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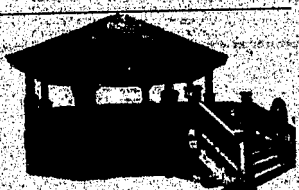
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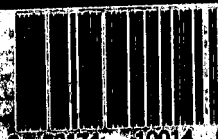
CLARKSTON

This week we will focus on Clare Booth Luce, a name many of us have probably heard, but perhaps we can't remember what she did. Luce was primarily known as a socialite, playwright and congresswoman (1942-1946). She was the wife of magazine publisher Henry R. Luce of Time-Life fortune. But few know about her wartime journalism.

During World War II, Luce covered a wide range of locations and battlefields, enduring the same hardships and dangers encountered by even the most seasoned war correspondent. She experienced bombing raids in Europe and the Far East and even faced house arrest in Trinidad by British Customs when a draft of an article for Life magazine about poor military preparedness in Libya proved too accurate for Allied comfort. Luce's observations led longtime friend Winston Churchill to rethink and change his Middle Eastern policy.

Luce also wrote a book on the war in 1940 before America became involved. It is called "Europe in the Spring." She wanted to convince Americans that the policy of the time, isolationism, was not the right way to go. She wrote a moving account of her time in Europe, which she called "a world where men have decided to die together because they are unable to find a way to live together."

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



Bulldog salute: Trevor Johns, 11, gives teacher Sherril Bailey the Bailey Lake School Bulldog salute as he says goodbye for the day.

Rx for recovery

Pupils help teacher to heal

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

She says her fourth- and fifth-grade students at Bailey Lake Elementary take care of her now.

They're the ones who sharpen her pencils, tie her shoe laces, hold down her papers when she's writing and file her class work.

For her part, Clarkston educator Sherril Bailey says she just continues to do what she believes she has always done best — teach.

And life goes on.

But as any kid who's ever been recognized for perfect attendance already knows, sometimes in school and in life, the most divine act a human being can perform is just to show up and be counted upon. Through the downpour. Through the mud. Through the disappointments. Through the inconvenience. Through the tedium. Through the aches and pains.

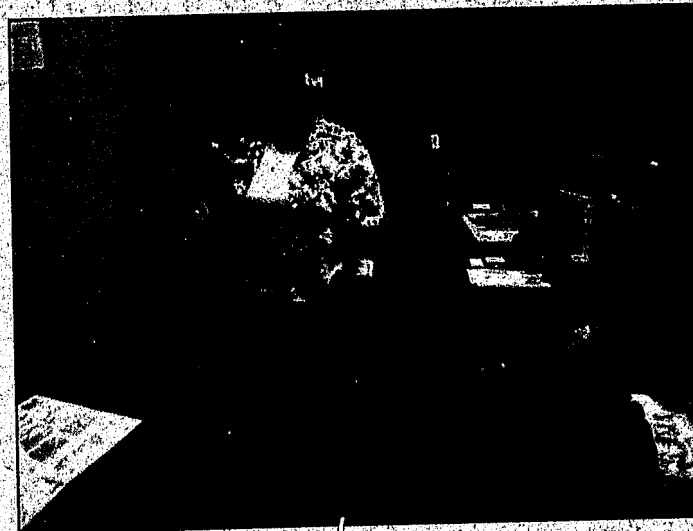
And that's why 48-year-old Bailey — partially paralyzed from a stroke she suffered 16 months ago — and the people who have supported her through it, are more than their everyday titles suggest. They're heroes.

In a recent interview with Bailey, the single teacher recalled the day she collapsed and the person who discovered her.

"I had the stroke on Nov. 12, 1996,

and actually, (Bailey Lake principal) Chris Turner entered into this whole picture right from the start," Bailey said. "I didn't come to school that morning and he knew that wasn't like me — I hadn't called in sick and I hadn't called in to say I was running late. So he called my house."

Please see **MISS BAILEY, A4**



Best therapy: Sherril Bailey, who suffered a stroke in 1996, finds that being back in the classroom is the best Rx.

Teen hopes fish dish reels in scholarship



Cook-off: Jeremy Houston's sole recipe may win him a \$20,000 scholarship.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

He's cookin' — but he's not smokin'.

And maybe that's one of the reasons Jeremy Houston, a third-year culinary arts student at the Oakland Technical Center — Northwest Campus, will compete as one of 10 finalists in the Johnson & Wales University National Recipe Contest this weekend in Providence, R.I.

Jeremy, a 17-year-old Clarkston High School senior and an Independence Township resident, said in a recent interview that he earned the distinction by concocting an original "heart-smart" sole recipe that was chosen from more than 450 entries nationwide. He'll have to prepare that seafood formula in front of a panel of culinary judges during his Rhode Island visit.

If Jeremy's creation rises above the competition, he'll win a \$20,000 scholarship to Johnson & Wales University — one of the country's top culinary arts colleges.

'My grandmother always gave me leftover biscuit dough to play with ... I guess my interest in cooking just grew from there.'

Jeremy Houston
Award-winning teen chef

Please see **CHEF, A4**

Senior housing raises height concerns

Some Independence Township officials fear a proposed senior housing ordinance may lead to tall buildings and urbanization of the Clarkston area.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Everyone agrees Independence Township needs senior housing, but some trustees expressed dismay Tuesday at a proposed senior housing ordinance that would allow buildings higher than the township's two-story residential limit.

"Somebody says three floors isn't a big deal. Then somebody says four is only one floor different from three," said Township Trustee Neil Wallace, who broached the concern during the board's first reading of the ordinance.

Although the ordinance was tabled by the board and will likely go through many drafts, the current version raised larger issues about community development because it would permit three-story construction under certain conditions.

The township prohibits residential construction over two stories. While the height allowance is intended to protect natural landscape features, according to Township Planner Richard Carlisle, it would also save developers

Please see **SENIOR HOUSING, A4**

Wrestlers bring home state titles

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite the fact neither A.J. Grant nor Pat DeGain had been to a state wrestling final before, Saturday's Division I championship matches had an air of familiarity for both of them.

Both DeGain, a sophomore, and Grant, the unbeaten senior, reached the title matches of their respective weight classes, and both had familiar opponents. Neither let it stop them, and the result was a pair of state championships for Clarkston.

A third Clarkston wrestler, junior Ryan L'Amoreaux, won three of four Saturday matches and finished fifth. It was his first state medal. He qualified a year ago but did not place.

Grant, who finished the season 50-0, stopped Romeo's Jim Borowski 8-1 to claim the 112-pound title. It was Grant's second straight 50-win season, and avenged his 1997 tournament performance, when he lost his only match in the state semifinals.

DeGain, meanwhile, was making his first appearance at the state meet. He reached the final against Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams, and pounded him 13-1 to claim the 189-pound championship. It was the fifth time this season the two have met, and DeGain has won all five matches with varying degrees of ease.

Just because the two were familiar with their opponents didn't necessarily translate into easy wins, though.

Please see **WRESTLERS, A4**

Homeowners may be assessed for neglected sidewalks

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Springfield and Independence townships might want to beware of any repairs or debris on sidewalks that align their homes for run across their yards.

Officials in the two communities are getting ready to enact ordinances that could result in special assessments against residents for the costs of neglected repairs — just to be on the safe side.

They come in response to a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling that says townships can be held liable in lawsuits if pedestrians are injured in falls on unmaintained sidewalks.

The arguments by various townships that they shouldn't be liable for sidewalks they don't own fell on deaf judicial ears, said Springfield attorney Greg Need and Independence attorney Gerald Fisher, in references to the supreme court decision last week.

"Is there any logic for townships being liable over something they have no jurisdiction over?" asked Springfield Supervisor Collin Walls, who seemed to be expressing the views of the majority at a meeting March 12.

"It came as a bit of a surprise," responded Need. The court decision dealt

only with sidewalks that fall in the county right-of-way but it left government officials wondering how that could impact other types of paths.

"It's mostly a preventative kind of thing," said Need about the proposed ordinances on Friday.

During their meeting, Springfield trustees sent Need back to the drawing board to broaden and fine-tune the language of the ordinance he has drafted to include safety paths and other types of paths in the township.

"If we're going to enact an ordinance to help us, we might as well do it in one clean sweep," said Trustee Elaine Field-Smith.

In Independence, Fisher has finished a proposed ordinance that he has been redoing since February, and which the board expects to formally consider soon. If approved, it will give the township authority to determine whether special assessment districts can be assessed against neighborhood residents for the maintenance of sidewalks adjoining their subdivisions, Fisher said.

Paths in the township safety path system are a different matter, he added. Special assessment districts would not be needed to care for them because they are maintained by the township.

Bridge Lake Road paving slated to begin

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Paving of a one-mile section of Bridge Lake Road, between Davisburg and Rattalee Lake roads, is expected to begin in about a month.

At their meeting March 12, Springfield Township trustees voted unanimously to award a bid to Ace Asphalt and Paving Company of Flint. Ace Asphalt submitted the lowest of three bids at \$577,978.

On Wednesday night, during a telephone interview, Supervisor Collin Walls said a special assessment district established to pay for the paving will be in effect for 10 years. He said he hopes to see the paving completed about three to four months after it begins. The special assessment district is to include homes in the subdivisions of Stonegate Estates, Townsend Estates, Waumegah Lake Estates and property owners on

the extension of Waumegah Lake Road.

People with property facing Rattalee Lake Road for one-quarter mile in each direction of the intersection at Bridge Lake Road will also be included in the district, as will households on Bridge Lake Road from approximately Rattalee Lake Road to the entrance to Autumn Shores subdivision.

Each household that is assessed — Walls said he could not estimate how many that would be — can expect to pay around \$2,900 over the 10-year period of the special assessment district — or about \$290 per year, he said.

The developer of Autumn Shores will pay for the 1,400-foot portion of Bridge Lake Road that extends from his subdivision entrance to Davisburg Road, Walls said. Households in Autumn Shores will not be special assessed because the devel-

Asphalt overlays on Dixie Highway from Davisburg Road to north of Grange Hall Road in Springfield Township; and on Clintonville Road from Maybee Road to Waldon Road in Independence Township are also planned for 1998.

oper has agreed to cover the costs.

"We passed a resolution which gave us the right to sell bonds," Walls added, noting that the township may either sell bonds or borrow money from township funds to pay Ace Asphalt up front. Neither option has been adopted but which ever is chosen, the money will be repaid with the special assessment

funds. The Road Commission for Oakland County is providing inspections, staking and construction engineering costs, Walls said, noting that the township will also contribute \$100,000 from the general fund toward the project.

In a separate matter concerning road paving in Springfield and Independence Township, the Road Commission for Oakland County is expecting to grade portions of Andersonville Road in Springfield and White Lake townships.

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The road commission projects are part of several county-wide summer efforts.

Library's web site to reflect town's flavor

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

An ordinary, yet informative, community web site just wouldn't do.

Not in Clarkston, it wouldn't. So librarians at Independence Township Library decided to find a way to capture the community's hometown style on a computer screen.

"The result — a web site that includes historical information, homepages for local organizations and newspaper articles dating to the 1920s.

"We wanted to take the site

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Mollie Lynch

Independence Township
Library Director

beyond a directory listing of information," said Independence Township Library Director Mollie Lynch. "We want to give the site the feel of the community."

Although the web site is a work in progress that is far from complete, an introductory homepage, local government facts and samples of items to be included on the site in the future will be accessible to computer users this month.

Library staffers have been working on the web site since 1995 when they applied for grant funds to finance the Internet community data base.

Since then, the library has received over \$80,000 — \$49,000 of it this year — in federal grants for the project. Volunteers and library staff have also been compiling information for the data base for several years.

The library also plans to purchase and install three computers outside the library, including

one in the Independence Township Senior Citizen Center, where residents can explore the web site.

"It takes more time and effort," Lynch said of the decision to give the web site a personable feeling. "But I think it will be worth it. ... I think we will be unique, a model for other communities."

Unlike some community web sites, the library site will make substantial use of color, graphics, photos and text, rather than relying heavily on directories and lists.

The hope is that individuals who are seeking information about the community will be able to rapidly access a substantial amount without having to call up numerous screen pictures.

The site will be divided into four sections — government, community, history and news — and will be located within a larger library web site at <http://metronet.lib.mi.us>.

The community section will house a series of homepages for local organizations and a mini-yellow pages for area businesses.

By design, each homepage will seek to convey the essence of the organization it features, and will include the group's logo, mission statement, goals and a sample newsletter, in addition to membership information and other basic facts.

"We want people who log on to

get a real feel for that organization," Lynch said.

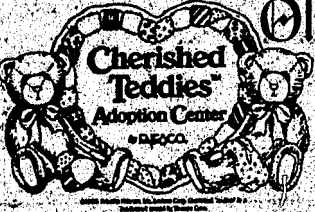
While the site will certainly be extremely useful to new residents seeking to learn more about the community, students who are researching local history will also find the site helpful, Lynch said.

And because the community is so rich in history, veteran residents are sure to find at least a few tidbits of interesting information on the site, she said. The government section, for example, will allow residents to track the activities of local government boards and review meeting minutes.

Most importantly, residents and other computer users will be able to access the information 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of their homes, she said.

"We, as librarians, have always wanted this information to be easier to get," Lynch said. "And, today, often people are so busy and can't get to the library. This just makes it all the more easy."

Independence Township Library needs volunteers to work on the community web site project. The staff is also seeking local newspaper articles from the Depression era. If you can help, please call (248) 625-2212.



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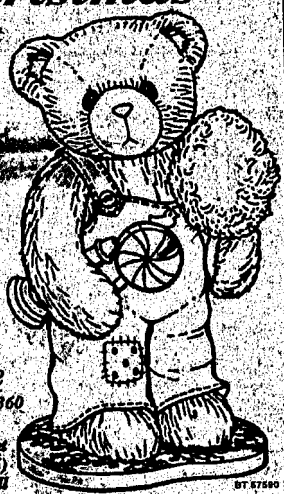
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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP DUMP SUPERFUND SITE
Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is proposing to amend the 1990 Record of Decision (ROD) for addressing contaminated soil at the Springfield Township Dump Superfund site, Springfield Township, Oakland County, MI. The 1990 ROD amendment called for on-site incineration of contaminated soil and established certain clean-up standards. Based on new information and the results of additional testing, U.S. EPA has determined that a different cleanup method and revised clean-up standards would more effectively address contaminated soil at the site.

U.S. EPA recommends that contaminated surface soil be treated by either 1) low-temperature thermal desorption, 2) solvent extraction, or 3) soil washing to remove PCBs. Subsurface soil would be treated by the soil vapor extraction technique previously selected in the 1990 ROD. U.S. EPA is also recommending the modification of the clean-up standards for the site. Based on information collected to date, the proposed changes to the original cleanup plan would protect human health and the environment, would comply with state and federal laws and would be cost effective.

A detailed description of the proposed clean-up plan is provided in a Proposed Plan fact sheet which was mailed to the site mailing list and is also available for review at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg. An administrative record containing detailed information upon which the selection of the clean-up plan will be based is also located at the Clerk's Office and at the U.S. EPA Region 5 office in Chicago.

Comments on the Proposed Plan may be submitted from March 26 to April 27, 1998 and sent to:

Stuart Hill, P-101
Community Involvement Coordinator
U.S. EPA
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604
E-mail: hillstuart@epamail.epa.gov

Comments will also be accepted at a public meeting.

Thursday, April 2, 1998

7 p.m.

East Community Center

600 Broadway

Davisburg, MI

New Irish pub celebrates 1st St. Pat's Day

JAN BAKER
AFF. WRITER

Bachman Turner Overdrive's "Akin' Care of Business" boomed over the sound system and green balloons bobbed around about 20 patrons who gathered inside Duggan's Irish Pub at the top o' the morning on St. Patrick's Day.

Though no one had to stand in line to get through the doors of the month-old Independence Township restaurant at 9 a.m. Tuesday, co-owner Kristin Grannis said the shamrock celebration "was off to a good start."

The eatery drew its first customers about 30 minutes after 7 a.m. opening that day, Grannis said, and the pub's 30 employees expected a full house by lunch time.

Many of the patrons who came to the restaurant that morning said they had just finished their shift at work.

Robe Schuessler, 21, of Davisburg, said he and his friends liked the pub's proximity to home. "We got off work at 7:30 a.m. from Jabil Circuits in Auburn Hills and we were supposed to go to a couple of other places (to celebrate), but decided this was closer," Schuessler said.

LuAnn Love, who works at the Hair Co. in Waterford Township, said she and her friends took the day off to revel in a bit o' the sharnay. "I'm Irish," she said with a smile. "We usually go to Kennedy's (Irish Pub in Pontiac), but that's getting too crowded."

Though Love said she and her friends planned to drink alcohol, they also indicated that their party had a designated driver for the occasion. "You can't be irresponsible about this," Love said.

Grannis said people are more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving — especially on St. Patrick's Day.

The co-owner said all of her employees had recently taken special classes on alcohol consumption and its effects on restaurant patrons. "The course educates everybody about how to approach somebody before they

■ 'I'm German, but I'm Irish for one day.'

Keith Workinger
—Clarkston Eagles

get intoxicated, how to determine if someone's had too much," Grannis said. To help keep drunk drivers off the road, Grannis said the eatery offers intoxicated patrons free taxi rides home.

"We make that announcement every hour over the sound system," she said. "Our servers also offer complimentary, nonalcoholic drinks to designated drivers. And if someone looks like he's drinking too much, we'll bring over a complimentary bread or appetizer. And, of course, we offer free popcorn."

Keith Workinger, a member of the Clarkston Eagles who was celebrating with fellow Eagle member, Love, said he favored the pub's approach. With a designated driver in his party, Workinger said he was ready to paint the pub green. "I'm German," he said, "but I'm Irish for one day."



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

B'day party: Debbie Lewandowski (second from left) celebrates her birthday at Duggan's with friends (left to right) Marlon Lindsey, Marci Workinger and Keith Workinger, all of Clarkston.



Dressed for the occasion: Duggan's valets Mike Beeler, Brent Morsley and Adam Krajicek (left to right) wear St. Pat's hats. The eatery drew its first customers about 30 minutes after its 7 a.m. opening that day, and the pub's 30 employees expected a full house by lunch time. Many of the patrons who came to the restaurant that morning said they had just finished their shift at work.

Springfield has board openings

Springfield Township residents may apply for two board positions that will soon be open.

Harry Kirk resigned his position on the zoning board of appeals because he is moving. The board of trustees accepted Kirk's resignation March 12.

Planning Commissioner Jim Carlton will also vacate his position due

to job conflicts, Walls said. Carlton is waiting until a replacement can be found before he steps down, Walls said. To apply for positions on either the ZBA or planning commission, call Walls at 625-4802. The ZBA meets the third Thursday of each month. The planning commission meets the third Monday and first Wednesday of each month.

POLICE NEWS

*The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield Township March 9-16 and in Independence Township and the city of Clarkston March 11-16.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On March 11, a meter box was reported stolen from an apartment on Dixie Highway.

On March 12, a log skidder was reported stolen from a construction site on Big Lake Road.

On March 15, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Lewis.

On March 15, a vehicle was reported stolen from a residence on Blue Water.

On March 15, a woman reported having items stolen from her purse at a business on East Holly Road.

Vandalism

On March 11, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on Brucedale.

Independence Police

Thefts

On March 11, 420-square-feet of boxed floor tiles were reported stolen from a house under construction on Lancaster.

On March 11, a purse was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On March 12, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on River Birch.

On March 12, tapes, boots, a purse and a computer printer were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Lakeview.

On March 12, a jacket, pager and printer were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Paramus.

On March 13, computer discs were reported stolen from a business office on Clarkston Road.

On March 14, a \$40 comforter was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On March 14, a purse was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Big Lake Road.

On March 16, officers responded to an alarm at Sashabaw Middle School on Pine Knob Lane. While investigating, they discovered a 23-year-old Independence Township man hiding behind a pop machine in the building, allegedly after taking two markers, a toy and some change from the school. The man was arrested. He is expected to be arraigned in 52/2 District Court Monday.

Vandalism

On March 14, unknown persons reportedly spray-painted the side of a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

Independence Fire

During the week of March 12-16, firefighters responded to 18 calls. Among them were 11 medical runs, one building fire and four personal injury accidents. They included:

On March 14, firefighters assisted an 86-year-old woman who was experiencing chest discomfort, difficulty breathing and weakness at a residence on Lancaster Hill Drive. She was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Clarkston Police

A local bank is investigating a counterfeit \$20 bill that was passed one day last week at the Clarkston Village Bake Shop on Main Street, according to a bake shop employee. Other area businesses have not reported any recent problems with counterfeit money, according to a random survey by the Clarkston Eccentric. Chief Paul Ormiston said he was unaware of the counterfeit money complaint.

