

SCREEN SCENE

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"Mr. Robinson Crusoe" (USA — 1992), 7 p.m. Nov. 23. In this last silent film made by the swashbuckling Douglas Fairbanks, a man bets he can live on a deserted island for a year.

MAPLE THEATRE

4135 Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 855-9090 for show times. (\$5.75 evenings; \$2.95 twilight)

"Flirting" (Australia — 1991). A coming-of-age film in which an outsider at a boarding school in the '60s falls for a fellow outcast at a nearby girls school. An award-winning Australian film from the makers of "The Year My Voice Broke."

MICHIGAN THEATRE

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"In a Year of Thirteen Moons" (Germany — 1978), 7 p.m. Nov. 23 and 9:30 p.m. Nov. 24. A transsexual impulsively undergoes a sex-change operation to please his eccentric millionaire lover. Late director Rainer Werner Fassbinder shows us the last days of this doomed life as the millionaire reveals he is no longer in love.

"Victor/Victoria" (USA — 1982), 9:30 p.m. Nov. 23 and 7 p.m. Nov. 24. Another gender bender, this time a comedy by

Blake Edwards about a down-and-out singer (Julie Andrews) who masquerades as a man and becomes the toast of Paris in the 1930s.

"Enchanted April" (Britain — 1992), through Nov. 29 (call for show times). Indeed enchanting, though sometimes overly schmaltzy, story of four very different women who share a magical Italian villa for a holiday.

"The Professional" (Japan — 1992), Nov. 25-29 (call for show times). Based on a popular graphic novel series called "Golgo 13," about an international killer for hire who boasts that no target has ever escaped his sights. This violent brand of animation, dubbed "splatter-toons" by fans and critics, is definitely not for kids.

"The Wizard of Oz" (USA — 1939), 3 and 5 p.m. Nov. 28 and 4 p.m. Nov. 29. Everyone's favorite fantasy, with Judy Garland still battling the wicked witch and flying monkeys as the homesick Dorothy.

STATE THEATRE

2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1.89)

"Caddyshack" (USA — 1980), 9 p.m. Nov. 23. If you haven't seen it a million times already, find out why sports figures consider this the greatest movie ever made. Bill Murray's relentless pursuit of a dancing gopher is still the best thing about this cult comedy set in a posh country club.

— John Monaghan

Thanks, readers, for communicating



BARBARA SCHIFF

Dear Readers, In our electronic communication systems and jet travel make it nearly impossible to hang onto fixed opinions. Daily, we are bombarded by diverse and often contradictory

views on every subject.

In the past, we could, and usually did, choose to associate with others with similar opinions most like ourselves. In the present, we would need to be nearly blind and deaf to escape knowledge of even the most hostile beliefs and judgments.

Each day, on TV, in newspapers and in magazines, there are the words of such opposites as evangelists and atheists, Arabs and Israelis, homosexuals and

homophobes, pro-lifers and pro-choicers, liberals and conservatives, abusers and the abused. The list is long.

Even if we try to block out that with which we don't agree by turning the channel or the page, another point of view is just waiting to enlighten us. The effect of this can be paradoxical in that our awareness of others can make us feel closer despite our differences.

Today's column is a thank you to all of you readers and writers who have added uniquely to our cultural diversity with your questions, comments, criticisms and compliments.

When we look back at the topics addressed in this column last year, we find explorations into the understanding of homosexuality, spousal abuse, wild teenaged daughters, depression, family relationships, masturbation, dis-

crimination against males, discrimination against females and too many others to list.

You brought these topics to the attention of others. You argued when you didn't agree. You gave support when you did and thus increased our relatedness, through communication, in our own small community.

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day 1992. We celebrate this ritual together and by doing so communicate silently. As we communicate, whether silently or with words, we increase our chances for understanding and thus for love and peace.

Barbara

Dear Barbara:

I am writing with regard to your Sept. 21 column, entitled "Change Yourself — Not Your Nother." I have never read your column before but this title really caught my eye. I am 29 years old.

I was impressed not only with your response to her letter, but more so by your added perceptions of dealing with the reality of what lies ahead of her. I am divorced now. I could have used this article before I got married.

M.L.

P.S. How old are you?

Dear M.L.

Thanks for your informative response. I am old enough to know better than to tell you my age.

Barbara

If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. You can also leave a message by calling 953-2047, mailbox 1877, on a touch-tone phone.

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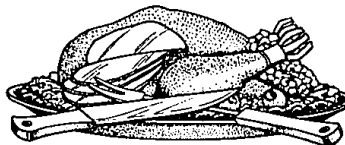


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