lot of time picking the first floor, then the second floor.

'There's no off-the-rack plans in these," said Marc Rosenzweig, vice president with JAC Construction. That gives us a lot of flexibility when it comes to sales.'

There are other attractions to Cherry Hill Pointe.

"We have three ponds. We back up to protected woodlands, wetlands area," Eisen said. "You're not living on top of anyone."

"What's nice is we're not on top of the freeway but have great access to I-275," Rosenzweig said.

"It's three minutes. I do it every day." Eisen added. Most of the buyers so far have been

empty nesters. They're most impressed, I'd say, with the size of the kitchen, firstfloor laundry, all the closet space," Eisen said. "Then they can mix and match. You're getting a lot of home for the dollar."

"That's the beauty of condominium living - all outside maintenance is provided by the association," Rosenzweig said.

All the units include at base price air conditioning, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement with three daylight windows, hardwood floor in the foyer, carpeting throughout, range, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave and a pocket door separating the kitchen from main liv-

Skylights (\$850 apiece) and gas fireplace (\$3,700) are options.

Here's how the a la carte pricing

structure works. All four first-floor plans have 1,360 square feet. All have a two-bedroom or single-bedroom/ study option, living room and dining room. Three of the plans have two baths, the third a

Price for first-floor plans range from \$182,900-\$184,400.

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Or, no upper level need be added, leaving a ranch configuration.

Four models have been constructed showing various combinations. What can be a confusing situation clears up when you actually can see the options with floor plans and prices in

End units carry a premium ranging from \$4,500 to \$9,500, depending on location near the woods or nonds. Some middle units have a \$2,000 pre-

Brick, vinyl siding and stone are primary exterior materials.

Cherry Hill Pointe is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$31.92 per \$1,000 of taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$212,000 home would pay about \$3,400 the first year.

The monthly association fee, which includes water, is \$133.

Ed and Georgina Gillissie were

among the first to move in. The landscaping with the pond and everything caught our eye," Ed

The no-exterior-maintenance of condominium living was also a big draw, Ed added. "We want to do other things rather than cut grass.

It's going to be a nice community."

said. "It's within driving distance of

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Waterstone will offer a community wide recreational path, connecting each neighborhood and Waterstone's own village area. A new Meijer store is being built across M-24 for one-stop shopping. A majestic clubhouse is planned to beautiful facility for this semi-private club, which offers the benefits of club membership as well as astounding banquet facilities. Membership will include privileges at affiliate clubs within the area. The community will feature a beachfront promenade with swimming and play areas, and each individual neighborhood will have it's own private parks. Lakeridge will also feature a swimming area and an oversized park area for residents.

MJC-Ivanhoe-Huntley's new homes feature beautiful architectural styling, well suited to village living. Front porches are featured on every plan and low-maintenance brick and vinyl exteriors ensure a carefree lifestyle in this wonderful community. Newly designed homes for the next millenium range from 1800 sq.ft. to 2600 sq.ft. of living space and plans include 5 2-story colonials, 2 firstfloor master plans and 1 ranch plan. Custom features are included in these new designs, such as a romantic step-up master suite and glamour bath. Lakefront, walkout and cul-de-sac home sites are just a few of the many other features you can choose in this phase.

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Buyers, sellers find low radon an asset

(NUI) – Are you buying your next home or selling your current home? The decision do a radon test is just as important as setting the selling price or deciding whether to get a home inspection, according to Phil Jalbert with the U.S. EPA's

Real Estate Team. Most Americans acknowledge having heard about radon, Jalbert said. However, many people don't know that radon is a naturally occurring, odorless and colorless radioactive gas that comes from the decay of uranium, which is found in soil and

Two scientific reports in 1998 confirmed that radon related lung cancer remains a serious public health problem. According to report author John Doull of the Nation-al Research Council, "Radon in (drinking) water does increase people's overall exposure ... but radon in indoor air is the biggest public health threat," Most of the risk is due to the transfer of the water borne radon into the indoor air and exposure through inhalation.

In addition, the National Academy of Sciences estimated 12 percent of lung cancer deaths are caused by radon each year. The academy said that radon continues as the second-leading cause of lung cancer death after smoking, and that very small exposures can result in lung cancer.

EPA recommends that people fix their homes when radon levels reach 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or more - a level 10 times higher than the average outdoor level, or 0.4 pCi/L. It typically costs between \$500 and \$1,800 to fix the

average home, with levels reduced to 2 pCi/L or less

Everything you need to know about radon can be found in EPA's Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon. You can also call your local health department for help. If you need a radon test kit, call 1-800-SOS-RADON, or check the phone book for local radon service providers.