On March 12, officers investigated an accident on Main Street near Washington Street, where a vehicle driven by a Clarkston woman ran into

the rear of a vehicle driven by another Clarkston woman. There were no injuries or citations issued.

On March 12, officers responded to a North Main Street business where there was a business dispute under way. Officers mediated the situation.

On March 13, officers responded to a residence on Surrey Lane on reports of a suspicious man. Officers located a Holly man who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He had three outstanding warrants for his arrest in other communities. He was arrested and turned over to Holly police on their warrant.

On March 14, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Clarkston Road for erratic driving. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested following a preliminary breath test of 0.21. He refused a Breathalyzer test. A search warrant for blood was obtained and he was transported to an area hospital. He was arraigned before an Oakland County Circuit Court magistrate on one charge of operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor — second offense. A cash bond was set at \$500. He was lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending a hearing in 52/2 District Court.

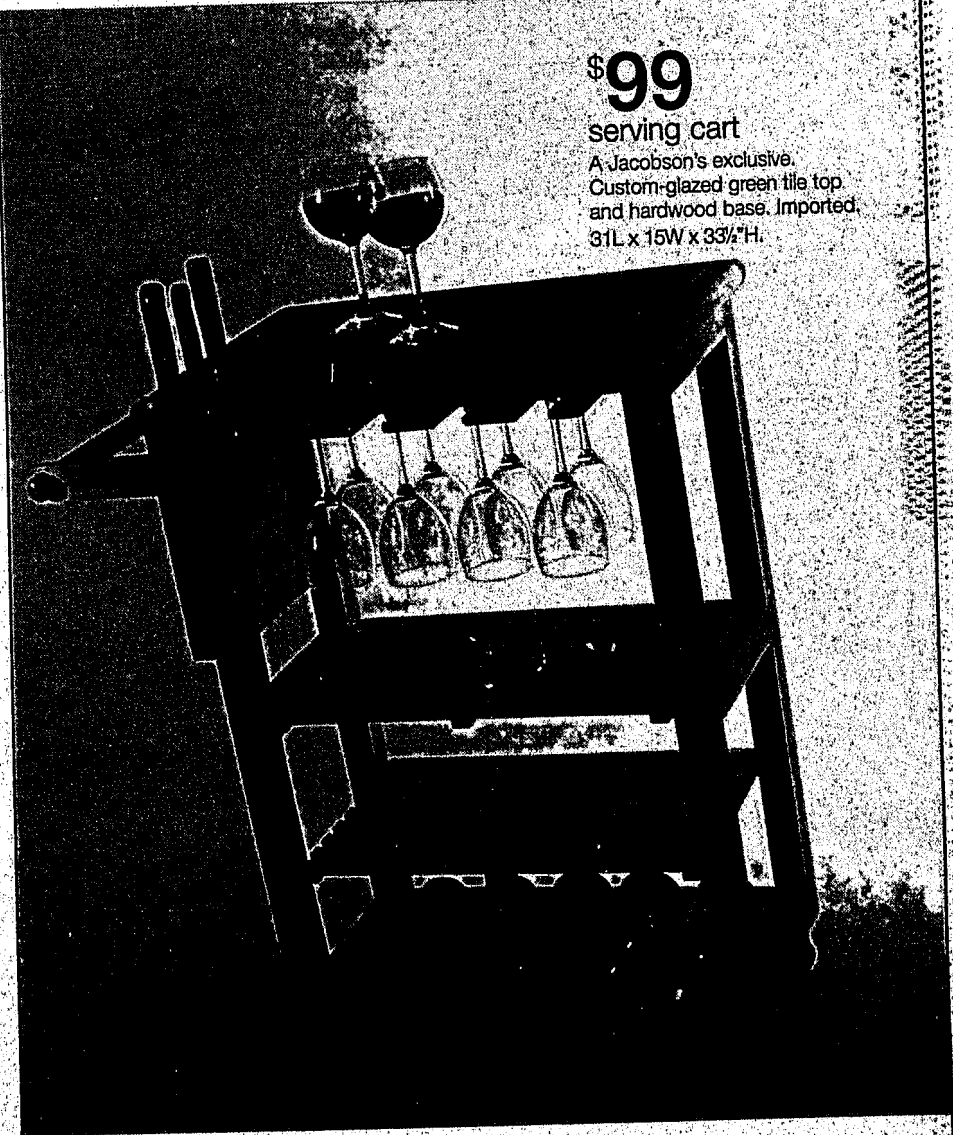
On March 16, officers responded to a complaint of someone disturbing the peace on Surrey Lane. A resident was ticketed.

On March 16, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street where two of four youths were found to be in possession of tobacco products, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A 17-year-old was cited. A 16-year-old was referred to Youth Assistance. The remaining two youths were released.

On March 16, officers responded to a Surrey Lane address on a disturbance between roommates. The disturbance was mediated by police.

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money, pitting economics against community ideals.

"Then we're faced with nothing less than having to defend our vision of the community," Wallace said. "We don't want to be Auburn Hills. There already is one, and it's real close by."

Red flags also came up for Township Clerk Joan McCrary. Like Wallace, she fears the allowance would lead to tall buildings and an urbanized community.

"I don't want to break the precedent," she said. "Once we allow taller, higher buildings, we've created an urban atmosphere."

Even if senior housing projects had to be spread across larger pieces of land in a campus-like style to be feasible, that would be preferable to violating the community standard, McCrary said.

"I think that in order to maintain the character of the community that we've talked about so much, we should not allow (the building standard) to be breached," Wallace added.

The ordinance provision would not only invite developers to challenge the two-story limit but other standards designed to preserve the community's character, he said.

Township Trustee Jeffrey McGee, however, pointed out that senior developments might not be economically feasible under the two-story limitation.

"Anyone who has shopped around for elderly housing ... knows it is absolutely staggering in what it costs," McGee said. Therefore, the township ought to be "cognizant" of how its standards impact construction costs,

'We don't want to be Auburn Hills. There already is one, and it's real close by.'

Neil Wallace
Independence Township trustee

he said.

Since the idea behind local senior housing is to provide facilities for local seniors, supporting economical construction — which ultimately affects consumers' costs — is an important consideration, Township Trustee Larry Rosso said. "We want to insure that the majority of the population has access to these facilities."

However, Wallace and McCrary both said they believe senior housing costs are driven up more by services rendered than by building costs.

"From the developer's standpoint, it's going to be more economical to go up rather than out," Wallace said. "But the high cost of this housing is not primarily from the building, but from the services."

Developers, along with the township, ought to be able to devise a way to build affordable senior housing without jeopardizing the community's vision, he said.

"We're going to something new. ... But there's no reason why it shouldn't be consistent with the general planning goals of the community. ... Given our input, there have been a number of architects and developers that have been inspired to plan some really beautiful developments for our community, and I'd like to see that continue."

Miss Bailey from page A1

After he didn't get any answer, he came over to see if everything was all right. He's the one who found me lying on the floor in my home. He called paramedics and got everything going. And he contacted my parents. And then he came back to the school and reported what had happened. So, basically, I owe him my life."

Bailey said she spent the next six weeks in the hospital, completely paralyzed on her left side. The then 46-year-old learned she had suffered the stroke because she possessed a rare blood disorder — one that had never been detected.

During that time and the months of rehabilitation that followed, her classroom of fourth- and fifth-graders welcomed substitute teacher Karen Fischer — "a fabulous educator" Bailey had specifically requested from Turner. Under the direction of that well-regarded colleague, students sent hand-made cards and banners to their ailing teacher and maintained regular communication.

Bailey continued to cope with her physical losses. "In the beginning, I don't think it really hit me," the Independence Township resident said. "I was thinking fine and I was breathing fine. It wasn't until I was moved to the rehab center during the fourth week that I began to understand what it meant to have a stroke. That's when I started to get feisty, or defiantly independent. I got tired of people telling me what I could and

couldn't do so I just made up a little saying for myself, 'I can — just not yet.'"

Though Bailey said she couldn't even sit up when she entered the rehabilitation unit, she began to set her sights on doing much more than that. She aimed to regain function of her left leg.

"My only goal was to get back to school," she said, choking back tears. "I'd lay in bed at night practicing lifting my leg. And then one morning my mom and dad came in and I said, 'Look. And I lifted my leg. And my parents started crying.'"

During that time, Jennifer Ley, one of Bailey's students, came to the hospital with her mother to visit the struggling teacher. Bailey said Jennifer gave her a stuffed "Eeyore" (donkey) from the class and maybe even more importantly, much-needed reassurance. "I looked at Jennifer and I said, 'Jennifer, just tell me, how are you guys doing?'" Bailey recalled.

"And she said, 'Miss Bailey, you'd be so proud of us.'"

The teacher pointed out that early in that school year — before the stroke — she had taught her students to work from this behavioral verse: "I will act in such a way that I will be proud of myself and others will be proud of me, too."

Once home from the hospital, Bailey found even more support from mothers of Bailey Lake students. Barb Townsend brought meals over. Debbie Bridgewater,

Jan Mutz, Sandy Kolano, Penny Bennett and Cindy Pruess drove Bailey to and from her physical therapy sessions and other destinations. Neighbors Evelyn Ross and Evelyn Treece helped Bailey with two-handed tasks at home. "And somebody from every building in the Clarkston School District made contact with me," Bailey said.

Though the Bailey Lake teacher was unable to re-acquire mobility in her left arm, she limped back to her classroom in May 1997. According to 11-year-old Bliss Bridgewater, a fifth-grade student in Bailey's current class who sat in the same room as a fourth-grader last year, the homecoming particularly touched older pupils in the class who were graduating from elementary school that June. "On the day she came back," Bliss remarked, "most of the fifth-graders were crying."

Trevor Johns, 11, another of Bailey's fourth-graders who returned to her class this year as a fifth-grade student, said his teacher was overcome by emotion, too, when she saw her students again. "She sometimes cried when she talked," he said. "She was sad that she wasn't able to be with us."

Today, Bailey undergoes rehabilitation therapy two mornings a week and she says she sits more during her instructional day than she used to. But her students, like 10-year-old Alexandra Skrisson, say of their teacher's physical limitations, "It

doesn't matter." They say they take turns extending their hands to compensate for her limp left limb. Alexandra ties her teacher's shoes for her sometimes. Her fifth-grade classmate Tom Garavaglia peels off and posts the adhesive stars on the classroom's Brainquest chart. Trevor Johns helps file Bailey's papers. Katie Klockow washes the blackboards. Robbie Hoff holds down Bailey's papers so they won't slip while she's writing. Matt Jamnik sharpens her pencils.

Many of those kids hug their teacher as they leave the room at the end of the day.

Bailey Lake parent Sue Boatman says the signs of affection are genuine. "She (Bailey) instills self-esteem in every child, the feeling that they can accomplish," Boatman said recently. "The kids love her. It's her life."

Bailey said she's learning that while she once took pride in always being the "doer," maybe it's not so bad sometimes to accept help from others. In the process of finding her way under a new game plan, the 28-year teaching veteran says she feels she's helping her students grow.

"It has been a wonderful experience for them, which is why I told myself I had to come back," Bailey said. "They had to see that a disabled person can meet challenges well. And why do you do it? Because you love what you're doing."

Spoken like a true hero.

Chef from page A1

The Clarkston teen said he hopes to attend the school — and he's always liked dough.

"When I was little, I spent a lot of time with my (paternal) grandparents and they loved to cook," Jeremy said. "My grandmother always gave me leftover biscuit dough to play with — near where they were cooking — and we would have conversations. I guess my interest in cooking just grew from there. ... When I saw a culinary arts class offered in my 10th-grade schedule, that's when it became a serious, personal goal. I came out here (to the OTC) for the class and I loved it."

According to Deb Trudeau, Jeremy's OTC teacher for three years and an award-winning chef herself, the Clarkston teen enjoys soaking up new information. "Jeremy is a highly motivated individual. He's always been a leader here," Trudeau said recently. "His attitude is, 'Tell me what to do and get out of my way.' Occasionally, we

pull the reins back in and remodel or readjust or reconfigure certain elements of whatever — and then he's off again. He came in here with one thing on his mind and he's pursued that."

Jeremy's father, Marvin Houston, calls his son's interest in the culinary arts "a passion." In a recent phone interview, Houston said Jeremy can stand in one place and work on a dish for hours, without realizing time has passed. "He gets entrenched in it and blocks everything else out," Houston said. Though Marvin Houston said Jeremy used to experiment in the family kitchen "and dirty every dish in the house," he pointed out that his son has even perfected that element of his cooking routine. The proud father — who said he "burns water" — remarked that Jeremy's culinary path hasn't always been as smooth as stainless. "Two years ago, he tried to enter a gingerbread house competition at the technical center and he wanted to do

the Notre Dame Cathedral," Houston recalled. "We got down to this time crunch, so three evenings — back to back — I was up until 3 in the morning, trying to help him construct it. It was pretty enormous, at least 2-feet tall. And we put it on the island in the kitchen. We didn't realize it until later, but the light from the overhead kitchen fixture wouldn't let the rock candy stained-glass (cathedral windows) harden. The heat from the fixture and the weight of the rock candy made the windows collapse. We didn't end up entering that contest. It was very painful."

According to Jeremy, recent triumphs have fanned the flames of some past disappointments. Last year, the teen placed first in the annual VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition and then went on to claim third place at the state

level of that contest. And since August, he's been successfully sharpening his cooking skills at the Clarkston Café, where he works two afternoons a week.

While a win this weekend would be icing on the cake, Trudeau — a finalist for the American Culinary Federation's 1998 Chef Professionalism Award — said she advised her student not to swell up like a pastry puff over awards and recognition.

"We only mentor so hard because we care," Trudeau said. "But I tell him constantly, you've got to stay humble. It's an easy field to get egg or pie on your face."

The soft-spoken student smiled upon hearing that recommendation.

"I'll never be able to repay them (OTC teachers) for all they've done for me," he said.

Wrestlers from page A1

according to Clarkston coach Mike DeGain.

"Nothing eases the suspense," said DeGain, who watched his second son win a state title (Joe won it in 1995). "You still have to go out there and wrestle. That's what Pat and A.J. did."

Grant also beat Borowski in the final of the Detroit Catholic Central tournament and the regional, among other places. He reached the title match Saturday by pinning Katsuhiko Sueda of Livonia Stevenson in just 1:28 of their semifinal match. Sueda finished second in the state a year ago.

"I had already beaten him, so I knew what I had to do," Grant said. "I tried to put (last year) behind me. This (a state title) is a lot better than losing."

The final was almost anticlimactic for Grant. He pounded Borowski for the fifth time this season, this time winning 8-1.

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DeGain's day was almost as easy. He started the second day of the tournament with a 9-2 win over senior Teono Wilson, who entered the match at 50-3.

That set up the championship match with Boyd, the junior from Rochester Adams who has clashed in several heated meetings with DeGain this year. After pounding Boyd, DeGain wore a huge smile.

"That makes it a little special," DeGain said. "I was telling myself that I'd beaten him five times, but it didn't mean anything, because this was the time that counts. I knew I had to go at him full tilt."

Two other Clarkston wrestlers, Ryan McAleer (119 pounds) and Bubba Clement (215) qualified for state, but did not earn medals.

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 1998 SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wallis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved minutes of February 12, 1998 Regular Meeting
- Accepted Treasurer's Report for February
- Accepted February reports: Building Dept., Litigation, Fire Dept. and Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
- Conducted First Reading and authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading for amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Wireless Communications Facilities
- Authorized extension of 1997 contract and rates with Road Maintenance for 1998 road chloriding
- Waived Township Board bid process to conform to grant application approved and awarded by U.S. EPA.
- Authorized amending of SMART credit contract and transfer of additional credits to Independence Twp.
- Accepted resignation of Harry Kirk from Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Adopted resolution supporting Michigan Natural Trust Fund Grant application to acquire property.
- Adopted Fire Dept. Policies
- Authorized expenditure not to exceed \$700 for Treasurer to attend 1998 Treasurer's conference.
- Authorized contract with ALL-N-ONE Lawn Care for 1998 at same rates and services as 1997.
- Received Communications and placed on file

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bridge Lake Road Paving Project:
 - Awarded bid to Ace Asphalt in the amount of \$577,978.
 - Adopted resolution declaring intent to reimburse expenditures with bond proceeds.
 - Authorized expending funds for project not to exceed \$700,000.
2. Susan Lake Weed Control: Approved entering into agreement with Aqua Weed Control, Inc.
3. Adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Environmental Performance Standards
4. Erin Estates: Conditionally authorized Clerk and Supervisor to enter into agreement with Erin Estates regarding sidewalks.
5. Received and discussed proposed job descriptions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. THE Creek Estates: Approved resolution of 16-16 and 17, and authorized Clerk to sign necessary documents.
2. Conditionally approved the split and combination of 16-23 and 16-24 of Supervisor's Board No. 11.
3. Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance: First Reading referred to Township Attorney for review.
4. Milling Information and Financial Projections: Received and discussed information prepared by Trustees Valled.
5. Huron/Silverwood Headwaters Preservation Project: Authorized Supervisor and Clerk to sign contracts with Michigan Natural Features Inventory and Carlisle/Wortman per U.S. EPA grant provision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Received questions regarding possible Woodland Ordinance and Township Facilities.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

NANCY STROLL, Clerk



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on March 12, 1998, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are summarized herein and shall be effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice and Summary:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS - ORDINANCE NO. 26

| ARTICLE/SECTION | CATCH LINES AND SUMMARIES |
|------------------------------------|--|
| ARTICLE II Section 2.00 | DEFINITIONS Amended to include definitions for Hazardous Substances and for Secondary Containment. |
| ARTICLE XVII Section 17.02 | ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS Airborne Emissions. Adds provision regarding intent not to interfere with farm operations. |
| Section 17.03 | Noise. Adds provision prohibiting construction activities and loading/unloading trucks within certain hours and distances of a residential district. |
| Section 17.05 | Waste Disposal. Revises names of state agencies. |
| Section 17.06 | Outdoor Storage. Adds provisions regarding restrictions on depositing of materials or wastes. |
| Section 17.07 | Trash Containers. Deletes this section. |
| Section 17.08 | Electrical Disturbance, Electromagnetic or Radio Frequency Interference. Renumbers as Section 17.07. |
| Section 17.09 | Glare and Exterior Lighting. Deletes existing language in 2, 3, and 4. of section; renumbers Section as Section 17.08; adds provisions regarding restrictions on glare from vehicle headlights and heat, design and maintenance of lighting, permissible levels and height restrictions, required site plan detail, and restrictions on roof-mounted lighting. |
| Section 17.10 | Community Sewer Systems. Renumbers as Section 17.09. |
| Section 17.10 | Hazardous Substances. Adds this newly titled section, which includes provisions regulating the use, storage and handling of hazardous substances and the storage and disposal of solid, liquid and sanitary wastes. |
| ARTICLE XVIII Section 23.08 (K) | ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES Environmental Performance Costs. Adds this new subsection, which includes provisions regarding retention and payment of costs for an independent consultant. |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 12th day of March, 1998. A true and complete copy of the zoning ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48349, at all times said office is open for business. Any person wishing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least 60 (60) business days in advance.

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Senate debates making state's welfare recipients ante up casino winnings

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Win at the casino, lose at welfare.

That is the thrust of three state Senate-passed bills aimed at making successful gamblers pay back some of the welfare benefits received in the previous three years.

"If you're asking your fellow taxpayers for assistance, at the very least we ask you not to squander your resources on non-necessities," said Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, during the March 11 debate. "If you do, you're gambling with their (taxpayers') money, and you should pay back the debt. You're asked to pay back 50 percent of your winnings."

Democrats, such as the Upper Peninsula's Don Koyisto, objected at the paperwork. "There's no record of reporting losses," he said. "You don't always hit the jackpot."

The bills had overwhelming support from 22 Republicans. Democrats split, with Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township joining a group of a half-dozen to oppose the package.

The Bouchard-Koyisto exchange occurred over Senate Bill 947, sponsored by David Jaye, R-Macomb County. It would amend the Social Welfare Act to say that anyone who had

received assistance during the previous three years, and who won at casino gambling, would have to repay up to 50 percent of his or her benefits.

The Senate Fiscal Agency found it "uncertain" how many people would be impacted and how much state revenue might be raised.

Times may be rough

Peters tangled with Republicans when he sought to amend SB 943, which will require able-bodied persons under age 50 on food stamps to work or perform community service. He wanted to grant a waiver in areas of 10 percent unemployment — a waiver allowed under federal law.

"Even in very good times, our food banks are providing record amounts of help," said Peters. "When times are rough, things will get worse very rapidly. To vote for this bill is to say, 'Tough luck, you're going to have to go hungry.'"

Peters' amendment went down 10-16 on a party-line vote.

One bill defeated

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, saw his casino reporting bill defeated, with 28 in favor, seven against and three not voting. Bennett's SB 948 required a three-fourths affirmative vote

(29) because it would amend a voter-approved law.

