

table talk

Mother's Day

The scenic atrium at Jacques restaurant in Bingham Farms will be ready for Mother's Day, providing diners with a beautiful vista while they celebrate. A menu for children, as well as adults, will be offered Sunday, May 8. Entrees range \$11.95-\$29.95 on the adult menu, \$8.95-\$10.95 on the children's menu. For reservations, call 642-3131.

At Medallion

An "Around the World" buffet will be presented for Mother's Day at the Medallion in the Crosswinds Mall in West Bloomfield. Items will include everything from Irish stew to Szechuan beef, as well as favorite American dishes. There will be three seatings, at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 4 p.m. Cost is \$14.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children (12 and under); children 5 and under eat free. For reservations, call 851-5540.

Mothers honored

Fresh flowers will be presented to women visiting the Kingsley Inn dining room in Bloomfield Hills on Mother's Day. Sunday dinners start at \$10.95 and range from seafood to poultry and beef dishes. Sunday

brunch is being served from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Cost is \$14.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children 7 and under. For reservations, call 642-0100.

Family style

Dinner will be served family style 2-7 p.m. Mother's Day at Brasserie Duglass in Southfield. Dinner will include prime rib of beef, lamb shanks, broiled whitefish and barbecued turkey, plus accompaniments. Also included is a "cher mere cocktail" (a darling mother's cocktail), consisting of champagne and melon. A glass of sparkling cider with melon will be offered to young people. Dessert will be Duglass' Mama Mia Strawberry Tortie. Each mother also will receive a surprise gift from Duglass. Dinner is \$25 per person, plus tax and gratuity; children under three feet tall are half-price. For reservations, call 424-9244.

Chocolate tower

Pearl Thoun, manager of the Macbus Pastry Shops, spend 55 hours making a 45-inch-tall replica of the Cranbrook Tower, as well as the fountain in the Cranbrook Quadrangle, all in chocolate, for last Sunday's Le Gala de Cuisine at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloom-

field Hills. Thoun's chocolate creations were on display at the dessert table, along with Macbus pastries.

For students

Applications are being taken from students in the culinary arts who need scholarship money. The Lark in West Bloomfield awards scholarships using money from the proceeds of its annual Chili Cookoff. Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. To date, the Lark has awarded \$37,000 to culinary arts students. This is more scholarship money than anyone in the state is given to culinary arts, said Patricia Wilhite, who coordinates the cookoff. For more information, call the Lark at 661-4466.

Another Olga's

Olga's Kitchen has opened a 3,200-square-foot, full-service restaurant at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. The restaurant has a 104-person eating capacity and carry-out service. The restaurant is the second of nine company-owned restaurants under development in Michigan.

Wins medals

Mark Kuzma, executive chef at Troy's Somerset Inn, won two gold medal Olympic awards for his food display work at the recent International Culinary Salon in Singapore. Chefs from all over the world displayed culinary creations there. Kuzma's medals are on display at Somerset Inn's West End and Campuses restaurants. The Michigan Culinary Team, of which Kuzma is a member, brought home a total of 14

gold medal and three silver medal Olympic awards.

Soup-Off's best

Lynne Loren of Troy was awarded a trip for two to Chicago for her winning recipe for Cuckoo Chicken Fennel in the "Great Detroit Area Soup-Off" sponsored by Wellington's restaurant at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Detroit/Southfield. Second place went to Marie Caruso of Livonia for Marie's Classic French Onion Soup and third place to Mary Coffman of Redford Township for Sausage and Bean Soup. The third-place winning soup was featured on the menu last week, the second-place soup is at Wellington's through Friday, May 6. The first-prize winner's recipe will be served Monday-Friday, May 9-13.

Oliver's pizza

Area guests and suiteholders at the Palace of Auburn Hills will be able to order pizza, delivered directly to their seats. The new facility opening in August will offer express pizza delivery by Farmington Hills-based Oliver's Pizza. Orders and deliveries will be made by runners equipped with headpiece sets. The pizza franchise was founded by Dominick Oliver in 1980. A 14-year veteran of the pizza franchising industry, he began his own business with Oliver's, a 130-seat restaurant on Detroit's east side. The 21,000-seat Palace of Auburn Hills is the future home of the Detroit Pistons basketball team. The facility expects to host more than 150 events annually including major concerts, family show spectaculars such as circuses and ice shows, and collegiate and professional sporting events.

'Moontrap' writer's first motion picture

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actors," says Ragsdale of the cast. Bruce Campbell, who co-stars in the film, also has a dedicated following from his horror films.

Ragsdale has written about a dozen screenplays, in his estimate. He doesn't stick to any one genre. Some police stories, some romantic comedies, adventures and a couple of others are science-fiction. Two are under consideration in Hollywood.

"MOONTRAP" HAS opened a lot of doors," he said. "We (Dyke and

Ragsdale) are talking with the studio about a sequel and are working on another script."

Ragsdale stresses the boost this has been to his career and the great satisfaction it has brought him. "The satisfaction is having a completed film," he said. "There are a lot of people trying to write movie scripts. I'm one of the few that has already seen their words up on the screen."

"This is the door-opener for other projects and something I'd like to make a career out of."

Detroit-area talents work on sci-fi movie

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HIS MOVIE CREDITS include "Evil Dead" and "Evil Dead II," "Crimewave," "Thou Shalt Not Kill . . . Except" and "The Carrier." Loduca also writes music for television and plays in a jazz band.

"This month, I'll win my fourth Emmy for TV," said Loduca, who is nominated for three entries in the original score category. Loduca said "Moontrap" is an exciting project for him. "It's fun. It's hard work. It's nutty. I just love seeing my music go to pictures."

Acme Special Effects of Mount Clemens moved its office to Troy for the filming of "Moontrap." The company also is a veteran of the "Evil Dead" films, "Thou Shalt Not Kill" and "The Carrier."

Gary Jones, president of Acme, thinks the "Moontrap" alien creatures are like no other space-movie creatures.

"What we tried to do was to make them not look like something we had already seen," he said.

"In 'Moontrap,' we did the eight- to 12-foot-tall mechanical alien robots. We also did the pyrotechnics. We're excited about the movie. We've got a good look on these robots."

"Moontrap" is coming to Detroit-area theaters in late summer.

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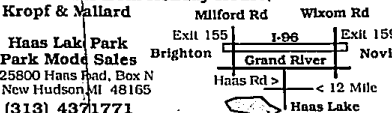
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