Got a question about how to fix the radon in your home? Take a look at EPA's Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction, and call the Consumer Research Council's radon fix-it hot line at (800) 644-6999.

You can also visit www. epa. gov/ iaq or www. epa. gov/ iaq/ radon/ pubs. html for online radon information. The Web site also lists state radon officers and their toll-free numbers for in-state callers.

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A vaulted great room dominates the main floor of the Birmingham, an approximately 1,800-squarefoot country-style home with a small second story. This plan could serve as a starter or retirement home, with the two bedrooms upstairs kept ready for grandchildren or other guests.

The first impression is one of openness. In the entry hall, the ceiling is two stories high with light spilling in through two windows overhead.

Take a few steps to the left, and you'll find yourself in a vaulted great room with a fireplace. This room spans the home, front to back. A wide bay window faces the street, and French doors at the back open onto a small deck.

A laundry room and a small powder room are close to everything, including the garage. Pull-down steps in the garage provide access to storage space overhead, and there's also a small storage area on the ground level.

In the Birmingham's master

master suite, French doors open onto a private deck. Amenities here include a walk-in closet and a dual vanity.

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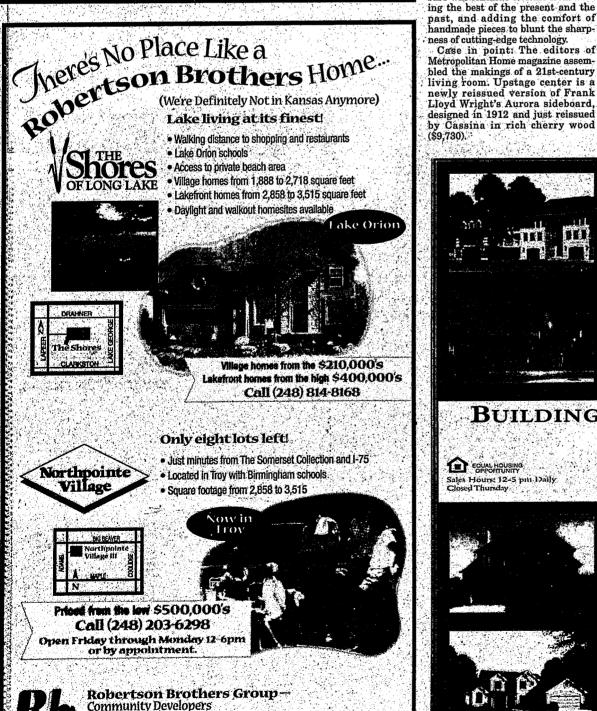
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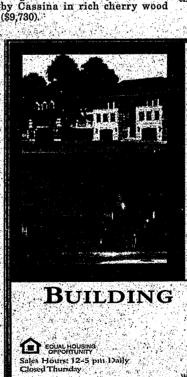
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Managing professionals: Does it pay to save?

BY DANNY LIPFORD TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

(AP) - Remodeling is expensive. I can often help my clients manage costs, but not always in the ways they expect.

Most of my clients have been told they can save money on a project by doing part of the work themselves or by cutting corners on materials. Usually, these schemes end up costing more in the long run or throwing off the schedule irretriev-

If you're planning a major project, here are some pitfalls to avoid.

Reusing things

Some homeowners insist on reusing a tub, sink, countertop or range to save, say, \$300 to \$400. The old stuff may not look bad in its old setting. But once you buff up the nearby areas with new walls and fixtures, an old refrigerator or range will look especially drab by compari-

In the vast majority of cases, people who reuse a tub or range, for example, end up regretting it. Plus, older fixtures are apt to fail sooner than their new counterparts, and replacing them often requires tearing out new

Although the carpeting in the

might only be a few years old, it doesn't pay to tear it up and reinstall it. All the costs of reusing it could go a long way toward buying new carpeting, Plus, like reused fixtures, slightly used carpeting installed in a new addition looks especially

The same holds true for used materials.

When you look in a construction site Dumpster, it might seem like lots of perfectly good stuff is being thrown away. But when you calculate the cost of recovering those materials, you end up paying more to reuse

Undertaking demolition

Understandably, the thinking here is, how difficult can it be to use a sledgehammer? Actually, demolition work doesn't save much because it doesn't cost much. That's because demolition is not a skill-intensive part of the job, so the contractor puts his lowest-paid employees on it. If you do the demo work, you're replacing guys making \$8 per

The real savings are to be had replacing, higher-paid pros, like finish carpenters earning \$25 per hour.