Bennett's bill would amend the casino gaming act to require licensees to report gambling winnings to the state. The licensee would have to provide the same information it gives the federal Internal Revenue Service when a person won \$1,200 or more from bingo and slot machines, \$1,500 or more at keno and \$600 or more from other games.

Senate GOP floor leader Dan DeGrow of Port Huron asked for reconsideration, and the bill was expected to be passed on another day.

Churches to bid

The Senate passed 34-0 a bill allowing religious organizations to bid for Family Independence Agency contracts to provide services such as mentoring or support services.

The religious organization would not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of religious belief or a client's refusal to participate in a religious practice. But it would not be required to remove religious art, icons or scripture from the place where it was providing services.

The bills go to the House. Refer to a bill by number when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Bill would ban biological weapons from Michigan

SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

Michigan is a step closer to having its first law to combat the manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction. The Senate committee Tuesday approved a bill proposed by state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, to protect against these new terrorist weapons.

Senate Bill 443 would make it a crime to manufacture or illegally use biological, chemical or radioactive substances.

Penalties start at 15 years to life for fatalities with another 20 years to be added if the device was directed at vulnerable targets such as schools, churches, hospitals or other buildings open to the general public.

An officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves with training in protective measures against such weapons, Peters said that the recent outbreak of chemical

"I think these are going to be the preferred weapons of the future. They are hard to detect but if a disease is spread, we could have a major dilemma on our hands."

Gary Peters
—State senator

and biological incidents show the need for quick action on the bill.

"These threats are no longer just problems in other countries or cities," said Peters, referring to an anthrax scare in Nevada and a Lansing man, who was suspected of trying to grow anthrax in a home lab.

"I think these are going to be the preferred weapons of the future. They are hard to detect

but if a disease is spread, we could have a major dilemma on our hands. It's a scary thought that our cities face the same potential problems as a battlefield."

While there are federal laws similar to his bill, Peters said Senate Bill 443 would give local prosecutors and law enforcement more authority to investigate the manufacture and use of the weapons.

Currently, the FBI conducts most of the investigations, Peters added.

"My bill sends a message that if you try to make or use these weapons you will face severe penalties," Peters said. "We are very prepared to pursue and prosecute anyone who is involved in such a horrific crime."

Peters expects the bill to be passed by the full Senate by early next week.

Child support enforcement fortified

The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved legislation to strengthen child support enforcement. On a near unanimous vote, the House passed The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act introduced by Reps. Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak, and Clay Shaw, R-Florida.

"There is no issue more important than making certain that our nation's child support enforcement program works for every child," said Levin, whose district includes Troy and a portion of Southfield. "Passage of this legislation underscores that Congress is serious about holding parents responsible for child support payments they owe their kids."

The bill revises the current child support incentive system to place the emphasis both on collections and on program outcomes — such as paternity

establishment — from which the collections are based.

The legislation also revises the penalty procedures used to deal with states that have failed to establish the statewide computer system required by the Family Support Act of 1988.


In 1988, Congress ordered states to set up statewide computer systems to monitor and enforce child support payments. These statewide systems are necessary to track parents who are delinquent in paying child support who move from county to county and state to state.

Unfortunately, full automation continues to allude many states, including Michigan, despite a decade long commitment by the federal government to shoulder 90 percent of the cost.

The 1988 law also established draconian financial penalties for states that did not have a

statewide computer system up and running by Oct. 1, 1997.

Rep. Levin also promoted a waiver provision in the legislation so that states, like Michigan, that have strong county systems, may petition the Department of Health and Human Services to utilize advanced technology to link into a statewide system rather than having one computer program.


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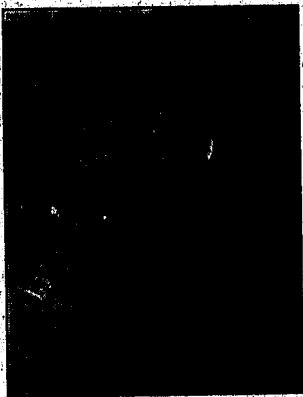
Art show features area artists

Art is not only in the eye of the beholder, it's also where you find it. You'll be able to find some of the best-known local artists and their works in a variety of media at Olde World Canterbury Village March 21-22 for the annual "Art in the Castle" show, a juried multi-media fine arts show.

The event, co-sponsored by the Orion Art Center and Canterbury Village, is an excellent preview of what's in store this season at various fine art fairs.

The castle-like surroundings of Olde World Canterbury Village provide a unique setting for an art show. Its 18 specialty shops and the Kings Court Castle Restaurant are set in a park-like 21-acre site that has become a year-round tourist attraction in its own right. Olde World Canterbury Village is three miles off I-75, Exit 83 on Joslyn Road.

Two of the featured "Art in the Castle" artists Julie Smith and



She won: Clarkston resident Julie Smith sits in front of her first-place entry.

Sharyn Davis are prizewinners from the Orion Art Center competitions, where their works are on display. Smith is known for

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her large landscape oil paintings and Davis has earned praise for her color pencil abilities.

Art categories on view at the castle will range from drawings and paintings to sculpture and carvings, as well as jewelry and photography.

Art in the Castle

Runs from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 22. The event is a multi media, juried fine art show.

Media and featured artists are:

Glass: Debra Van Tol
Jewelry: Sherry Curtis, Brenda Snyder, George Warren
Photography: Carol George, Ruth Penrose

Wood: Gary Elzerman
Sculpture: John Bradshaw
Drawing: Sharyn Davis, Dennis Deegan

Painting: Kenneth Granning, Susanne Lawrence, Sue McKee, Julie Smith

Pottery: Barbara Brown (president of Orion Arts Center), Denise and Norm Kleiner (Blue Heron Pottery), Gail Hiller, Yvonne Lauth, Matthew Ozminski, Nancy Ray, Paddy Skwira, Linda Smith

Judging will be handled by a panel of qualified artists from Orion Arts Center, says the group's Peggy Brucha.

"All of these exhibitors do show at a national level," she said. "Many have participated in August's 'Art in the Park' event as well."

Schools get new police liaison officer

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

A new police liaison was recently appointed from the Oakland County Sheriff Department to service Clarkston students.

Deputy Chuck Young, 41, who was named Officer Of The Year in 1996 out of a field of officers nominated from 11 townships, and who most recently was serving as a patrolman in Springfield Township, replaced Deputy David Hernandez in the school system on Saturday.

He will be responsible for overseeing school situations that involve the police and helping to supervise such extracurricular activities as sporting events or dances. He will be responsible for schools from the elementary through the high school level.

"Anything that has to do with the schools, I am going to take care of," Young said on Monday.

Hernandez, 42, served as liaison and taught the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program for five years.

Hernandez, who hired in with the sheriff's department in 1981, asked for a change in positions for personal reasons and will be returning to patrol duty, said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence substation, explaining why Young will be taking over.

On Monday, LaBair said he understood Hernandez' desire for a change in assignments and lauded Young as a good choice to replace him.

"Dave, I think, is ready for a change," LaBair said. "Chuck is an avid supporter of it (the liaison position). He's asked for it. He's real excited about



Chuck Young

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doing it." Hernandez could not be reached for comment.

LaBair said he hopes the sheriff's office will have increased input into the liaison's position, which is paid for by Independence Township and the school system. Independence Township contracts with the Oakland County Sheriff Department for police coverage in the township.

"I think the school liaison is well worth the money," LaBair said. "You can head off a lot of problems if you go at it pro-actively."

GM shuttle picks up where DDOT left off

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

A shuttle service to Detroit based in Independence Township is continuing despite a pullout by the Detroit Department of Transportation.

The park and ride at Sashabaw and I-75 that transports commuters to the Renaissance Center is being operated by a private transportation company hired by General Motors Corp.

The shuttle was formerly operated by the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), which recently shut down its suburban services for financial reasons. Although the DDOT service was open to the general public, it was set up to serve GM employees who work at the Renaissance Center where parking is at a premium.

GM was forced to contract with a private company because SMART, the suburban area's public transportation service, cannot operate in Independence Township. The

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community opted not to support SMART's funding millage and is one of several communities that does not participate in the public transportation service.

The privately operated service, unlike the DDOT shuttle, is not available to non-GM employees.

Nevertheless, use of the shuttle has remained steady and is growing, according to Carol Pickens, GM project coordinator for the Renaissance Center Transition Team. Currently, the service has two routes: one

at 6 a.m. and another at 6:40 a.m. Return routes leave Detroit at 4:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. The shuttle also makes a stop at Baldwin Road.

"It grows everyday," Pickens said. "We may have to add a third (route) in not too much longer."

Ridership has grown because GM recently relocated a substantial number of employees from offices in Oakland County to the Renaissance Center, the automaker's new headquarters, Pickens said.

Additional ridership is expected in November when the automaker relocates about 200 employees from a Flint office facility to the Renaissance Center, she said.

These employees, who are eligible for home relocation benefits, may also opt to move their residences closer to their new workplace.

"Would some of them land in Clarkston? Probably so because it seems to be a pretty good halfway point," Pickens said.

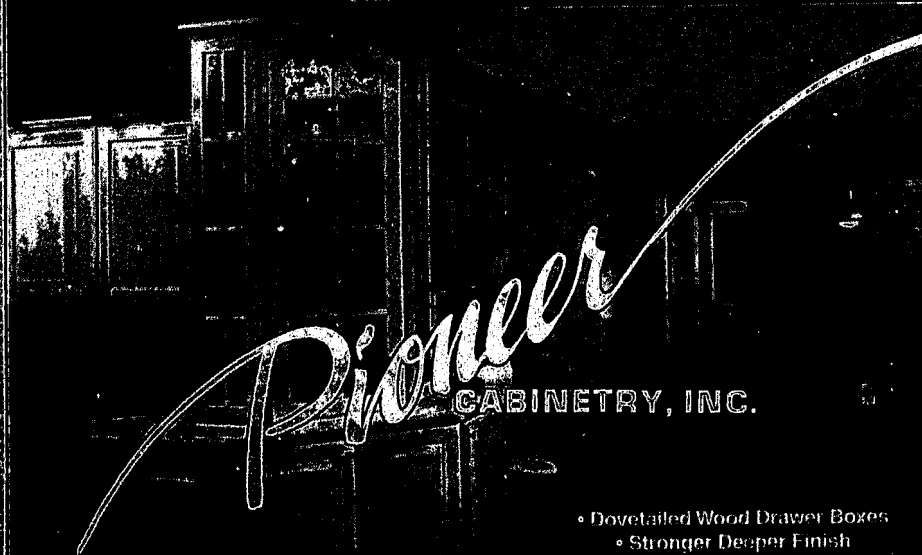
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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 19.

BIRMINGHAM

Police investigate shooting: Shirley Elko, night manager of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Birmingham, was shot and killed last Wednesday night at the restaurant located at the northbound cutoff of South Adams and Woodward.

CLARKSTON

Parishioners protest talk show: Don Kevern, director of support for Clarkston United Methodist Church, organized a petition in protest of the Jerry Springer talk show, which airs at 4 p.m. on WDIV Channel 4. Kevern said the show, which used to run at 10 a.m., portrays poor standards of life and is physically violent.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Police plan to catch violators: Police officers armed with cameras will be riding selected Farmington Public School bus routes to monitor the number of vehicles that illegally drive around the bus when it's

stopped. Officers will take down numbers and a ticket for up to \$135 will be mailed to the registered vehicle owner.

LAKE ORION

Schools conduct poll: Beginning March 27, representatives from Opinion Research Specialists will be calling 384 residents from the Lake Orion School District and asking them to participate in the district's annual survey. Residents will be asked up to 46 questions about the district, including their opinions of teachers, administrators and the schools in general.

OXFORD

Group plans fund-raisers: With March being Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, the Approach Accessibility Committee is trying to organize various fund raisers to finance an elevator for St. Joseph school. Committee members are contacting members of the Lion's Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus to gain support for the project. A hand-made quilt will also be raffled sometime during the Lenten season. Tickets can be purchased for

\$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. For more information about the elevator fund-raisers, call Diane Goff at 693-3482.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Groups rally around tragedies: A memorial soccer tournament is being held March 21-22 at Shelby Soccer City on Auburn Road in Utica to remember Rochester Hills resident Laura Conat, 12, who was shot and killed Feb. 6. Teams interested in participating can register by calling (810) 739-6267. A group called Promoting Peace in our Community will hold its kick-off meeting at 6 p.m., Friday, March 27, at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home Planning Center, 127 W. University in downtown Rochester. Call 652-7242 for more information.

SOUTHFIELD

Kevoorkian sues city: Assisted-suicide advocate Jack Kevoorkian is suing the Southfield police department, property room officer and the City of Southfield for release of medical equipment seized following the death of Southfield resident Roosevelt Batran-Andrew Dawson on Feb. 26. Kevoorkian is alleging intimi-

dation and harassment.

TROY

Student attends program in Washington: Troy Athens High School junior Ryan DeCook was one of 405 students from across the U.S., the Middle East and Puerto Rico who attended the Presidential Classroom Program in Washington. DeCook was selected after being registered in the Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in American High School Athletes.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Community supports MDA: About 25 participants in the Muscular Dystrophy mock lock-up program raised \$18,633 to support the disease. Participants pledged support by raising up to \$1,000 each in donations to use as bail at the mock jail set up at Chuck Mue's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield.

— Compiled by staff writer Sarah Callender

Sorority to mark 75 years of service

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 300 members of Delta Sigma Theta are expected to participate in the sorority's biennial Michigan Statewide Founders Day program this weekend at the Westin Southfield-Detroit hotel in Southfield. It marks the first time the program has been held in the metro-Detroit area.

Throughout the weekend, members will participate in various workshops, social events and a banquet featuring Marcia L. Fudge, a Cleveland attorney and national sorority president, as keynote speaker.

This year, the Founder's Day theme is Keeping the Vision of Our Founders As We Move Into the New Millennium.

"Our founding principles are Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service," said Carolyn Parnell, Southfield Alumnae Chapter

president. "The (Founders) program is a good way for everyone to see how the other chapters are supporting this mission."

Established in 1913, the national sorority was founded to promote community service and improve the quality of life.

Since its inception in 1984, the Southfield chapter given over \$200,000 in scholarships and has been involved in tutorial and mentor programs with the Southfield School District. The 136-member group has also donated food to the homeless and participated in Habitat for Humanity.

"We are all about serving all humankind," Parnell said. With a membership of 195,000 predominantly African-American, college educated women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has more than 900 chapters throughout the U.S. and the world.

High school juniors invited to check out OU

High school juniors may visit Oakland University 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday as part of the university's annual Go for the Gold program.

The program shows off Oakland's advantages and makes the admissions process go quicker and easier, said OU spokeswoman Beth Talbert.

Sessions include campus tours and a look at new facilities, how to apply for financial aid and scholarships, information on the honors college program

and academic and resource fairs. Attendees will also meet OU students and staff.

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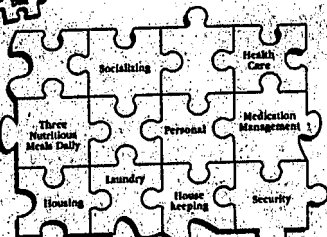
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July 18 at the Crowne Plaza.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1988
Sept. 19 at the Marriott, Ypsilanti.
(800) 677-7800

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

Class of 1968
Aug. 1 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 366-9493, press 6
Class of 1978
Sept. 19 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1978
Sept. 6 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER

Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at Somerset Inn, Troy.
(248) 366-9493, press 3

CHERRY HILL

Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.
(734) 729-6783

CHIPPewa VALLEY

Class of 1978
July 24 at Zuccaro's in Chesterfield.
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(800) 545-0435

DETROIT CASS TECH

Class of 1968
Looking for classmates for a reunion.
Pam Yee Gianola, 1243 Smith Road, Beulah, Mich., 49617-9493 or e-mail at mie-nai@att.net
Class of 1988
Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 442-9320, by fax at (248)

442-8830 or Sharon Law-Williamson, 28479 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia 48152

Class of 1958

Oct. 10 at the Detroit Golf Club, Detroit.

(313) 882-4626 or (248) 548-5384

DETROIT CHADSEY

Classes of 1948 and 1949
Oct. 3 at St. Clement Hall, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn.
(313) 266-4129 or (313) 383-2343 for 1948, or (313) 273-1589 for 1949

Class of 1958

July 31 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
(248) 548-4829

DETROIT COOLEY

Class of 1948
A reunion is planned for Oct. 9-11.
(248) 473-4437

Class of 1950

A reunion is being planned.
(313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503

DETROIT DENBY

Class of 1952
A reunion is planned for Sept. 27.
(248) 546-0110, (810) 465-2373, (810) 566-4641 or (313) 822-7488

DETROIT KETTERING

Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Chrystal Esaw, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

DETROIT MACKENZIE

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(248) 553-4033 or (734) 464-3793

DETROIT MUMFORD

Class of 1958
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(248) 851-5679, (248) 855-9262, (248) 626-5406, by fax at (248) 855-9194 or by e-mail at Msalesin@Mich.com or gr4245@aol.com

DETROIT PERSHING

Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
(248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
January-June classes of 1952
A fall reunion is being planned
(248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1973
Sept. 26 at St. Aidan's Banquet Center, Livonia.
(248) 360-7004
Class of 1966
May 2 at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills.
(248) 333-2323 or (248) 887-8073

DETROIT ST. DAVID

Class of 1958
May 16 at the Georgian Inn, Roseville.
(313) 886-5356 or (810) 264-6542

DETROIT ST. THERESA

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(248) 879-8173 or (517) 546-0903

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DETROIT WESTERN

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(313) 274-3214

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Send name, address and telephone number to Gerald Bartram, 505 E. Clinton St., Durand, Mich. 48429 or call (517) 288-3732 or (517) 288-3679

FARMINGTON

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July 25.
(313) 266-0783 or (313) 394-0649
Class of 1968
Aug. 7 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

FARMINGTON HARRISON

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(248) 442-2862

FERDALE

Class of 1973
Nov. 28 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press 4

GARDEN CITY

Class of 1988
Sept. 12 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 5

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1967
Aug. 21-23 at Laurel Park Marriott Hotel, Livonia. Dinner-dance on Aug. 22 costs \$60 per person.
(734) 427-8768, by fax at (313) 427-2311 or (734) 420-0156

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Class of 1978

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Fax info to C. Jones (313) 836-5302 or write to HPCHS reunion committee, c/o P.O. Box 760484, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

January-June classes of 1948

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(248) 594-4546 or (248) 546-1736

HOWELL

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JOHN GLENN

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(248) 360-7004

Class of 1978

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(248) 360-7004

LINCOLN PARK

June Class of 1973
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(313) 928-4575, (248) 551-9146 or P.O. Box 1323, Lincoln Park 48146

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Class of 1978
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MADISON

Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.
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NORTH FARMINGTON

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OAK PARK

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(313) 282-7862

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CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

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Class of 1946
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(810) 598-0463

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD

Class of 1973
Sept. 12 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia.
(248) 624-8941, (248) 669-9139 or (734) 513-7068

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(248) 851-2587

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Class of 1978
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STERLING HEIGHTS

Class of 1978
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(248) 360-7004, press 6

STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON

Class of 1988
Aug. 21 at the Sterling Inn.
(800) 677-7800

TAYLOR KENNEDY

Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at Oak Hall in Wyandotte.
(248) 360-7004

TROY

Class of 1958
A reunion is planned for July 31, Aug. 2, with a dinner-dance on Aug. 1.
(248) 689-2241 before June 1

TRENTON

Class of 1978
July 25 at Southgate Holiday Inn.
Kathleen Connors Norris (734) 676-7725
Jeri Stockmeyer Lathrup (734) 676-6747

UTICA

Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights.
Send name, address and telephone number to Mary Monte-LeMerise, 45051 Glengarry Road, Canton 48188 or call (734) 981-4778.

WARREN

Class of 1978
July 25 at the Fernhill Country Club.
(248) 644-3545

WARREN WOODS TOWER

Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7328

WATERFORD KETTERING

Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768 or (248) 623-6057

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma's of Garden City.
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We can help Newspapers refine reading skills

March is National Reading Month, a time when educators around the country — and in Clarkston — coordinate special activities to encourage children to read. Reading, most educators agree, is the most important skill needed by students to achieve in school.

We can't let the month go by without pointing out to principals, teachers and parents how newspapers can be used to improve students' reading, writing and critical-thinking skills.

A quick review of academic journals and the Internet turned up several ways in which teachers use newspaper in their curriculum.

Here are some of the more common ways:

■ Educators use newspapers to improve their students' reading skills so they can perform better on standardized tests. Reading a newspaper is considered to be a basic skill for adulthood. Students seem to enjoy reading community newspapers like the Clarkston Eccentric because they get to read about their friends and neighbors and events that affect them most directly. They also find topics that interest them. A teacher we talked to said students who ordinarily detest reading pore over the sports sections of newspapers.

■ Educators use newspapers to give students ideas for topics to write about. Teachers find that students write better when they are allowed to pick their own topics, particularly ones they feel passionate about. Newspapers are full of stories, editorials and letters to the editor on controversial topics students are sure to have opinions on.

■ Educators use newspapers to provide their students with an audience to write for and a forum for publication. Older students can write letters to the editor, guest columns, even feature stories. Younger students can participate in newspaper-sponsored essay contests like the Mother's Day contest the Clarkston Eccentric held last spring. Having their work published and read by people other than

■ Educators use newspapers to foster critical-thinking skills. By discussing the content of newspaper stories, editorials, letters to the editor and columns, teachers can help their students think critically about the issues affecting society today — even the role the media plays in presenting them.

their teacher makes students feel like authentic writers, which contributes to their learning about writing.

■ Educators use newspapers to teach their students about potential careers. Clarkston Eccentric staffers — editors, reporters and photographers — are available to visit classes and answer questions about what it's like to work as journalists. They can also touch on other fields that journalism leads to, such as book writing, public relations and law.

■ Educators use newspapers to help students hone their skills in punctuation and grammar. Teachers have students compete in class to see which group can find the most errors in the newspaper. This helps them to recognize their own mistakes when they write. (In this one instance, we hope the Clarkston Eccentric isn't too helpful.)

■ Educators use newspapers to foster critical-thinking skills. By discussing the content of newspaper stories, editorials, letters to the editor and columns, teachers can help their students think critically about the issues affecting society today — even the role the media plays in presenting them.

These examples demonstrate what a useful tool newspapers can be. Principals, teachers and parents interested in knowing more may call Clarkston Eccentric editor Karen Hermes-Smith at (248) 625-1900.

LETTERS

'97 taxes past due now

The 1997 summer and winter taxes for Independence Township, both real and personal property, are now delinquent.

After Feb. 17, an additional 3 percent penalty was added to both summer and winter tax statements and 6 percent interest was added to the delinquent summer statement. Failure to receive a tax statement does not waive penalties or interest.

Delinquent payments are now being accepted at Oakland County Treasurer's Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 479, Pontiac MI 48341-0479.

During the month of March only, contact the Independence Township Treasurer's Office at 625-5111, Ext. 248 or 212, concerning a revised statement.

Jim Wenger
Independence Township Treasurer

Don't credit Clinton

For a great many years, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans tried to do anything to put a rein on Medicare spending. Neither dared to try, fearing political suicide.

No serious attempt to reform welfare was made either in recent months, the Republican-sponsored legislation reforming several of

the liberal misadventures has been accomplished.

Too many have given Bill Clinton the credit for the march toward a balanced budget and the push to get people off welfare and put them to work. True, Clinton did sign the Republican-sponsored legislation.

Speaking smoothly and also with a forked tongue, one may have trouble guessing the direction the president will take when spurred to action. His moorings still seem to be liberal, big government, restricted enterprise, and suggest, at times, a decided anti free market inclination. His seeming middle-of-the-road and New Democrat posture has confused many in the populace. How else could one explain his poll popularity during the airing of suggested bathroom, bedroom, and dining room carpet escapades?

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should Lake Champlain be a Great Lake?

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



"Sure, I don't have a reason."
Marian Fadanelli
Works in Independence Township



"No. There are five Great Lakes. That's all we ever had and all we ever need."
Tom Lynch
Works in Independence Township



"No, it should not. As far as I'm concerned, it's not part of the Great Lakes system."
Leon Genre
Independence Township



"No. It's only half the size of Lake St. Clair, and Lake St. Clair isn't a Great Lake."
Thomas Ruff
Works in Independence

Husband's asthma attack illustrates health-care flaws

I've had it with health care. This is not a rash statement. I've been thinking about it for a long time. But a recent experience in the local ER pushed me to finally say it out loud — or put it in print as the case may be — and get it out of my system.

I'm not one to frequent doctors — never have been. So when I get frustrated that I or my family can't get in to see a doctor, you know there's something wrong.

It began after a recent workday. My husband, Philip, was having a hard time breathing.

Just a year ago, during a visit to the ER, we found out that he has asthma. For two years doctors told him that his difficulty breathing and incessant coughing during the winter months was a sinus/bronchial infection gone on too long. After a six-hour visit to the emergency room, he learned it was asthma.

Since then, he uses his inhaler medication regularly and hasn't had any problems — until one particular night. I came home from work to find him sitting in a chair in the living room. His breathing was very shallow, his chest heaving with the effort.

This being his first asthma attack since being diagnosed, we weren't quite sure what to do. The inhalers weren't working, but we didn't want to overreact. So I called the office of his preferred physician, which is about 20 miles away.

Could we get in? Nope. No openings that night. "What should we do?" I ask, baffled. "Maybe tomorrow or the next day he can get in, the woman on the other end of the phone offers.

"I'm concerned this can't wait," I explain. "Should I take him to the emergency room?"

"I can't tell you that you should do that," she says. "If it turns out not to be serious, your insurance may not cover the visit."

"Hhmm... let's see, if we don't see a doctor or go to the emergency room, we can wait until Philip possibly has a full-blown attack and then call 9-1-1. Then insurance will cover the astronomical bills.

Or we can go to the ER now and head off anything serious, but it may not be covered.

"Well, if you think it serious, I would take him in," she tells me.

When did I become a doctor?

Health maintenance organizations, followed by preferred provider organizations (we know them as HMOs and PPOs), were created under a seemingly simple theory: Medical insurance will cover preventive health care to keep medical bills low by keeping people healthy.

It was touted as cost containment with improved patient care. My experiences tell me it's not working.

Under the current system, doctors who participate in an HMO or PPO have patient quotas they must meet to stay in the program. The result is a schedule packed full. Unless you've got the foresight to plan a bout with the flu three weeks in advance, getting in to see a doctor on a day's notice is next to impossible.

The result — everyone heads to the emergency room instead. Seems to me we're spending the



SUZANNE PARKER

same amount of money, but in a different place and with a heck of a lot less "caring."

Back to the other night. Rather than risk waiting a few days, we take our chances at the emergency room of the hospital conveniently located in our back yard. We tell the woman at the main desk why we're there.

"You can't breathe," she repeats back to us in that understanding, calm voice. "OK then. Go over there and wait for your name to be called," she says, pointing to a hallway already overflowing with people who cannot fit in the waiting room.

I watch where she places the chart in the rack on the wall near the triage station. We're third in line.

"We'll see someone in no time," I say, trying to sound reassuring to Philip and convince myself at the same time.

While we wait, I see a man and woman, each carrying a child, walk in through the sliding door and approach the front desk. After a minute of discussion with the front-desk lady and one glance around the waiting area, they turn around and leave.

Five minutes later, we're up. This is a good sign. The nurse takes Philip's pulse, blood oxygen level and listens to his breathing with a stethoscope. "So you're having trouble breathing," the man confirms.

"OK then. Go over there and wait for your name to be called," he says, pointing back to the hallway from whence we came. "There are about 20 people before you, so let us know if you can't breathe," he calls after us.

Philip and I look at each other in disbelief. We decide to take our chances and head back home. Two days later we see a physician's assistant at the doctor's office and learn how to manage such episodes. Now we'll know whether they are simply serious or really serious.

China had an interesting approach to health-care coverage. As long as individuals were healthy, they would make regular payments to their doctor. When someone became ill, the payments would stop because the physician failed to keep them healthy.

Now that's an incentive program I could care about.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Kids go through stages, and so do parents

Shakespeare had his stages of man. Over the years I've discovered that there are three stages of bringing up children.

They are: Should we get a baby-sitter so we can go out? May I sleep over? And together-togetherness.

When the children are young, it is always a question of whether you get a sitter or drag the kids along to some function that they won't enjoy, and after a few minutes see to it that you don't enjoy it.

It amazes me that people will take young children to church with them and let them disturb others. A Waterford theater owner tried to restrict people from bringing their wee youngsters into his theater and there was a hue and cry from people about discrimination.

But there is no question that the very small ones shape your life at the

time.

Then they become teenagers and get their drivers license. It is their first taste of freedom and your era of worry. If wheels are available, they're out of sight.

They virtually disappear. Every night it seems to be, "Can (not may) I sleep over at Ellie's, Kathy's or Bob's?" On weekends you end up exchanging notes attached to the refrigerator door. For this process to work, you have to patronize businesses that give out magnets as promotion gimmicks.

During the early automotive era, you use answering machines instead of notes.

Then all of a sudden the kids come back home. This is particularly true if you have a cottage up north.

But they are not there by themselves. They seem to always hang

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HANK HOGAN

around with very hungry friends.

We were fortunate, or rather the kids were fortunate, that we had one of those big 100-year-old houses that slept millions.

On Friday or Saturday nights all the beds were full.

The man who owned the IGA down the street loved it. We had a charge account. He also wintered in Palm

Beach after a good summer. No kidding; I met him there several times. The laundry man had to put on an extra truck because delivering clean sheets once a week wasn't enough. I never realized how many close friends our kids had.

I remember one time we got a call from a girl who went to grammar school with one of our kids, and who had moved out of town years ago, who wanted to sleep over while she was in town.

During this era we were apparently great chaperones because parents would call us and say what a wonderful time their kids had at our place.

Sometimes the parents would call while their kids were visiting and I would have to ask them to describe their kids and what their favorite sport was so I would have some idea where to look.

It was wonderful to see the kids again, but we wished their schedule would start earlier in the day and end earlier in the evening.

That way we could get the dishwasher started before we went to bed.

Hank Hogan, former publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, lives in Independence Township. He works as a Realtor on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Viewers are to blame for garbage on television

"I have a shocking secret!"
"Mom, I'm 15 and pregnant."
"I went from geek to sleek, and I want to confront the people who harassed me."

These are some of the most current television talk show topics. It's a chance for the average American with the most unbelievable story to be on TV. Being the suckers we are, we sit down with glued eyes until the next show comes on. I'll be the first to admit it's hard to change the channel once you start watching these trashy shows. It is shocking and sometimes humorous, but when is enough enough?

What really ticks me off about the show era is the material and when it airs. Recently, "The Jerry Springer Show" was moved to the 4 o'clock slot,

the hottest most competitive spot on daytime television. It switched with one of the most tasteful talk shows out there, "The Montel Williams Show." The issues on Montel such as scholarship giveaways, helping poor families, and the art of hypnotism weren't good enough for the most attentive 4 p.m. audience.

Unlike Montel, Springer has awful taste. Anyone who has seen the show knows it's more of a boxing match than a talk show. Every time someone gets into a fight, the audience stands up and shouts "Jerry! Jerry! Jerry!" until the bouncers pull them apart. Everyday there is physical fighting, yelling and more swear words than an R-rated movie. This is what I want my little brother and sister to watch when they get home from school!

STUDENT COLUMNIST



KRISTIN FRENCH

Television stations are only concerned with their ratings. They don't care that elementary school children let out at the same time their TV trash is airing. They don't see the teens in the hall at school chanting "Jerry! Jerry! Jerry!" every time there's a fight and they sure don't

understand they are telling everyone in the world, including children, that dysfunctional families and acts of violence will earn a spot on daytime TV. The stations say if you don't want to watch it, turn it off. They are right, but what about the children whose parents aren't home to regulate what they watch or at least tell them what's on TV isn't normal or acceptable?

Even though society shuns responsibility, the blame must go some where. Some say it's the television station or network. Some say it's Mr. Springer himself, but the real problem lies with the viewers. If nobody watches these shows, they won't be shown. But every day at 4 o'clock millions of Americans are entertained by this garbage. I say if people get a kick out of watching people fight, they should go to a boxing match. And if people enjoy listening to others' horrible problems, they should turn off their television and go to school to be a therapist.

Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Candidates for governor focus too much on cutting taxes

Early scenes from this, a political year. Busily running for re-election, Gov. John Engler has proposed a drawn-out process by which the Michigan income tax rate would be cut back from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent by the year 2000.

Equally busy but far less visible, Engler's main Democratic challengers are dutifully following suit.

Larry Owen wants to increase the personal income tax exemption to \$1,000 over three years, starting now. This would give the average Michigan family all of an extra \$3.30 a week when fully phased in. It also would cost something like \$1.8 billion in forgone revenue for state services, higher education and local schools.

Doug Ross wants to dump the Single Business Tax in favor of a corporate income tax on grounds that the SBT taxes both overall employment and net corporate profits. In 1995, revenue from the SBT made up around 12 percent of Michigan's total tax revenue. Taxes on corporate profits accounted for 4.7 percent in Ohio, 9 percent in Illinois and 7 percent in Minnesota.

Ross wants to convey a tax-cutting message, but he has a good policy point. The SBT is a bad tax because it penalizes precisely those companies that are growing, benefiting Michigan's economy by adding employees. (Remember whose lobbyists wrote the SBT quite early one fine morning? They sure didn't represent the high tech, high growth sector of our economy.)

These days, the fundamental article of faith among politicians asserts that the electorate is interested in little more than cutting taxes. Therefore, in order to pander to the voters, the thing to do is to never be outdone in tax cutting.

Forcing political discussion on tax policy into this single dimension would be sad if it were not so facile. Obviously, very few of us want to pay more taxes. But merely promising to reduce taxes as an end in itself begs far more important questions that ought to be at the center of political debate.

For example: Assuming that the State of Michigan should spend some money on something, just what budget priorities ought to drive that spending? Another example: Does the State of Michigan have full value for tax-paid government spending?

Engler's budget priorities have the virtue, at least of being clear. He wants to build 5,400 more prison beds at the cost of \$180 million and increase spending on the Department of Corrections by 5 percent. On the other hand, he wants to spend 1.5 percent more on Michigan universities and 1.5 percent more on community colleges.

Where is the rebuttal? I fear Democrats, so dazzled by the simplistic idea that cutting taxes is the purpose of political discourse, are missing



PHILIP POWER

a big opportunity.

It makes good sense to argue that we should increase state support for universities; and that to cut college tuition increases for thousands of Michigan families is a better choice than increasing spending to warehouse felons.

And it's easy to point out that if it's good public policy to move students from not very good high schools into more career-friendly community colleges to serve an economy that is critically short of skilled labor, the governor's education budget priority makes no sense at all.

And it's equally valuable to ask whether state government is really getting full value for such expenditures it does make.

Take the case of prisons, so large in Engler's scheme of things. State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, has produced compelling evidence that the amount Michigan spends per prison inmate is far in excess of what is spent in neighboring states. Any response from Engler or the Department of Corrections? None to date.

Take the case of road repair. With great fanfare, the governor and the Legislature last year hiked the gasoline tax to pay for decades of bipartisan budget priorities that paid more attention to building new highways than to repairing those that already existed.

Have you seen much discussion about how best to design roads able to survive Michigan's winters? Has anybody asked how much short-term patching will take place just before the election, with a likely half-life of a couple of years?

There is more to running a state than cutting taxes. I know Gov. Engler, Larry Owen and Doug Ross all know it. I just wish they'd act accordingly.

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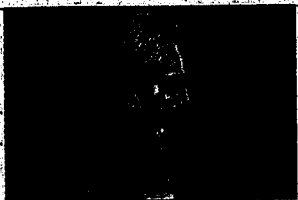
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CAROLYN WALKER

Math story problems not for chickens

Story problem: If a mother, being in her 40s on a Tuesday afternoon and having computer problems at work in the morning and pre-teen angst in the evening, sets her oven on 350 degrees at 4:45 p.m. in anticipation of a beautiful family dinner, how many minutes will it take her to bake a chicken before a Boy Scout meeting at 6 p.m.?

Reality hit me like a pie in the face.

Story problems like this one were the bane of my existence when I was a student. It seemed to me that my math book took on added weight as I carried it home on those afternoons during junior high when I had story-problem homework.

Problems involving obscure Lillians and Freds and Charleses, and their trips to the local grocery store with petty change and unreasonable requests provided by their mothers, never made sense to me. And I didn't care to work them out.

I used to open my math book with trepidation, sweat over its pages, scowl at my pencil, complain to my mother, stifle my growling stomach, and await some kind of revelation as I sought out their answers.

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Stockpile adventure: Follow him to Alaska

■ Jim DuFresne, who's written 15 outdoor travel books, will talk about Alaskan adventures at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Independence Township Library.



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Outdoor writer and enthusiast Jim DuFresne of Clarkston knows at least one last

frontier — the state of Alaska — like the back of his hand.

He's also adept at enticing his listeners to pay a visit there.

But, from a travel guide writer whose most well-known book is entitled "Alaska — A Lonely Planet Travel Survival Kit," his enthusiasm about the landscape isn't surprising.

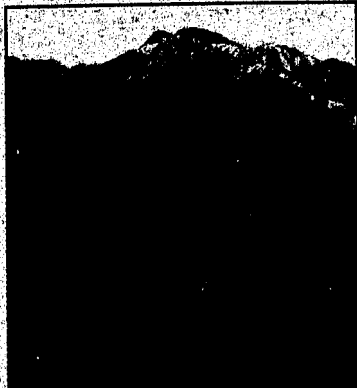
Perhaps it's his confidence that everybody, even the city dwellers and hordes of modern-day technology among us, should consider a rural adventure there.

"It's not as difficult as you think it is," said DuFresne of visiting Alaska, a territory known for shorter daylight hours; mountainous, icy terrain and vastness. (It's also believed to be extremely cold, but that's a myth, DuFresne said. Fairbanks has broken 100 degrees in the late summer, he said.)

Vacationing in Alaska is about as complicated as visiting any large city, said DuFresne, who has written 15 outdoor travel books and is slated to talk about Alaskan adventures at 7:30 p.m. March 24 in the Independence Township Library.

He will also show slides from his most recent Alaskan excursion — along with his 11-year-old son Michael. DuFresne also lived in Alaska for several years.

"This is a young man that has never seen mountains," DuFresne said of his



No big deal: Visiting Alaska is "not as difficult as you think it is," said Clarkston resident Jim DuFresne, shown here back-packing near the mountains.

son's experience. "He's never been out West."

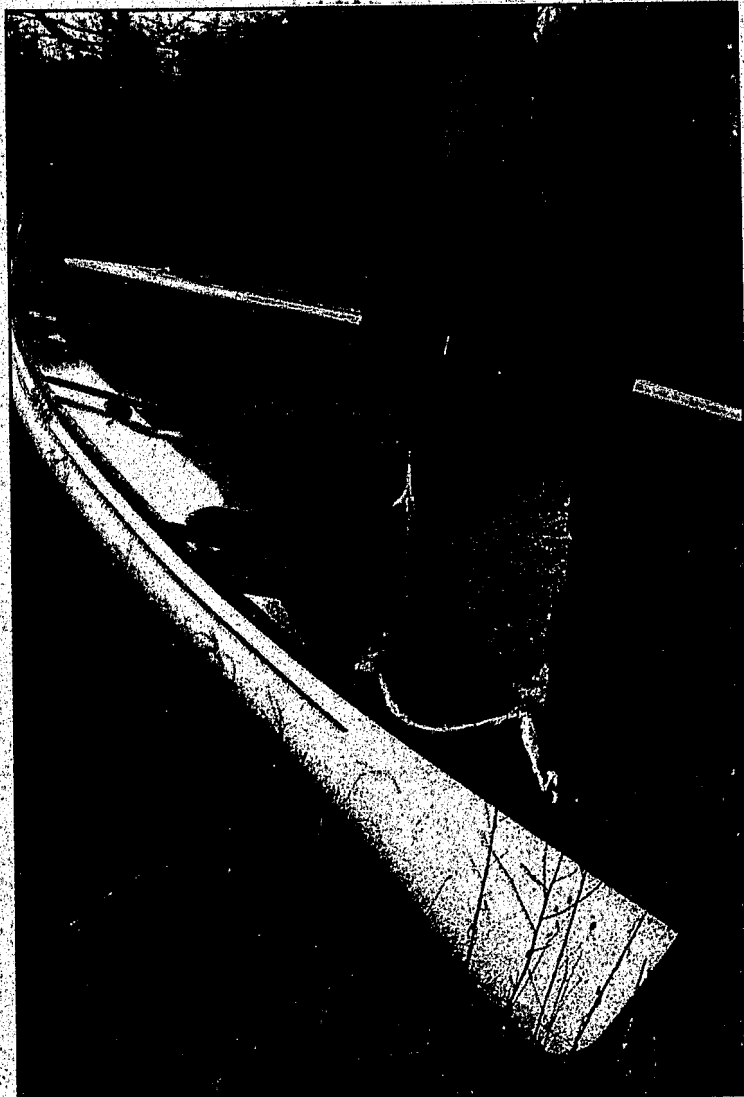
At one point during the father and son's travels, a group of sheep spilled out on to the mountain and surrounded them — a once-in-a-lifetime experience, he said.