Also, when the contractor does the demo, he's responsible for

containing the dust and getting rid of debris. Once you take on this task, these are your problems, and they may involve buying a dust-containment system and renting a truck.

And finally, demo is the most injury-prone part of the job. Frankly, it doesn't make sense to risk injury for such marginal savings.

Splurging on one item

When choosing kitchen appliances, avoid picking one highend product and then choosing mid- or bottom-tier items to keep your budget intact. This approach gives an imbalanced look to the room and may cost

Here's why. If you choose a premium \$4,000 range, it just doesn't look right with a run-ofthe-mill refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave. But rather than downgrade the range, peo-ple tend to upgrade the other

A better solution is to start with more affordable products across the board.

Doing the painting

When an estimate comes in a little higher than you expected, or you want upgrades that put ou over budget, you might decide to handle the painting

This is a good decision for small projects, such as a single room. But for multiroom additions, exteriors, rooms that require a lot of prep work, stairs and kitchen cabinets, it makes sense to pay for a professional painter if your budget allows.

The new work you find in major remodeling involves timeconsuming preparation, sealing and priming that, if not done correctly, will make a great remodel look bad. And this is to say nothing of how much time it will take from your weekends and evenings to get the job

Buying cheap paint

If you are going to do your own painting, don't make it worse by buying cheap paint. I can't tell you how many times I've seen people who have spent thousands of dollars on a bathroom or kitchen addition try to save by using cheap paint.

Cheap paint is a twofold mis-take: First, it fades and fails quickly, making the room look drab. Second, you'll have to buy more paint to repaint sooner, practically doubling your material costs and the amount you

Look for paint from quality manufacturers such as Pratt &

Lambert or Benjamin Moore, for which you can expect to pay at least \$20 per gallon.

How to really save

You might believe that a high price tag guarantees the best products, but that's not always

For example, you don't have to use marble in the foyer. Tile that closely simulates marble is a quarter the price and far more durable.

The same is true for some trim boards. You might ask for poplar or high-grade pine, but composite lumber, which is competitively priced, remarkably consistent, free of knots and preprimed, will do just as well

The situation is similar for brand-name items. For instance, you can almost always replace fancy brand-name plumbing fixtures with economical substitutes that perform as well for much less

For building products that are, essentially commodities, like insulation and framing lumber it always pays to shop around for the best price.

I'd be rich if I had a nickel for every time I've heard, "I wish I'had extra wiring and plumbing put in when we had the walls opened up."

The cost of running water in supply lines, waste pipes and wiring for telecommunications (phone, fax, computer) and television (cable, satellite) is pen's with opening walls and doing the work later.

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Although a design professional might have a certain look in mind, it's the contractor who sees the performance of these materials in the field year after

He or she can be a great practical resource for spotting areas

where you're paying for an expensive product when a cheaper one will perform just as well.

It's also an opportunity to identify specifications that are really false economy, like cheap locksets or low-grade siding. Sure, the upfront costs are low, but you don't want to pay the replacement bill.

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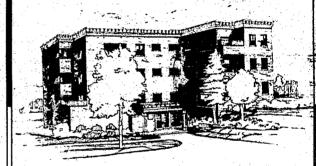
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Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddishbrown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walk-ing, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a fam-ily-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8317

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Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#.1103

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SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

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Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#. 1956

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Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compas-sionate SWM, 54-62. Ad#.7141

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HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62.

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Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

JUST ONE CALL

Picnic with this educated, churchgoing SBF, 35, who enjoys walks in the park, movies, and spending time with her son. If you're a sociable, humorous SBM, pack your bas-ket and give her a call. Ad#.1234

HEAVEN SENT

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END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a com-municative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

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CONTACT ME

This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11". who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

CALL ME SOON

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Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, onjoys out-doors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage.