The cost of their trip — about \$1,500 total — also illustrates the economy of vacationing in Alaska. Renting a recreational vehicle, a means for seeing Alaska that is as — if not more — comfortable than traveling by cruise ship, costs about \$120 per day, DuFresne said.

DuFresne's recent encounter with indigenous wildlife, though, isn't his first — nor probably his last — experience of a lifetime.

A prior trip to the area allowed the explorer to witness hundreds of caribou travel across an Arctic river. The Western Arctic herd of about 600,000 makes the trek every year and is quite a sight since the animals' antlers measure about 4 feet in length.

"It's the closest thing you and I could



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Good fishing: After fishing on a remote lake and landing some "monster pike" among other fish varieties, DuFresne realized that only a handful of people had probably fished there.

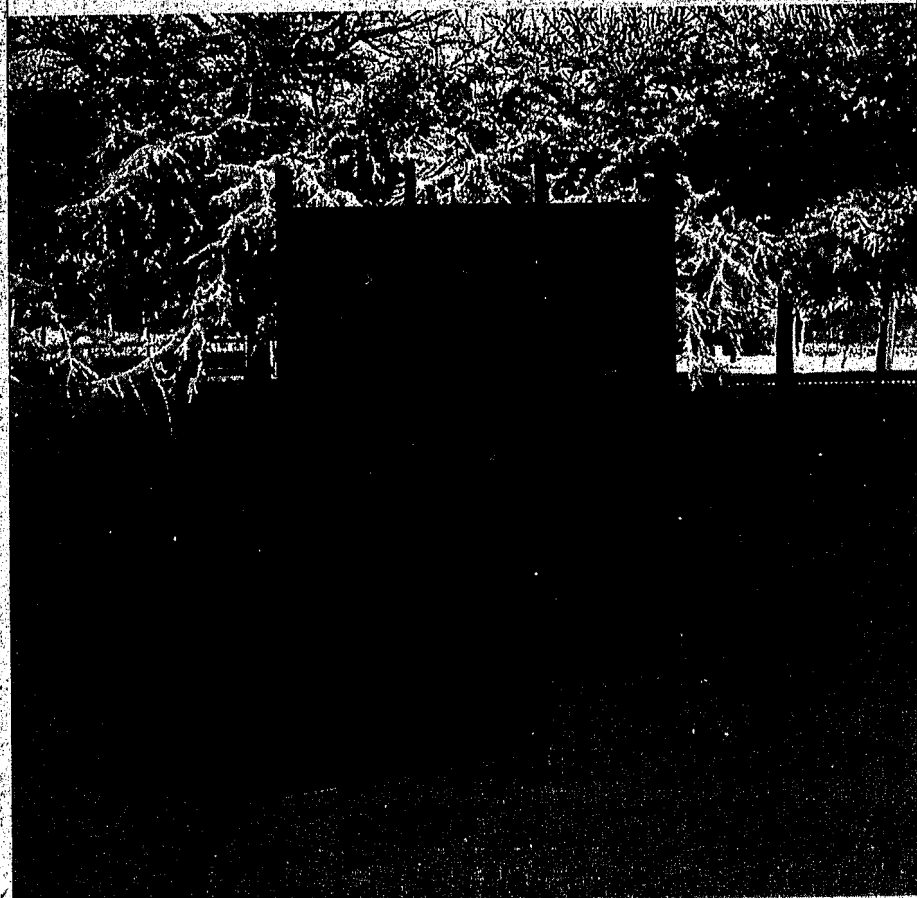
today come to feeling how the pioneers that is inaccessible by road or boat. "Nine out of 10 times you get skunked," he said of exploring areas

Another special outing brought an especially successful day of fishing that are difficult to get to and rarely

Using a map, DuFresne hiked to a lake

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Story problems

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Why me? I wondered. Einstein's theory of relativity came to him with greater ease than a story problem answer. I never came to me and so it was with great joy and jubilation that I gave up math altogether in the fifth grade when the school system finally relented and said, figuratively speaking, "You don't have to do this anymore."

I didn't have to and I wasn't going to. Oh, halala! I could imagine that the need to solve story problems would become a matter of practicality in my life for two reasons.

A) Because my life is one, big unsolvable story problem that needs addressing in its own right and

B) Because my fifth-grade son is now bringing story problems home from school and I don't have a clue about how to help him with them. I've forgotten more than I ever knew.

Last week, as I pulled off who knows what percentage of body fat from a whole chicken that weighed 10 pounds, which would have to feed four people for two non-vegetarian meals, my son announced to me that he had 25 fraction problems that needed solving within the hour.

Some of the fractions required the deciphering of numerators and denominators and a whole lot of other big-worded things, while others needed reducing. (Don't we all? So what's the big deal?) Others were printed in the form of lengthy, complex story problems.

"Lillian..." one began and I went numb with a "who the heck cares?" Then I slapped the chicken.

"Please do not start the pie thing," my son said, exasperated, as I grabbed a piece of scrap paper with my now-slimy fingers and drew two little circles on it with uniform wedges in their centers. He was no more interested in finding out which is bigger, 5/6ths or 7/8ths, than I was.

What that boy had on his mind was love — another equally obscure topic.

"How do you know if you're in love with someone?" he asked me out of nowhere, his mind clearly wandering, concerned about some puppy love things that are going on in his classroom. "Are there any side effects?"

I considered this interesting concept for a moment before reality dawned and I did some quick mental figuring.

Voila! I had a mathematical revelation right there in my own home.

The fact was (but how could I tell him?), I was standing in my kitchen, drawing pies when I might have been baking them, discussing incomprehensible story problems with — when you get right down to it — one of three side effects of my own personal love. My son.

Reality hit me like a pie in the face.

There are those who say you can prove just about anything with math. But can you prove love? How I wished I'd paid better attention!

I stifled an urge to say, "Yes, there are some side effects. Let's pretend Lillian, Fred and Charles..."

And the chicken made four.

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OM TEAM RESULTS

Results of the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition are as follows:

Pageant Wagon, Division I, 3rd Place, Springfield Plains Elementary, Team A; Pageant Wagon, Division II, 3rd Place, Clarkston Middle School; Morph Magic, Division II, 3rd Place, Sashabaw Middle School (Robinson); Marvelous Mentor, Division I, 2nd Place, Springfield

Plains; Marvelous Mentor, Division II, 5th Place, Sashabaw Middle School (McLean); Marvelous Mentor, Division III, 5th Place, Clarkston High School (Motto); Create and Animate, Division I, 4th Place, Pine Knob Elementary, Team Green (Kennedy).

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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9 a.m.-4 p.m. Early-bird shoppers welcome at 7 a.m. Free parking and admission. Held at Springfield Oak Activity Center, 1245 Andersonville Road at Hall Road, Davisburg. Call 625-8133.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

VATICAN II-HISTORY & DOCUMENTS
6-9 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. For anyone interested in knowing more about the meaning and impact of the Second Vatican Council. Fee: \$5 per session plus \$14 if book is desired. Call 625-1750.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

"WHY FEELING SO GOOD IS SOMETIMES WRONG..."
7 p.m., Clarkston Middle School, 6300 Church St. PTA presents Don Kevorn, retired teacher and administrator and director of support programs for Clarkston United Methodist Church. Kevorn will discuss why overinflating your child's self-esteem may affect their school performance and life experiences.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

BAKED HAM SUPPER
4:30-7 p.m., Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, Sashabaw Road at Seymour Lake in Brandon Township. Carry-outs available by calling 628-4763.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PLANNING A CULINARY PLOT
1:30-4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Adult mini-class — learn how to plan a simple culinary plot and how to add zest and flavor to your cooking with herbs. Come prepared to sample some herbal cuisine. Cost: \$10 per person. Reservations required. Call 625-6473.

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MONDAY, APRIL 6

HOMESCHOOLERS' ORIENTEERING
11 a.m. Homeschoolers interested in "finding themselves," and capable of tackling 4th-5th grade math, are invited to the nature center for this challenging and fun program. Siblings are welcome, but must remain quiet. The nature center will provide compasses. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

EASTER EGG HUNT
10:30 a.m. - noon. Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Meet the Easter Bunny and have a great time playing games and participating in fun activities. Take home a photo of you and the bunny. Ages 2-5. Space is limited. Register by April 3 by calling Independence Township Parks & Recreation at 625-8223. There will be no tickets sold on-site. \$4 per resident, \$6 per non-resident.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

MONTHLY DANCE
6:30-10 p.m. Dance for people with disabilities is held at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois in Troy. If you would like to attend and need transportation or need additional information, contact Sharon at 625-8231. Independence Township will provide a shuttle to and from the dance. There is a minimum of 3 participants in order to provide this service, please call one week in advance. Cost: \$5

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.
Informal sharing meeting.
Topic: Stress and Grieving.
Objective: To discuss how grieving affects your stress level and what can help. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages, recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
10-11 a.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Informal discussion of fiction and nonfiction led by Catherine Lobb. Book for April: "Stones from the River" by Ursula Hegi. Everyone welcome. No registration needed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

OWL" TELL YOU ABOUT IT
7 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Everything you ever wanted to know about Michigan's owls and their adaptations, but thought you were too wise to ask, will be discussed during the indoor portion of this program. Then, head out into the night on a hike to try and call in these fascinating creatures. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 4 & 5

JR. GIRL SCOUTS: "FINDING YOUR WAY"
10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Junior girl scouts who "find their way" out to the nature center can complete all the requirements for this badge. We'll practice on an indoor map and compass, then navigate an outdoor course. Sorry, no siblings; scouts and leaders only. Please dress for the weather. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

FOREVER PLAID
11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. This musical/comedy is getting rave reviews from every critic that has seen it. Trip will also include a buffet lunch at the Sweden House restaurant before the show. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach. Early reservations requested. Call Independence Township Senior Center 625-8231. \$43 resident, \$45 non-residents.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA- FAMILY FESTIVAL

1:30-4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. This afternoon of family fun and "egg-formation" includes face painting, spring crafts and a hike. Meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy the music of Marc Thomas. (Bring your camera.) Reservations required. Call 625-6473.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

per person.

MONTH OF MARCH

MAPLE SUGARING
Weekends during March, Indian Springs Metropark. Learn about maple syrup and about maple trees followed by a hike out to tap one of the trees. Call to set up an appointment at 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

CLARKSTON FINE ARTS GALLERY

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery presents photographer Jeanette Charles, who will display images from her time in Italy and Colorado as well as some of her nature photographs. Gallery is located at 7151 North Main St., Clarkston. Call Nancy Vance at 625-8439.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

MARSHMALLOW DROP
11 a.m. 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Have a great day in the park under the light rain of marshmallows. Kids ages 12 and under. Tickets are \$3 residents, \$5 non residents in advance and \$5 resident and \$7 non-residents on site. Call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 625-8223 for more information.

4TH ANNUAL PTA COUNCIL ROAD RALLY

5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Sports." Meet at Clarkston High School Parking Lot. Proceeds to benefit Clarkston PTA Council Scholarship Fund. \$25 per person. Limit six persons per auto. To register, call Sally Hadden at 625-1490.

Shuffle over to Habitat's Soupy Sales fund-raiser

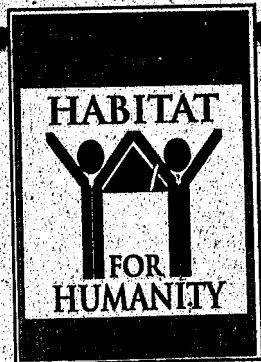
Mark your calendars for Friday, May 1, for what will be the ultimate in "cream pie" experiences. The "crazy" evening with Soupy Sales will be held at the "Baci a Bracci" (Hugs & Kisses) restaurant in downtown Pontiac. Soupy will regale us with clips of what is probably Detroit's most famous noontime children's show ever. Many of you will remember it well. Soupy will share with us what went on behind the scenes as well as some of the "greatest hits" of the show. Speaking of "hits," we anticipate a number of local celebrities (political i.e.) getting their "just desserts" from the "Pie-Master" himself. Those in attendance will also get the opportunity to bid on "seconds" on the local celebs. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$100. Entire tables can be purchased for \$800. Ticket information and reservations can be made with Dick Brochu at (248) 858-3723 or Paul Bennett at (248) 625-3328. A note of caution: If you are one of the "noted celebs," provisions will be made to keep your attire clean! The fund-raising committee is still in need of volunteers to keep this project on track. Call Dick or Paul if you have some spare time on your hands. Remember many hands

make the work go more quickly and enable us to have more fun.

The building committee is in high gear. Chairperson is Bob Morden. They are meeting at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at our office in the First Methodist Church, 14 Judson St., Pontiac. The committee does the planning for future buildings as well as coordination with Lighthouse for their renovation projects. We still have some open positions on our committee so join us at these meetings. If you, your company or anyone you know has new building material or appliances that can be donated, we would appreciate a call at the office, at (248) 338-1843. We will make arrangements to pick it up.

Also, we are still looking for donated or inexpensive warehouse space. A new Volunteer Skill Survey form has been designed and we are asking all new and previous volunteers to fill out the new form. A new database was put into place and it will help us to better track this information and will allow our committees to draw valuable resources from it.

We are in need of several items for our office (these can be used): file cabinets, storage cabinets and book shelving. We also need a recording secretary and



office volunteers. The recording secretary is needed for our monthly board meetings. Office volunteers are needed to staff our office. Whatever time you have available to give to us we'll take it.

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This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Independence Land Conservancy.

Township, cable company offer scholarships

Springfield Township and North Oakland Cablevision will again be awarding college scholarships in the amounts of \$500 to \$1,000.

Recipients must be high school seniors who are residents of Springfield Township.

Preference will be given to students who have

volunteered time and talent in the high school and/or community.

For applications, see your high school counselor or stop by the Springfield Township Library, 10900 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

The deadline for applications is April 24.

Alaska

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visited. "But every once and a while..."

In this case, DuFresne hiked several miles and then "all of a sudden - Bam! - there's this lake and there's nobody on it."

After fishing on the lake and landing some "monster pike" among other fish varieties, DuFresne realized that only a handful of people had probably fished there.

He also fondly recalls the tranquility of the day on the lake.

"In today's world, you can't go anywhere and not hear something," he said. "You rediscover the pleasures of life."

Although the comforts of home are missed during such excursions, DuFresne also believes these experiences increase our appreciation of modern-day life.

Besides, people need adventure in life, he said.

"Don't you ever find yourself



STAFF PHOTO BY SIXTE CANTRELL

Alaska guy: DuFresne sits at the kitchen table with a few of the books he's written about Alaska.

bombarded with phone calls, on?" he asked. "Well, you go making dinner, having to do taxes and whatever else is going backpacking, and it's all gone."

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REV. RONALD BYARS

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Should I care about the sexual morality of people in high places? This is the question at the heart of the debate over alleged scandals in the White House. When the Monica Lewinsky story first broke, the news media presumed that the public would want to know everything

including the speculations of anyone who pretended to have insider information. In less than two weeks, there was a public cry of dismay over constant bombardment with this story. The president's approval ratings soared and there began to be a backlash against Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor. Some have argued that the president's sexual habits are irrelevant to the business of governing. Others have taken the position that sexual immorality is a character flaw

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BY RENA FULKA
SPECIAL WRITER

Bill Higgins was stationed in Germany when he and his wife, Carol, got their first taste of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. And the Oakland County couple hasn't stopped sharing the experience.

"I like to describe it as the second best thing we've ever done. The first best thing was getting married," said Bill, who tied the knot 33 years ago. "This gave us a way to talk to one another about our relationship and the topics and subjects we wouldn't have talked about otherwise."

For Carol, the international program was an eye-opening experience in more ways than one.

At the time, she said, "I saw myself as a little housewife sitting at home waiting for hubby. The weekend helped me to see just who I am and how important I am to Bill and to those that love me."

In the 20 years since their enriching workshop, the couple's two children have grown to adulthood. Bill has retired from his role as an industrial engineer and financial resources analyst with the U. S. government. And Carol has overcome her shyness to give meaningful presentations outside the home.

For the Troy couple, that weekend in Germany is more than just a memory. It's an experience they relive each month by handling reservations and serving as one of the 25 presenting couples who facilitate the Worldwide Marriage Encounter through the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

"The weekends focus on increasing communication with each other," said Carol. "It's a time to just really let go of everything else



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Close encounters: Bill and Carol Higgins of Troy enjoy sharing the Marriage Encounter experience with other couples.

and get away with each other and focus on your relationship."

The ongoing program designed for good marriages draws 20 to 30 couples each month to the St. John Youth and Family Life Center in Plymouth, a former seminary at Five Mile and Plymouth roads that was transformed into a retreat center a decade ago.

Participants spend

the weekend attending 14 group presentations facilitated by three married couples and a priest. Presentations center on a variety of topics like jobs, finances, sexuality, home atmosphere, life style and relationships with children. There is no group interaction. The brief questionnaire following each presentation is answered individually. Then, couples are sent to their two-room suites to compare notes and enter into private discussion.

"It's all about feelings," said Carol. "We

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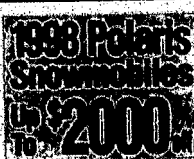
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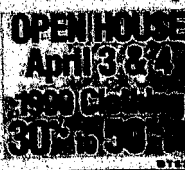
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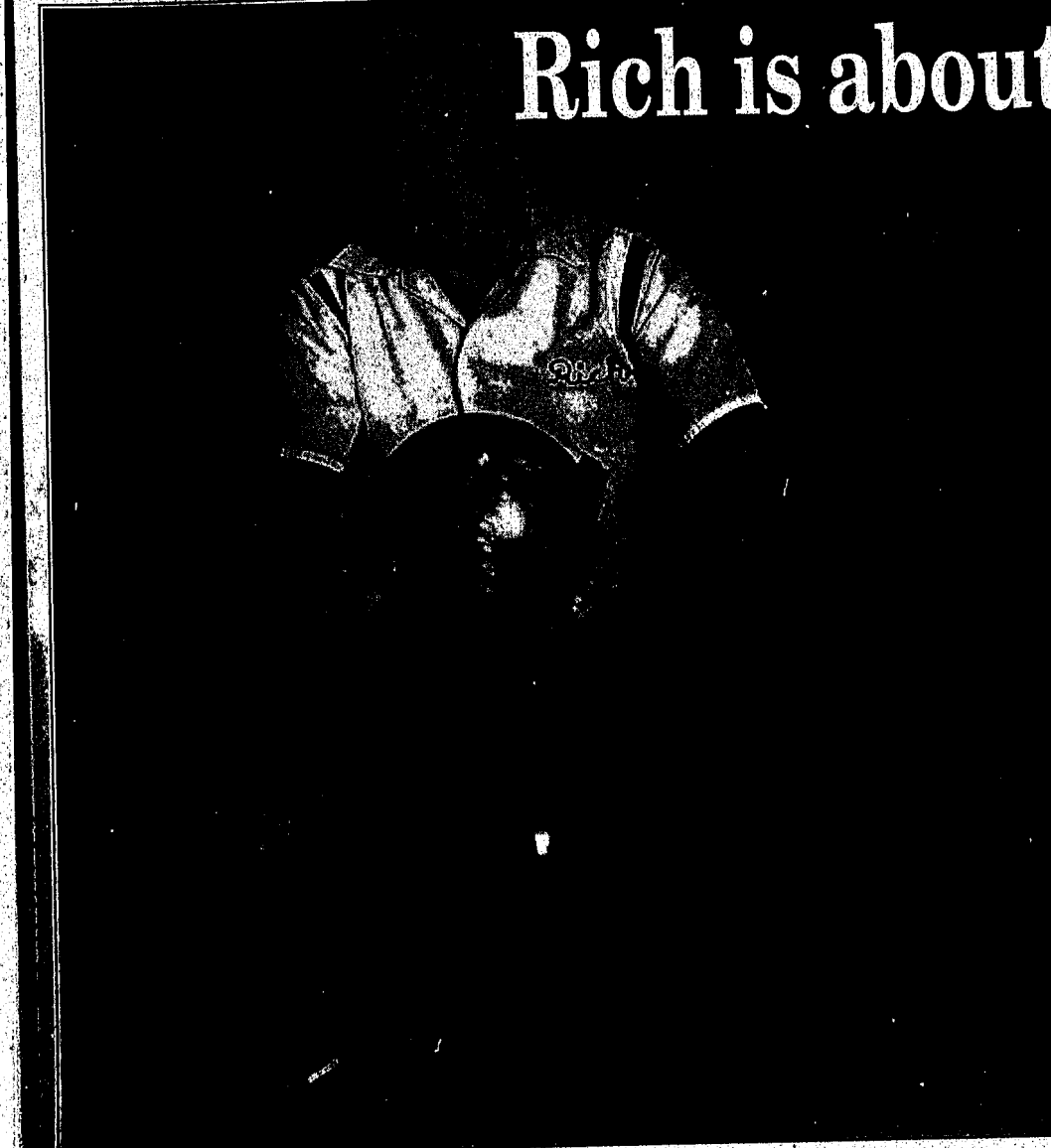
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Other couples tend to share the same sentiments.

"We see couples being like teenagers and falling in love all over again," said Carol. "You come out of the weekend feeling closer to one another."

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter was begun in Spain by Father Gabriel Calvo in the 1950's as an outgrowth of the Christian Family Movement. The Catholic-based program traveled to South America before making its debut in the United

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In Plymouth, the weekend comes to a close on Sunday afternoon with a celebration of the Eucharist. Saturday morning Mass is optional. The program is open to couples of all ages, races and creeds.

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The skills learned during the marriage encounter have also been known to translate to the workplace, helping individuals to build confidence and become better listeners and organizers.

For the Higginses, the joy comes not only in integrating what they've learned into their own lives, but in presenting the tools that can help enrich other marriages.

"Many people end up living the same marriages as their parents, aunts, uncles and friends and

they let TV shows, magazines and newspapers tell them how to live," said Bill. "They don't realize that there are choices that can be made. It all depends on what you want."

"The weekend works if you're willing to allow it to work in your lives. It's the best thing we've discovered for the closeness and intimacy that we always wanted," added Carol. "You cannot attend the weekend without walking away from it changed in some way. It's some-

■ 'It's the best thing we've discovered for the closeness and intimacy that we always wanted'

Carol Higgins
—Troy resident

thing you take home with you and use for the rest of your lives."

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held April 24 to 26, at the St. John Youth and Family Life Center, Five Mile

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Byars

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of such dimensions that it destroys the public's ability to trust a person in leadership.

The president, of course, protests that the accusations are false. These protestations of innocence encourage the special prosecutor to entertain the possibility of making a case for obstruction of justice. In our country, even the president is considered innocent until guilt is proven. But what if it turns out that the alleged offense against Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey and others — really happened? Does it matter?

If sexual morality matters at all, it would seem to me that it matters for one and all — including, but not limited to, the President of the United States. Of course, some would argue that sexual morality does not matter; they might say that in the 90s we have come of age. Sexual behavior is strictly personal and there are no rules. Of course, even those who take the most libertarian view of sexual behavior are likely to add qualifications. I suspect they would say that there are rules when it comes to children and there are rules when one party has not consented to a sexual relationship.

I would argue that every society has created rules meant to govern sexual relationships. Societies don't always have the same rules. But every society has considered sexual relationships to be important enough, and sexual instincts powerful enough, to require some sort of regulation. The regulations may be explicit, with clear penalties — as in the case of Saudi Arabia, for example — or they may take the milder form of public approval or disapproval. Our own society allows wide leeway in sexual relationships, with only a few legal penalties. Nevertheless, even in our "liberated" era, public disapproval still functions as a brake on certain kinds of behavior.

One of those "disapproved" behaviors is adultery — where one partner betrays the trust of the other. Another is any sexual relationship between person whose power or status are very different. When a person whom everyone honors pressures an admirer, or when a professional takes advantage of a client's dependency, it cannot be presumed that the weaker of the two has freely consented to a relationship. This would seem to be an issue in the alleged sexual offenses of the president.

If the allegations against the president should prove true, does the disqualify him from being president? If the country were on the verge of a presidential election, the voters could decide that question at the ballot box. Since the president is in the middle of a second term, and will never stand for reelection, there are other matters at stake. Presuming that the law permits any aggrieved person to file a civil suit against the president, does it serve the public interest for the special prosecutor to pursue and lay bare every possible scandal that may have occurred?

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Wolves' burst helps top Chiefs



BRAD KADRICH

For champs, life is a bowl of snacks

A scant three days after winning state wrestling championships in their respective weight classes, Clarkston's A.J. Grant and Pat DeGain sat smiling, deservedly so.

Grant, munching on a candy bar of some sort, admitted he had actually purchased a — gasp! — donut that morning, allowing as how he hadn't done that in years.

DeGain, too, admitted eating had been one of his best things since topping all comers in the Division I state tournament at Battle Creek over the weekend. He looked pretty happy about it, too.

To the victors go the spoils. Grant and DeGain sit atop the wrestling world, and easy lie the crowns. Both have experienced loads of success nationally, so both were ready to claim their rightful places as high school champions.

The only problem with the whole championship weekend: both expressed dissatisfaction with the medals they earned, puny little things that look more like kiddie charms than they do symbols of wrestling greatness. (Memo to the Michigan High School Athletic Association: they're right; surely the state can afford better medals than that.)

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BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

When Dan Fife was a senior at Clarkston, his final performance was a 10-for-29 shooting night in a career-ending loss to Pontiac Central, and he didn't want the same fate to befall his youngest son.

He needn't have worried. Dane Fife, the third Fife son to play basketball at Clarkston and the leading candidate for Mr. Basketball, put together an award-winning performance, especially in the fourth quarter, as the Wolves topped Pontiac Central, 58-51, in a

regional semifinal game at Macomb Dakota.

The win lifted the Wolves (21-2) into the regional final Friday at 7 p.m. against either Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley or Milford. Those teams met in the other semifinal Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

Fife was 12-of-22 shooting Tuesday and finished with a game-high 34 points, including his team's first 10 points in the fourth quarter. For good measure, he added 11 rebounds and had four assists. And the Wolves needed every one of them, too, because the Chiefs did not go quietly into that good night. The biggest lead of the night was five points — Central led 29-24 at halftime — until Dan Neubeck's layup at the buzzer provided the final margin.

"That's a good team we beat," said Fife. "It seems like we're always able to beat the teams we're supposed to beat, and not able to do it against teams we're not supposed to beat. I remember crying to my dad last year (after a regional semifinal loss to Pontiac Northern) that we just can't get over the hump. So this was a big win for us."

And Fife, who generally tries hard to set his teammates up, took up the Chiefs' challenge to start the fourth quarter. With his team trailing 42-39 early in the fourth, Fife put a head fake on Cen-



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Love-fest: It was time for hugs after Dan Neubeck (right) took a pass from Dane Fife (left) and scored the game's final basket in Clarkston's 58-51 win over Pontiac Central Tuesday night.



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Tall order: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor (31) goes to the hole against Chris Riley of Pontiac Central during Tuesday's regional semifinal win over the Chiefs.

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Top talent: The members of the 1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland Wrestling team (clockwise from left): Eric Ghiaciuc, Preston Phelps, Bubba Clement, Pat DeGain, Chris Bettridge, Chad O'Brien, A.J. Grant, Charlie Myer, Ryan L'Amoreaux, Alan Wilfong, Ryan McAleer, Andy Dewey, Aaron Curtis, and Ryan Curtis.

Best of the best

Wrestlers show off talent with '98 successes

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

The 14 wrestlers who make up the 1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland wrestling team collectively put together a dream season any coach would be glad to take.

Look at the litany of accomplishments:

■ Three (Clarkston's A.J. Grant and Pat DeGain and Oxford's Alan Wilfong) won the Oakland County tournament. DeGain and Wilfong won the first time.

■ The same three won regional titles, and were joined by 10 other wrestlers as state qualifiers. The 14th, Oxford's Ryan Curtis, was a regional qualifier for the fourth straight season, the only one among the 14 to accomplish that.

■ Seven of them (three each from Oxford and Clarkston and one from Lake Orion) claimed All-State honors by medaling at Grandview State wrestling tournament in Battle Creek.

■ Two — Grant and DeGain — won national Championships put together a 200-0 record last two

seasons.

Here's a closer look at the cream of the crop in the North Oakland area.

■ **A.J. Grant, junior, Clarkston** — Grant's only loss last season came in the state semifinals, and he cruised through the 1998 season 50-0.

He won everything in sight: the Detroit Catholic Central tournament, the Oakland County meet, the Oakland Activities Association Division I title and district, regional and, finally, state crowns.

"He was a true leader of the team, no doubt about that," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "He really took his captain's role seriously and did everything he could do to help this team."

■ **Charlie Myer, freshman, Oxford** — Myer, who had already established a reputation with his performance in national meets, did the same in his first year as a varsity wrestler for the Wildcats.

He missed much of the early part of the season due to injury, but came back to finish strong, capturing a

Flint Metro League title to go with a regional championship and a sixth-place medal at the state meet. He finished his rookie season at 28-9.

"He's one of the kids I worked with at the middle school, so I knew he was going to be good," Oxford coach Paul McDevitt said. "But he still surprised me. His work over the summer really helped him."

■ **Ryan L'Amoreaux, junior, Clarkston** — A junior who shared time a year ago at 103 pounds with Grant, L'Amoreaux burst out of Grant's shadow this season to post a superb junior year.

He finished 30-5 despite missing several weeks due to injury, including a fifth-place medal at the Division I state meet Saturday. He was the Oakland County champion, won the OAA Division I tournament and a district title. His season included wins over Division I state champion Scott Norton and Division II champion Kyle Brown.

Ryan L'Amoreaux (among the best in the state) DeGain said. "On

any given day he could have been the guy coming home with a state championship."

■ **Alan Wilfong, junior, Oxford** — Wilfong showed promise during his sophomore season, then delivered on that promise as a junior.

Wilfong surprised many observers when he won the Oakland County tournament, and followed that with a second-place finish at the Flint Metro League meet and a regional title at 119 pounds. He was a state qualifier who finished 35-14, his second straight 30-win season.

"He was a steady performer for us at a tough weight class," McDevitt said. "I don't think anyone saw him doing things like winning the Oakland County meet, so he brought a lot of surprises with him this year."

■ **Ryan McAleer, sophomore, Clarkston** — McAleer stepped into a hole in Clarkston's lineup at 119 pounds and filled it well, coming up with a big win in a dual meet win over Rochester Adams, an OAA I title and a bronze medal at

Oakland County.

He qualified for the Division I state meet and finished 35-11.

"To have that many wins as a sophomore is great," "A lot of how we were going to do depended on the sophomore class, because we ended up starting six sophomores. Ryan was a big part of our success."

■ **Andy Dewey, junior, Lake Orion** — Dewey was one of the Dragons' most dependable wrestlers in 1998, compiling a 41-15 record in a season that concluded with a trip to the state meet.

He was the Dragons' first 40-match winner in three years and led the team in victories. He was third at the county meet and second at the OAA I meet. He also had a hard-luck season in some respects: four of his losses came to Pat Diaz of Rochester Adams, including the league final, and he lost twice in overtime to Jon Nagy of Romeo, who finished fourth in the state.

"If you ask Andy, he'd tell you it's been a frustrating year," Lake Orion coach

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1998 ALL-NORTH OAKLAND WRESTLING TEAM

| First Team | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----|
| Wrestler | School | Yr |
| Charlie Myer | Oxford | Fr. |
| Ryan L'Amoreaux | Clarkston | Jr. |
| A.J. Grant | Clarkston | Jr. |
| Alan Wilfong | Oxford | Jr. |
| Ryan McAleer | Clarkston | So. |
| Andy Dewey | Lake Orion | Jr. |
| Aaron Curtis | Oxford | Sr. |
| Ryan Curtis | Oxford | Sr. |
| Chad O'Brien | Lake Orion | Sr. |
| Chris Bettridge | Lake Orion | Jr. |
| Pat DeGain | Clarkston | So. |
| Preston Phelps | Oxford | Sr. |
| Bubba Clement | Clarkston | So. |
| Eric Ghiaciuc | Oxford | So. |
| Second Team | | |
| Ryan Call | Oxford | So. |
| Nathan Walter | Lake Orion | Sr. |
| Blair Richards | Lake Orion | Sr. |
| Ben Phillips | Lake Orion | Jr. |
| Andy Auton | Clarkston | Sr. |
| Jon Robinson | Clarkston | So. |
| Seth Johnson | Oxford | Sr. |
| Matt Edwards | Clarkston | Sr. |
| Willie Breyer | Oxford | Fr. |
| Mark Hoffman | Lake Orion | Sr. |
| Kevin Turnbull | Clarkston | So. |
| Aaron Sailor | Clarkston | Sr. |
| Mike Gungley | Lake Orion | Fr. |
| Chris Gomez | Clarkston | Sr. |

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But ask both how important it is to win another one next year, and they quickly agree. You can't top being the best; staying the best is another thing.

"I don't need to top it because I'm already the top," said Grant, who came within two wins of a state title last year. "I just want to do it again."

DeGain also wants to repeat, something only one wrestler did this year. But his reasons are a little more personal and, shall we say (softly), selfish.

"I just want to win it again," said DeGain, a sophomore whose brother, Joe, was a state champion a few years back. "To do less would be disappointing because I would have anything to put in my brother's face."

See, the jokes come easy for Grant and DeGain these days, and rightfully so. Grant went 50-0 making him 100-1 in his last two seasons. It's that one loss that makes this year so different from last, when Grant finished third at this meet.

He had cruised through the regular season and the district and regional tournaments, and eased into the semifinals, where Toby Dickson of Charlotte was scheduled to be the next victim. But Dickson upset Grant, who was forced to settle for the bronze medal. Grant said that match had nothing to do with this past season, that it didn't provide any impetus for the season he put together as a junior.

It's easier to believe it was a huge motivating factor, but Grant simply denies it.

"I haven't even watched the tape (of last year's semifinal)

yet," he said. "There's no need to look at it. I put that match behind me a long time ago."

Motivating factor or not, Grant went out this year and proved he is quite simply the best pure wrestler in the state. He wasn't tested in any matches this season. There was the time at Orchard Lake St. Mary's when someone put Grant to his back for 90 seconds, but Grant came back to pound that wrestler. He did have a couple of close bouts with Jim Borowski of Romeo, who he beat 8-1 in the state finals. That makes six wins over Borowski this season, and Borowski lost only seven matches all year.

"I think I beat him 2-1 or 3-2 a couple of times," Grant said. "That was as close as the scores ever got, but I never felt like he was going to beat me."

Despite the ease of his season, Grant said he never lost focus. If it didn't hand him his first loss, the Orchard Lake St. Mary's experience helped teach him a valuable lesson.

"No matter what the score is you know any second a guy could turn on you and you could get pinned," Grant said. "You have to stay focused. You can't just jump into anything."

DeGain's experience was quite different, though he never really came close to losing, either. Like Grant, he faced a familiar opponent in the state final in Rochester Adams' Kevin Boyd. The two wrestled six times this year and DeGain won them all, but not without paying a price.

Boyd, a physical 189-pound junior, tried to use his strength

against DeGain, including some low blows that infuriated, but did not deter, the Clarkston sophomore. The rivalry could be a strong one next year if Boyd stays at 189, which is unlikely given his size. DeGain will try to stay at 189 in an effort to keep sophomore Bubba Clement, Clarkston's 215-pounder, in the lineup next year.

DeGain's performance this year is even more remarkable when you consider the youngster only got 18 matches as a freshman due to injury. That kind of inexperience doesn't usually translate into a state title, but DeGain isn't your average wrestler.

Knowing he needed the experience, and because he's a wrestler at heart, DeGain joined Grant on the national circuit last summer, finishing fifth in freestyle in the cadet nationals. The extra 100 matches or so he got helped overcome the freshman year of inactivity.

"I think I would have struggled this year without it," DeGain said of his summer experience.

He did get a sort of déjà vu effect earlier this year when he popped his knee and had to miss time, but he never let it enter his mind that he was headed for a recurrence of last year's frustration.

"It hurt, but I didn't want to think that way," he said. "My dad looked at it (the knee) and spazzed, but I was trying to stay positive."

There's nothing to spaz about any more, not with Grant and DeGain establishing themselves

Netters can't handle Marian

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

A valiant effort by Clarkston was simply not enough to stop Birmingham Marian and senior Kristi Kreher.

The 6-foot-1 Kreher was a one-man wreckingball Saturday at the Class A Lapeer East Regional, slamming nine kills in the semifinal as Marian ousted the Wolves from the Lower Peninsula tournament, 15-6, 15-6. Marian (40-13-2) went on to capture the regional title with a 15-6, 10-15, 15-6 triumph over Walled Lake Central.

"She's awfully good," said Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson of Kreher. "But it's bad enough just trying to stop her. They have a bunch of really strong hitters and we just had problems matching up with them."

Clarkston, which lost to Marian earlier this season at the Grand Blanc Invitational, fell behind 8-0 in the first game before getting into sync. Still, the Wolves were able to put up a fight before falling in straight sets. In fact, Clarkston closed the gap to 4-3 in the second game, but Kreher collected kills on three of the next four points by the Mustangs, which closed the lid on the Wolves.

"Volleyball is a game of momentum and we really couldn't get much going," added Richardson. "We really didn't play bad against them. Our serving was really good and so was our serve reception. We didn't really make many mistakes in that department. But (Marian's) hitting was really on today."

Junior Mandie Harrison was 6-of-6 serving with two aces and



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Net loss: Clarkston's Aimee Giroux went hard to the net on this point, but it was to no avail as the Wolves fell to Birmingham Marian in a regional semifinal.

one kill to lead the Wolves. Senior Georgia Senkyr added three blocks and one kill, and senior Jenny McCue was 6-of-6 serving for Clarkston, which finished the season 19-21-3.

"I'm sorry to see this senior class go," added Richardson, who

had seven seniors on this year's team. "They were a fun group of kids that always worked hard. I wish we could have finished above five hundred, but they won a district and that's always a nice way to go out."

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tral's Tyron Williams and drew a foul, making 1-of-2 at the line. Less than a minute later, Fife drained a 3-pointer, then made a layup with 4:33 left to give Clarkston the lead.

After the Chiefs' Maurice Thomas scored to give Central a 46-45 lead, Fife made a layup with 3:30 left to give the Wolves the lead for good. Neubeck made a free throw, Fife made a pair of

free throws and Neubeck got his fast-break layup.

The Wolves had to fend off a last Central offensive thrust before the victory was sealed, though. After Neubeck's free throw made it 54-51 with 41 seconds left, Jamel Gooding missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it. Central guard Shariff Bland took a 3-pointer and appeared to be fouled, though no call was

made. Central missed two more 3-pointers before Fife got the rebound and lofted it to a streaking Neubeck, who put the exclamation point on the victory.

"It was just a back-and-forth game with both teams spending all the energy they had," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said. "We felt we had to keep going at them, making them run and wearing them down."

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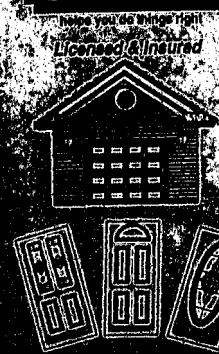
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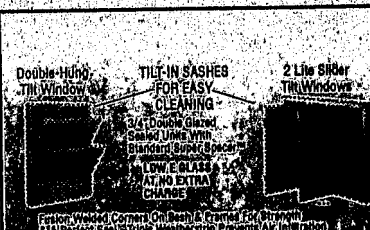


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NRC approves platforms for fall bear, deer seasons

Michigan's firearm white-tailed deer hunters and bear hunters can join archers "up a tree" this fall. That's because the state Natural Resource Commission did what many expected it to do last week at its monthly meeting by approving an order to allow the use of elevated platforms this fall during the bear and firearms deer seasons.

This proposal had been supported by many of the state's largest conservation groups and was unanimously approved by the NRC.

However, after a month of considerable discussion and research on the matter, the Commission also voted last week to accept public comment for the next 30 days on the appropriate use of safety harnesses for hunting from an elevated platform and a proposed ban on climbing attachments such as spikes and screw-in steps.

"The Commission received many, many letters and took lots of calls from hunters on the issue and the testimony at public hearings was very helpful. Our vote today was based on that public opinion," said NRC chairman Keith Charters. "I also think it's important the public have the opportunity to fully understand the ramifications of a ban on spikes and screw-in steps, and for hunters to provide comment on the proposal that's before the commission."

Anyone wishing to comment to the Commission on the use of safety harnesses or screw-in steps can do so by contacting Charters at 8195 Bel-Cherrie Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686, phone (616) 947-7566 or any of the

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other six commissioners. Other Commissioners in southern Michigan include Jerry Bartnik, 840 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161, (313) 243-7325; L. Thornton Edwards Jr., 10711 Northend, Ferndale, MI 48220, (248) 547-5760; Lloyd "Pete" Weeks, 11337 Jonas, Warren, MI 48089, (810) 757-4908; and Paul Eisele, 21001 Van Horn, Taylor, MI 48180, (313) 792-6031.

If you have an opinion on either of these matters be sure to let the Commission know before it takes up the matter at the April 8-9 NRC meeting in St. Joseph.

New Commander

Troy resident Mike Maziasz will be inducted as the new District 9 Commander of the Power Squadron on Saturday at a ceremony during the Power Squadron meeting at the Troy Marriott. District 9 encompasses the entire state of Michigan along with South Bend, Indiana.