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DWF, 40+, 577, HW proportion-ate, tactile redinead, seeks a tail, sensitive SW, 6+, for LTR. I believe you're out there. TS569
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Spiritual, not religious, degreed, thin, energetic SWJF, 40-tsh, child-like delight, seeks similar SWM to share pleasures of Joy, hiding, meditation, yoga, ille force food, open, honest communication, mutual trust. TJ5504
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Cute, full-figured DWF, 41, seeks
W/BM who is Interested in beachos, Vegas, travel. Serious replies
only. 75931
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DWF, 61, 55°, 155bs, onjoys
movies, dining out, parties, and
much more. Socking out, parties, and
40,455, for friendship, companionship, and fun times. 375889

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SINCERE MALE
SBM, 35, D/D-froe, likes dining
in/out, cats, biking, music, companionship. Seeking sincere,
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FUN-LOVING FATHER
SM, 47, 6°, 200bs, teacher, ludtime father of a wonderful 10
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Handsome SBM, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, music, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. TS6029

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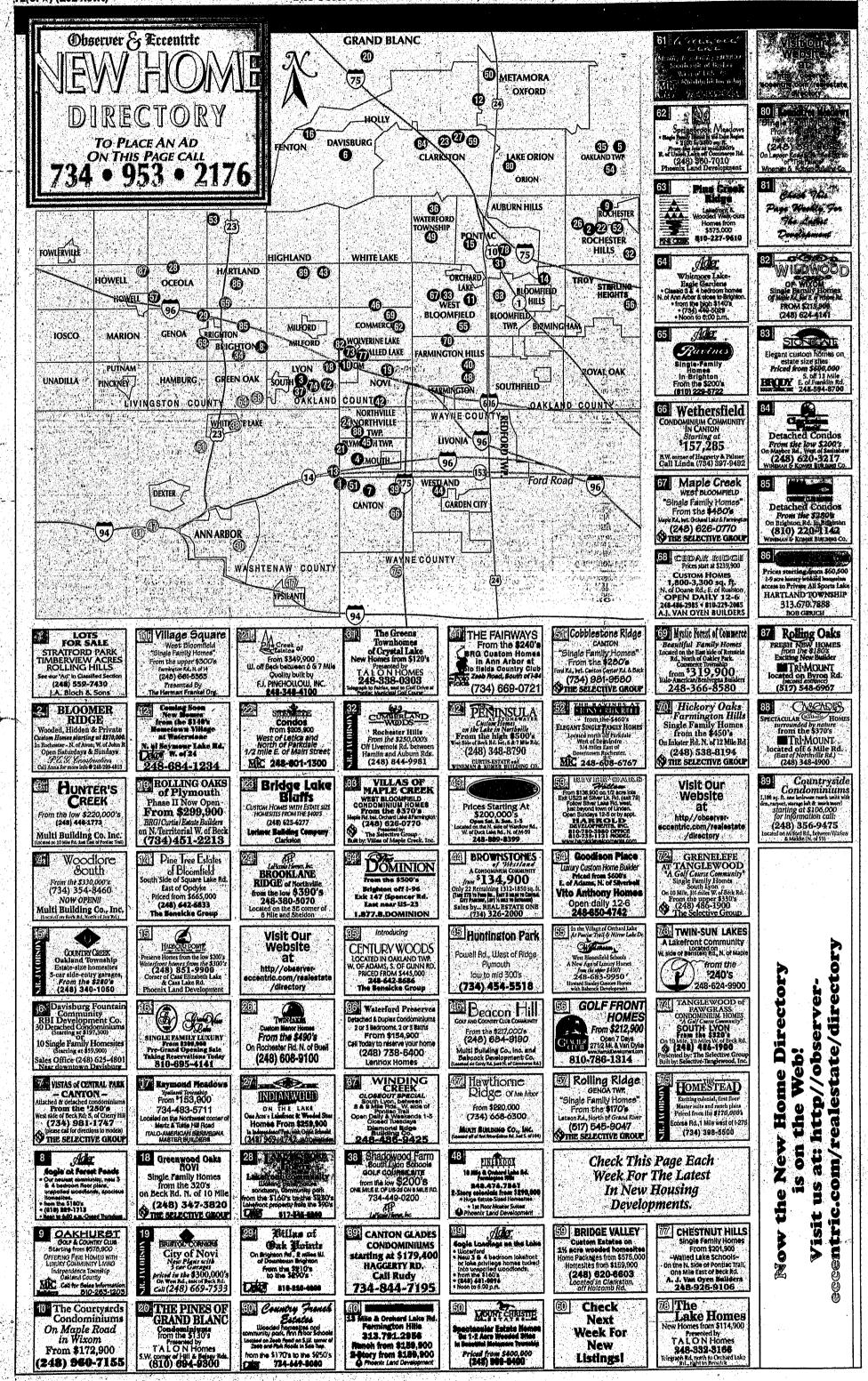
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