Maziasz is currently a member of the Birmingham Power Squadron and was the commander of that squadron in the early 1990's.

The Power Squadron is the largest boating association dedicated to boating safety and education. It has 2,900 members in District 9 and 52,000 members world-wide.

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Bill Parker is a resident of Oxford.

Riverdaws

The 13-under boys' Riverdaws have a limited number of openings for the 1998 team. Tryouts will be conducted Tuesday from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. at the Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills Fieldhouse. Tryouts are free; however, players who make the team must pay the registration fee — approximately \$130 — plus

additional team fees. For more information, call 625-8223.

Correction

A story in Sunday's Clarkston Eccentric said wrestler

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Doug Kline said. "From a coaching standpoint, it's been interesting to watch him progress. He got more and more aggressive as the year went on, and that's what he needed to do. He's set himself up for a very good senior season."

■ Aaron Curtis, senior, Oxford — As a junior, Curtis qualified for the state meet for the first time. As a senior, he topped it.

Curtis went 46-8, and capped off a stellar four-year varsity career with a fifth-place medal at the Division II state meet. He finished second at the Flint Metro League meet and the Oakland County tournament. He won the Detroit Catholic Central tournament, was second at district and fourth at regional. He finished with 123 career wins.

"I think Aaron had a fantastic end to a great career," McDevitt said of his senior co-captain. "It's always nice to end your career with a win. Aaron has done some things that will follow him the rest of his life."

■ Ryan Curtis, senior, Oxford — Curtis, Oxford's senior co-captain, capped a terrific career with a solid senior season, but found himself behind some talented wrestlers at nearly every juncture.

He was third at the Flint Metro League meet, behind Tony Holifield of Mt Morris and Rory Medina of Lapeer West. He finished fourth at district, with the same two guys in front of him. All four of the regional placers in front of Ryan Curtis earned medals at Saturday's state meet.

Curtis finished 31-13 as a senior, and posted 113 career wins in four varsity seasons.

"Ryan deserved to go to state," McDevitt said of his 135-

pounder. "Ryan should look back on what he did and be proud of it. He was part of our foundation."

■ Chad O'Brien, senior, Lake Orion — O'Brien capped what Kline called a "strange" year with his appearance at the state meet, where he was knocked out by a controversial stalling call.

O'Brien, one of the area's toughest when he's on the mat, couldn't wrestle at the Berkley tournament because he was taking his ACT, he got a bad draw at county and was eliminated early, and he finished third at the Oxford Invite after being knocked off early. O'Brien did manage third-place finishes at both the district and regional meets.

"Chad has always been a volatile competitor," Kline admits. "He hates to lose. The most pleasing thing for me at state was, when he lost the most important match of his high school career on a call like that, he just walked off the mat. If there was ever a time in his life he had a right to carry on, that was it, but he didn't."

"I was proud of him. That's one of the reasons we coach — to watch them mature and grow up. Chad's well on his way."

■ Pat DeGain, sophomore, Clarkston — After suffering through an injury-plagued freshman season, DeGain exploded onto the high school scene this year, winning every tournament he entered.

The top-ranked freshman/sophomore at his weight in the nation by USA Wrestling, DeGain was tested more often than teammate Grant, but passed every one to claim his first state champi-

onship.

"His performance was real big," Coach DeGain said. "I think everybody expected it of A.J., but with Pat I don't think we were anticipating too much because he missed so much last year. But for him to come in and win a state championship really made it quite special."

■ Chris Bettridge, junior, Lake Orion — Competing in one of the state's toughest weights (189), Bettridge got on a roll early and rode it to some big accomplishments.

He was first at both the Oxford and Berkley invitationals, finished fourth at the county meet, third at the OAA I meet (behind DeGain and Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams, who finished 1-2 at the state meet), and was fourth at the regional. Bettridge finished his senior season at 39-14.

"He finished higher than my expectations," Kline said. "Year in and year out, 189 is one of the toughest weights. There are tremendous athletes at that weight. I always knew Chris had tremendous ability, but I wasn't sure he'd be able to compete. Once he won Berkley, I knew we'd have a good year from him, and it turned out to be true."

■ Preston Phelps, senior, Oxford — In just his second year of wrestling, Phelps turned into one of the Wildcats' most pleasant surprises.

The senior 215-pounder went unbeaten in the Flint Metro League, won the FML tournament and was fifth at Oakland County.

Phelps finished second at both the district and regional tournaments. He finished the season 33-11, with an impressive 29 pins.

Tryouts for North Oakland Federation Baseball will be conducted today (Thursday) for 12-year-old boys at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion.

Tryouts go from 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone living in the Oxford-Orion-Auburn Hills area interested in playing a minimum of 30 games for a travel team should call Gary Smith, 814-9523, or Roger Allison, 693-7807.

Baseball tryouts

"He has great strength and great balance, and he really learned how to use his hips," McDevitt said. "Preston had a great year."

■ Ryan "Bubba" Clement, sophomore, Clarkston — Clement not only added wrestling talent to the Wolves' lineup, he also added some life and heart, despite suffering through injury problems that plagued him much of the season.

The youngster qualified for the state meet, but missed much of the early part of the season with a shoulder injury. He returned in time to put the finishing touch on Clarkston's upset of then top-ranked Rochester Adams. He was fourth at Oakland County and he finished with 20 wins, not a bad total considering how much of the season he missed.

"Bubba epitomizes the youth of the team," McDevitt said. "His experience level was probably the lowest on the varsity, but he still was able to make it to the state tournament. He did some things we usually hope a senior can do."

■ Eric Ghiaciuc, sophomore, Oxford — For a youngster who was playing basketball a year ago, Ghiaciuc turned in a spectacular season.

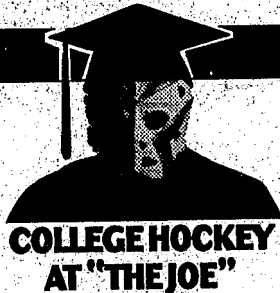
He went unbeaten in the Flint Metro League, including an FML tournament championship. He was third at Imley City and the district and finished fourth at regional. After a slow start, the youngster came on down the stretch and finished 33-15, including a seventh-place medal at the Division II state meet.

"He's a first-year wrestler who steadily improved all year," McDevitt said. "He really turned it on in the last part of the season."

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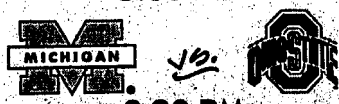


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EMPLOYMENT

500 Help Wanted General

Hudson's Investigator

Our Summit Place location is now hiring an Investigator in our Asset Protection Department. Retail experience preferred.

We offer competitive wages and great hours and benefits. If interested, please apply in person or send resume to: Hudson's Human Resources Dept., Summit Place Mall, 2600 North Telegraph Road, Waterford, MI 48328-3391. EOE

SHAMPOO PERSON WANTED
Benefits & perks available. Ask for Antonio at Lisa Agosin.
Call: (248) 477-9128

SHIFT LEADER - supervising hourly personnel, 2nd shift, good interpersonal & computer skills. Please send resume to: Hudson's Human Resources Dept., Summit Place Mall, 2600 North Telegraph Road, Waterford, MI 48328-3391. EOE

SHIPPING/RECEIVING
Northwest suburban distributor seeks a full-time shipping clerk. Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM Monday-Friday. Accuracy, neatness and dependability a must. Good working conditions and benefits. Send resume to:
Shipping/Receiving
Zaitoff Sales & Packings
1900 O. O. Box 4000
Farmington, MI 48332-0400

We promote a drug-free environment. Substance abuse testing is part of the pre-employment process. EOE

SHIPPING & RECEIVING - located in Midland-Wisconsin area. Some experience helpful. 40-hour week. 40-50 hrs/week. Benefits & 401K available. Call Laura (248) 476-1745 x228

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STILL CLEANER
For retail stores. 5 hours a day, \$6.00 an hour. Mon-Fri, mornings, 2-5 miles N. of Oxford. 248-228-0400.

BROSSE ELECTRICAL
IS NOW HIRING!
STOCK PERSON
Premier lighting showroom. Benefits, good working conditions. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Send resume to: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

STOCK/DELIVERY
Female Co. looking for full time help. Call Richard: (248) 544-1711

STORE MANAGER
TRAINING-LIVONIA AREA
We are hiring a self-motivated individual to manage a retail store. Must have 3-5 years experience in retail management. Send resume to: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

STRIPPER
(payment) wanted, experienced. Please call between 9-4
Call: 248-61-8093

STYLIST
Salon Tite is hiring a full-time stylist. Must be a Toni & Guy concept salon committed to education. Our Salon is departmentalized. If you are motivated and looking for a real career in a salon that offers continuing education then we are looking for you.
We have one position available in (313) 451-0550

STYLIST
wanted for very busy Canton Salon. Openings for full or part-time. Send resume to: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

SUPERINTENDENT
Mass grading contractor seeking qualified candidates to oversee various land-balance jobs. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

SURFACE GRINDER
Experience in P.M. helpful, excellent benefits, overtime pay.
Call: 248-515-6165

TEACHER ASSISTANT position. Full-time. A Quality Education Child Care Center, looking for warm caring individuals to work with young children. Experience & or education required. 734-591-6440

TEACHER for Fall to work in 3-grade elementary classroom in all subjects. 3 years classroom experience necessary. Mail resumes to: Administrator, 5161 Richard Run, W. Bloomfield, MI 48302

TEACHER FOR NAEYC accredited preschool program. Full time, benefits, year around, education & experience necessary. (248) 844-5154

TEACHER NEEDED for accredited infant program in Birmingham. Full time. Benefits, education and experience necessary. (248) 541-6154

TEACHERS ASSISTANT in pre-school classroom located in Rochester, MI. Experience required. (248) 375-1700

TEACHERS ASSISTANT for Montessori Pre-School/Kindergarten. Full time and half day positions needed. Must be willing to be trained. Resumes & work references to 52450 W. 5th Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

TEACHERS / ASSOCIATES
Needed full-time, for preschool in locations in Southfield, Farmington & West Bloomfield. Early childhood experience required. Summer employment opportunity. (248) 357-1740

TEACHERS
Wanted for school which teaches people to build their own homes. Teach students planning, judging, building, producing, filling out legal forms, etc.
Individuals must have building or remodeling backgrounds.
EXCELLENT PAY - CALL TODAY!
Home Building Workshops
(734) 268-8091

TELEMARKETERS
Full & part-time. Flexible day/evening hours. Start \$8 an hour, no sales, leads only. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Call: 248-737-4600

TELEMARKETING
Full & part-time. Flexible day/evening hours. Start \$10 an hour. Call Laura or Jani for an interview. 734-622-2752

500 Help Wanted General

TELE-AGENT/Trainee

Licensed and unlicensed people needed for opening in our Southfield Property & Casualty Insurance Agency. We are searching for people who are self-motivated with strong telephone, computer, customer service skills, and a flair for sales to enter our training program. If you are interested, please send resume with salary history to: Human Resources Dept., First American Insurance Corp., P.O. Box 5098, Southfield, MI 48068. Fax: (248) 358-2004

TELESALES
Currently accepting applications for part time sales positions at our Plymouth and Northville offices. If you're personable, enthusiastic and looking for an exciting fast-paced, challenging career, consider CFCU. We offer a competitive training program, excellent benefits, and a flexible work schedule. Send resume to or apply at: Community Federal Credit Union, 4000 E. Main St., Box 6050, Plymouth, MI 48170-5050

TIREMAN
Experienced, year round position for 24 hours. Excellent pay and benefits to include vacation, uniforms, 401K, health, dental & vision. 5 days per week, 50 hrs. Must be experienced. Send resume to: Tireman, 4000 E. Main St., Box 6050, Plymouth, MI 48170-5050

TITLE EXAMINER
Nova Title Co. seeks an Examiner with 3-5 yrs. experience. Send resume to: Nova Title Co., 3200 E. Main St., Suite 200, Clinton Twp., MI 48036

TITLE INSURANCE
Closely and processor needed for 401K processing. Call Kelly (313) 427-8000

TOOL & DIE
We are a small, growing, metal stamping company. We are currently looking for designers, journeymen (M/F), machinists, & CNC operators. To arrange an interview, call: 313-917-0000. Our employees know the ad.

TOOL MAKER/DIE REPAIR
Experienced, 40 hours per week & benefits. Millard, 734-541-8272

TOOLMAKER
Experienced in tool & die work. Must be able to read prints & make tools.
* MAINTENANCE POSITION - ALSO AVAILABLE
Wages equal to ability. Benefit package, 401K, etc. Send resume to: OXBOW MACHINE PRODUCTS, INC., 12777 Mainline, Livonia, MI 48150. FAX: (734) 422-7750

TRAINERS
Needed for vocational rehab. agency in Novi. Must have experience working with people with disabilities. A reliable car & computer skills are a must. Send resume to: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

CLASS ACT TRAVEL
Immediate opening for an experienced travel agent. Our client is the 75% corporate, 25% leisure, and 100% important. State of the art office. Work from home. For prompt consideration, fax or mail resume to: CLASS ACT TRAVEL, LLC, 23900 Orchard Lake Rd., #200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Fax Number: (248) 474-2345

TRAVEL AGENCY
Seeking experienced agent. Mr. Lee or Dan: (248) 654-6555

TRAVEL AGENT
Progressive Farmington Hills travel agency seeks experienced corporate travel agent. Minimum 2 years experience. Apollo training a must. \$500 signing bonus for the right person. Call Judy at: 248-551-2222

TRAVEL AGENTS
Experienced agents on vacation agency for fast-paced Birmingham agency. Apollo preferred. Fax resumes to Linda, (248) 644-1510 or call ph 248-644-1289

TRAVEL CONSULTANT
Full-time, 1 year experience. World-Span a must. Fax resume: (248) 373-5998

TRAVEL INDUSTRY
ENTRY LEVEL POSITION in exciting travel industry. Must have excellent communication skills. Includes answering telephone, greeting clients, and delivering tickets. For immediate consideration, send resume to: CLASS ACT TRAVEL, LLC, (248) 356-2772

TREE TRIMMER/ CONCRETE FINISHERS/ GENERAL LABORERS
Full time, \$8.00 per hour depending on experience. (313) 304-1126

TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED - semi dump/dump truck experience. Need CDL. Call: 734-455-0308

TRUCK DRIVER
to deliver products in Metro area. Van 22 ft. van box vehicle. Must have excellent driving record & be able to pass a DOT physical. Heavy lifting required. (248) 844-5154

TRUCK HELPER
to assist truck driver in delivery of products. Heavy lifting required. Excellent benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Please apply to: Pella Window & Door Co., 2000 Hagerty Rd., W. Bloomfield, MI 48302

VILLAGE MANAGER
Village of Oxford.
Salary negotiable DOE & benefits. We are a member council elected at large for 3 year staggered terms with President elected annually for full term and 10 part time seasonal employees. Located in the northern Detroit metropolitan area in affluent Oxford Township. Requires bachelor's degree in public administration or closely related field, 3 years city/township experience, strong leadership, organization, public relations, verbal & written skills. Desires significant financial, personnel, capital improvement, community, & economic development, & water, utilities management experience. Must be a resident of the Village of Oxford, 22 West Burdick Street, Oxford, Michigan 48371. Attn: Susan Bossett, Village Manager. Request consideration by faxing resume to: 734-455-0308

WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT full time. Benefits, valid drivers license. Call Mr. Martin: (248) 353-1811

WAREHOUSE MANAGER
Part-time. Drivers license required. (248) 347-1551

500 Help Wanted General

WAREHOUSE DRIVER

Experienced, immediate full time. Salary based on experience. Benefits. Apply to: Lapeer, Inc., 248-593-6248

WAREHOUSE DRIVER
Livonia Distributor is looking for a dependable warehouse/delivery person. CDL a plus. Good driving record a must. Full time with benefits & 401K. Call: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. 313-427-4444

WAREHOUSE
Experienced person needed. Industrial distributor. 401K/benefits. (248) 540-9787

WAREHOUSE HELP/ OFFICE CLEANING
Wanted - Dependable people for warehouse cleaning. Apply please! 2:30pm-5:30pm. Apply only if willing to work. Westland: 1-800-468-2998

WAREHOUSE MANAGER
Job duties include: Inventory control, managing of warehouse & fleet. Hours 1st shift, 6:00am-2:00pm. Call: 248-437-3000 ext 225

WAREHOUSE POSITIONS
Immediate openings. Auto. please! Call: 248-437-3000 ext 225

WAREHOUSE SHIPPING & RECEIVING
Full time position. UPS experience preferred. Apply please! between 12 noon and 3 p.m. or call Chris for appointment. 734-641-1244

Kitchen Glamor
39048 Webb Court, Westland, MI 48185

WAREHOUSE TEAM MEMBER
KSI in Brighton has several openings for dependable people to assist our delivery drivers. Unload/unload cargo & other related tasks in our warehouse, & must be able to lift 75 lbs. Drug screen required. We offer competitive starting salary, excellent benefits package, tuition reimbursement, flexible hours, Mon-Fri work week with excellent pay and benefits. Send resume to: KSI Kitchen & Bath, 32111 Highway 10, Brighton, MI 48116

WELDER / FITTERS
Needed for welding/manufacturing. Good pay, excellent benefits, training, some experience needed. Call Mr. Bob 734-422-7110. Maygrove Award Winning Employer. Equal Opportunity Employer

WELDER
Part-time for a manufacturing company. Flexible hours between 7am and 3:30pm, 10-15 hrs per week. Must be experienced in MIG and TIG welding. Start between \$12 and \$14 per hour depending on experience. Apply at: 3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, MI 48332-0400

WELDING
REDFORD Fabricator seeking working manager, for practical retail and production. Must have welding experience. Recommended. Must be able to lead people. Please Call: 313-536-1200

WINDOW CANVASSE
Apply in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (S. of Ford or Hwy 10)

WOOD FLOOR INSTALLERS & REFINISHERS
Full-time positions available. Must be experienced. Immediate openings. (248) 477-8108

WRECKER DRIVER
Experienced preferred. CDL Benefits. Casual to full time. Call: 734-454-6555

502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

Accounting Assistant

For fast-paced construction property management company. Duties include bank reconciliations, accounts receivable/payable, organizational skills, deadline and detail oriented. Proficiency with Lotus and Word necessary. Full-time, excellent benefits. Send or fax resume & salary requirements to: Sheri Development Corp., 31555 Oakridge, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Fax: 248-628-4571

ACCOUNTING/BILLING CLERK
Looking for strong background and 2-3 years of accounting. Must be proficient in Excel & Lotus. Light Word skills also needed. Fax resume with salary requirements to: Attn: Susan, 734-266-5104

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Part-time. Flexible hours. General clerical duties including scheduling, telephone work. Full time benefits. 23000 E. Main St., Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0400. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5098, Southfield, MI 48068. Fax: (248) 358-2004

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Needed for small construction company. Person must have good bookkeeping skills and be self-motivated. 248-728-7225. Keegoon Harbor area.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
National on-call highly motivated self-starter to join our team in fast paced sales/service environment. Strong communication skills. Word/Lotus experience required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 501, Clariston, MI 48347

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST
For a financial planning firm. Extensive computer skills. Numbers oriented. Must be able to assist in the office and accuracy. Full-time, 40 hrs/week. Send resume to: 248-443-4908

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Dialysis clinic. Immediate need for personable, reliable, quick learner with data entry, clerical, telephone skills. Full-time, 40 hrs/week. 401K. Send resume to: 7373 Enterprise Ct., No. 500, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
CUSTOMER SERVICE \$8-\$10 RECEPTIONISTS \$8-\$12 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$8-\$12 (734) 542-0500 www.staffingservices.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Excellent, energetic and motivated individual with the latest in computer technology. We need your prior experience and the ability to learn. Salary commensurate with experience. Call Susan Birmingham/Livonia 248-646-7681

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/AUTOMOTIVE
Expanding major supplier seeking new people to join our team. This is a great opportunity for you to pay and experience. Temp to perm opportunity. Call: 248-473-2931

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Part or full-time. Entry level position available immediately. Electronic components, marketing company seeking a highly motivated individual. College student who is interested in obtaining experience in this field with potential advancement. Must possess phone communication and computer skills with Windows 95. Fax or mail resume to: 27780 Novi Rd., Suite 108, Novi, MI 48377. Fax: 248-353-3146

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Real Estate management firm looking for a self-motivated, organized, energetic individual to support the sales and administrative functions. Excellent Microsoft Word and Excel spreadsheet skills necessary. Requires a minimum of 2 years experience in a similar position. Salary to start in the mid \$20's. Please send resume to: Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 1-36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
A TQM-oriented, fast-paced production facility is seeking an administrative assistant for its Livonia facility. The position is responsible for answering phones, handling correspondence, scheduling, and other administrative functions. The position is a full-time position with excellent benefits. Send resume to: 248-646-5530 for interview.

BOOKKEEPER
Full-time, Mon-Fri. Experience preferred. Call: 248-559-6069

BOOKKEEPER
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ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. As I understand it, for years capital gains earned on the sale of a principal residence were accorded special status. But the government changed this. What were the changes?

Generally, effective for sales made after May 6, 1997, the new law does away with these two breaks, replacing them with a new universal

exclusion which should benefit most, but not all homeowners.

Under the new provision, an exclusion for gain of up to \$250,000 is available to individuals other than married couples filing a joint return. If a joint return is filed for the year of the sale, the exclusion applies to as much as \$500,000 of gain.

To qualify for a full exclusion, the taxpayer must have owned and used the property sold or exchanged as his or her principal residence for periods aggregating two years or more during the five-year period ending on the date of the sale or exchange.

For a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse must meet the ownership requirement and both spouses must meet the use requirement to qualify for the full \$500,000 exclusion.

The exclusion generally may not be used if, during the two years ending on the date the house is sold or exchanged, there was any other sale or exchange for which the exclusion applied.

However, taxpayers who sold another home within the previous two years or failed to meet the ownership and use requirements may be eligible for a partial exclusion if the sale is due to a change in the place of employment, health or unforeseen circumstances which circumstances shall be spelled out in future regulations.

As always, it is my recommendation that you consult with your tax advisor.

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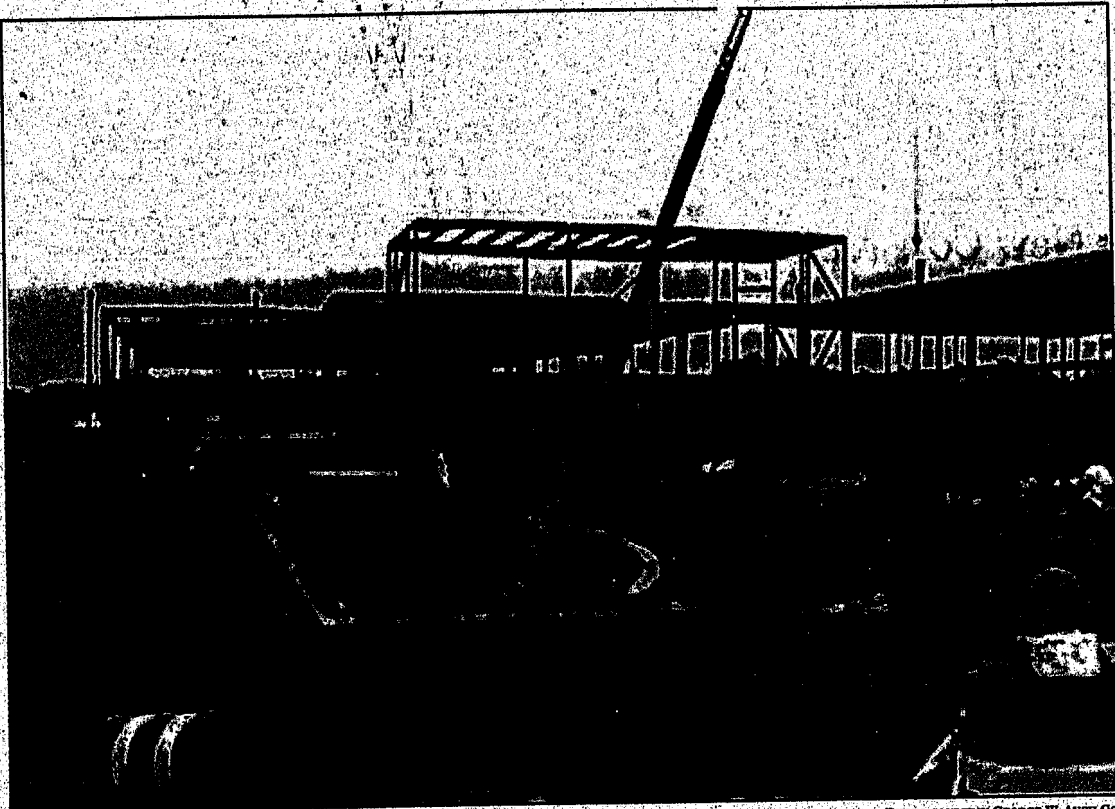


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Employment potential: A building boom in southeastern Michigan has provided job opportunities in the construction trades.

Skilled trades stand tall

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Webb, a journeyman electrician for a dozen years, says he makes a good living at his trade even though some folks look down upon construction workers and others who labor with their hands.

"Maybe we're a little rough around the edges, but we all have money in our pockets," said Webb, a Commerce resident. "I live in a \$170,000 home and drive a new Yukon."

Sebastian Groesbeck, who lives in Redford, is nearly halfway through a plumbing apprenticeship.

"My dad told me to get yourself a job they're not going to send overseas," Groesbeck said. "My grandpa was a plumber. I do something different every day. The job I'm on now I see everything go in from the ground up."

It pays to learn a construction trade right out of high school.

Roofer apprentices (students), for instance, start at \$12.19 per hour with incremental increases to \$21.01 over a three-year training period to journeyman status.

Carpenter apprentices start at \$9.87 with step increases to \$22.43 when becoming journeymen after four years.

Plumber apprentices start at \$9.30 and gradually advance over a five-year training period to \$26.48 as journeymen.

Electrician apprentices start at \$9.19, and, after five years training, earn \$26.26 as journeymen.

Those are current rates in a booklet published by Management and Unions Working Together, a partnership between private industry and unions to promote skilled trades for the construction industry.

"The biggest difficulty we're having is getting qualified young people interested in the trades," said William J. Petrillo of the Stanley-Carter Co. of Farmington Hills.

"I don't think people appreciate that there is tremendous opportunity in construction," Petrillo added. "I think it's people have lost sight that it's OK to work on a job."

"For the longest time, people in school steered people to college and away from the crafts," said Jeffrey Radjewski, business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

"Baby boomers are hitting retirement age, and there's a need for the system to replace them," Radjewski added. "Career potential is tremendous."

Petrillo and Radjewski jointly staffed an informational booth on apprenticeship programs during the recent Construction Association of Michigan Expo at the Silverdome.

A record number of exhibitors (more than 650) and attendees (close to 14,000) participated in the two-day show.

Much of the talk from general construction managers, subcontractors, suppliers and architects centered around how business continues to sizzle.

"Historically, over the last five years or so, southeastern Michigan has produced approximately \$4 billion worth of work annually," said James V. Vogelsberg, CAM chairman. "We're expecting about a 30-percent increase each year for the next three or four years."

The increases will come from expansion at metro airport, two sports stadiums, school renovations/construction, office buildings and houses.

And maybe casinos, Vogelsberg added.

Favorable interest rates have fueled the boom in recent years, said Park Smith AIA, president of the American Institute of Architects Michigan. "Construction is driven by borrowed money," he said.

"A big chunk in southeast Michigan is the auto industry expanding," said

Brian D. Pollice CPA, a partner in the Plante & Moran Bloomfield Hills office. "That attracts Tier I and II suppliers to Michigan. They need space, need plants."

"A few years back, the concern was a glut of (office) space," said Jerry Reed, chairman of the Construction Specifications Institute. "If you have 20-percent vacancy, that doesn't do a lot to motivate building. No building was done. Now we need more space."

And it takes skilled people to build that space.

"We're still dealing with a common misconception about the value of vocational education - if a kid can't do anything else, go into voc. ed.," said Rick Hamrick, assistant principal of the William D. Ford Vocational Technical Center for the Wayne/Westland Schools.

About 80 high-school students are involved in the two-year house building program there.

"Our students tend to go off and get immediately hired by numerous independent contractors in the area. If they want involvement in an apprenticeship program, we'll definitely provide that communication link," Hamrick said.

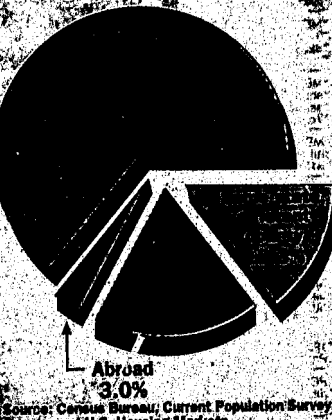
Perseverance is the key to getting into an apprenticeship program, said Webb, adding that it took him three attempts.

"It's hard to get in," Webb said. "Don't give up. Go in and fill out the application. Take the test. To me, this is a great living."

Entry requirements for most union apprenticeship programs are simple - at least 18 years of age, a high school diploma or GED certification and basic algebra and geometry aptitude.

To obtain a free handbook with information on various apprenticeship schools compiled by MUST, phone (313) 964-2662.

Where movers move



Source: Census Bureau; Current Population Survey, 1997, and U.S. Housing Markets

HELEN FURZAN/STAFF ARTIST

Who are mortgage players?

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

This week's column is excerpted from *Real Estate Confronts Reality* by Tom Dooley, Stefan Swanepoel and Michael Abelson (\$24.95) Real Estate Education Co., 155 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606.

Financial markets have already undergone substantial change since the 1980s, technology has played a huge role in improving the services financial institutions offer. Credit cards, automatic teller machines, telephone banking, electronic banking and many other innovations have changed the way most of us view the industry.

The more traditional banking relationship between bank and customer has substantially changed as a result of all this new electronic commerce. For example, previous one-on-one relationships have largely been replaced with ATM contact. Who today knows the manager of the company holding his or her mortgage? How long will face-to-face contact still be the preferred method of obtaining a mortgage loan? Electronic loan applications, electronic approvals and electronic commitments have been possible for some time and have quietly grown in acceptance.

So, in many regards, electronic commerce is already here. The total homebuying transaction includes the real estate sale and, bundled together with the mortgage application, there is the potential to offer consumers the beginning of a one-stop shop. Most financial and mortgage companies are larger and better funded than real estate companies and, as such, are in a much better position to optimize the bundling of services. As innovations become commonplace, pricing will come down, the fight will move to controlling the origination source, and the lenders will start seeking customers. That could mean that lenders could control the customer, and instead of real estate practitioners recommending the lender, the lender would recommend the real estate practitioner.

This was confirmed by Paul Reid, president of the Mortgage Bankers Association when he said, "We (the mortgage banking industry) need to find a way to act as the gatekeeper in the homebuying process." At a recent Mortgage Bankers Association convention, the theme was "See your lender first." It is clear that lenders are determined to get early access to the customer, creating brand awareness, creating loyal customers and mining the database for cross-selling. Although some times slow in implementation, financial institutions have demonstrated that they are willing and able to embrace high-tech and high-tech and also willing to replace traditional approaches for new options.

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Build a colorful patio

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The process involves regular poured concrete that can be colorized and stamped or matted into various patterns just before curing.

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"Usually for a patio, what we do a lot of is 600 square feet," Reilly said.

For the regular concrete product, it

would probably be about \$3 per square foot, colorized about \$4 and to have the patio colorized and stamped about \$8.

Dozens of stamped patterns are available.

"A lot of people are seeing out West and in the South that this is really widespread," Reilly said. "It's moving to Michigan, basically. In EPCOT and Disney World, all the villages are Romanite."

"It doesn't have the fallbacks of brick (shifting with grass and weeds eventually poking through) and it's not as expensive," Reilly said.

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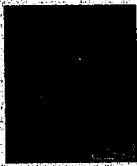
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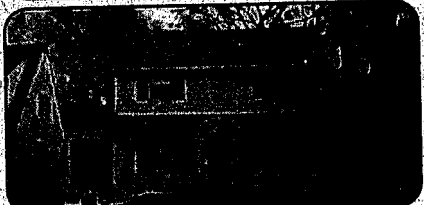


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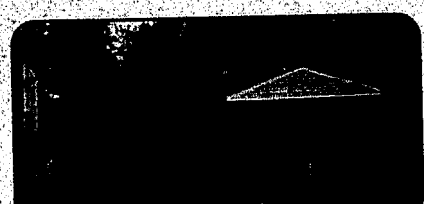
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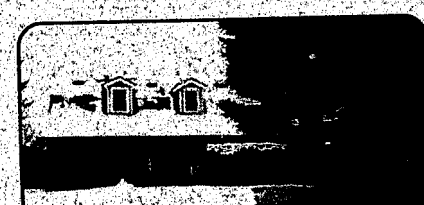
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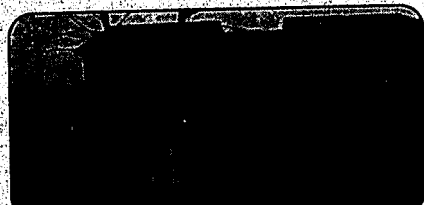
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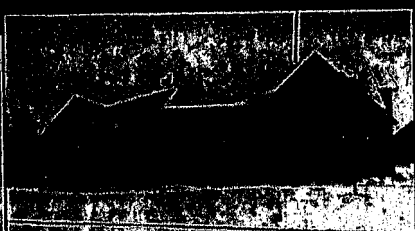
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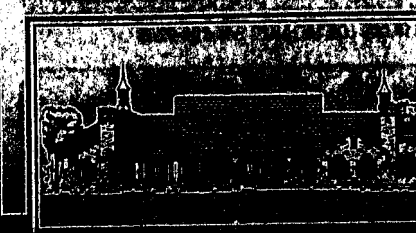
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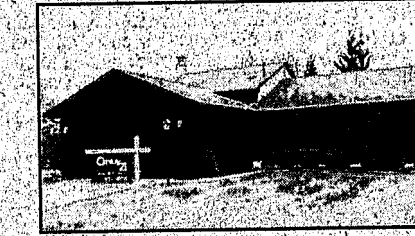
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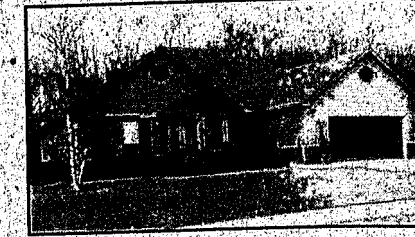
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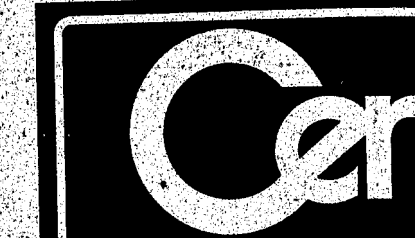
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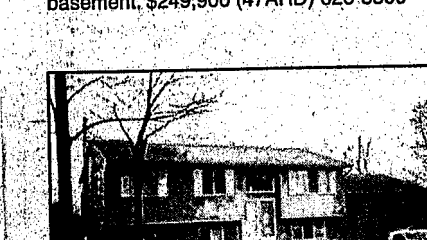
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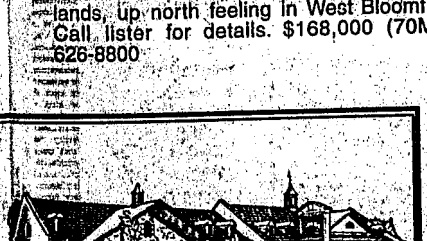
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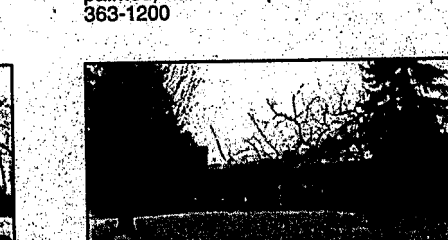
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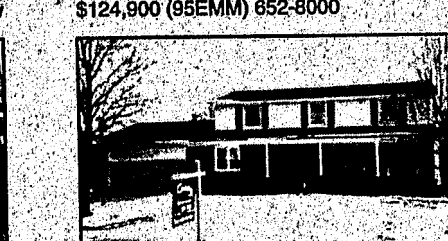
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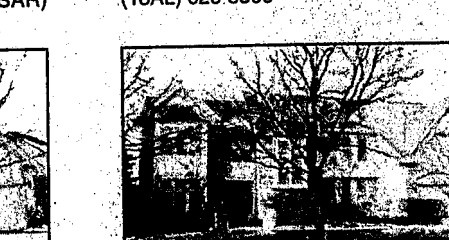
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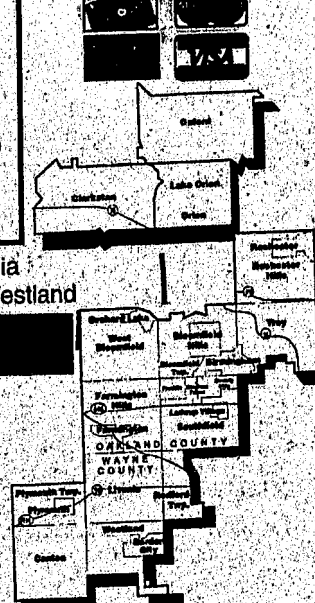
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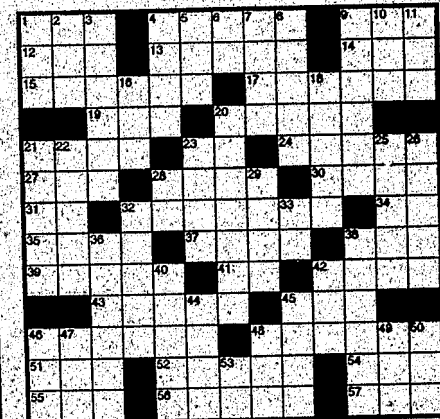
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339 Southfield-Lathrup

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345 Southfield-Lathrup

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346 Southfield-Lathrup

NEW LISTING! Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch. Finished basement, close to freeway & parks. \$140,300. Fairland Dr. \$147,900. (248) 466-3154

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316 Fowlerville
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5 bedroom colonial with finished walk-out. Gourmet kitchen, huge master suite, lot set on 10 acres wooded lot. Leland County Club. \$305,000. (610) 231-4011

320 Hartland
DOWN, NO CLOSING COSTS to qualified buyers. A must see, 3 bedroom, 1.400 sq. ft. in the Village. A fantastic opportunity. \$129,900. (610) 632-5530

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ORCHARD LAKE

- 4605 RUE ST. MICHELLE - W. of Orchard Lk. Rd., S. off Pontiac Trail
- Beautifully appointed brick ranch site condo
- Panoramic nature views from great room
- Gourmet kitchen, library, Jacuzzi, sauna, decking
- Pkg finished lower level w/private bedroom suites

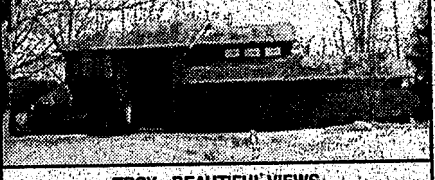
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WEST BLOOMFIELD - REBUILT HOME

- Be prepared to be impressed. Three bedroom home has been totally rebuilt w/quality materials & design
- Open floor plan, white kitchen, wood floors
- Deck overlooks all-sports lake. Very sharp!

\$499,000 651-4400 801151



TROY - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

- Lots of windows in this spectacular 4 bedroom two story home giving a great view of tree-lined ravine
- Intimate four seasons sun room off living room
- Fire lit family room w/built-in entertainment center

\$439,000 689-8900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - PAMPERED PERFECTION

- Choose your spot to snuggle by the fireplace - the living room or the family room with wet bar & sand tile
- Generously sized greenhouse plus large glassed porch overlooking outdoor swimming pool. Needs T.L.C.

\$395,000 651-4400 772059



OXFORD - CAN BE DUPLICATED FOR STATED PRICE

- A variety of homesites to choose from in prestigious Lake of Indianwood - Wooded & waterfront available
- Spacious 3,300 sq. ft. Tudor with 4 bedrooms
- Family room highlighted by fireplace, formal dining

\$389,900 626-9100 740897



CLARKSTON

- 8506 SOUTH SHORE DR. - N. of Davisburg Rd. on Bridge Lk. Rd.
- Peek at what's new in all sports Autumn Shores!
- Spacious 3,400+ sq. ft. great room & family room
- 5th bedroom & bath in lower level w/outlook, premium Oak floors & carpeting on main & 2nd floors (\$0850)

\$339,000 625-5700 767735



FARMINGTON HILLS - GORGEOUS SURROUNDINGS

- This four bedroom brick and wood two story home is located on a premium woodland preserve lot
- Hardwood flooring, split foyer, island kitchen
- Two way fireplace bet. library & den, private master

\$309,900 626-9100 811390



ORCHARD LAKE - CANAL FRONT

- Enjoy panoramic view of private all-sports lake
- Association beach in charming neighborhood
- Canal frontage, 2 bedroom ranch value in land
- Private and public golf course nearby

\$300,000 646-6000



WALLED LAKE - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS & PRIVATE DOCK

- Almost new lakefront three bedroom home
- Den, separate dining, ceramic tile baths, bidet in master suite, fieldstone wood burning fireplace
- High efficiency furnace, deck, plus balcony

\$289,900 651-8850 812087



ROMEO - ACCENTED IN CHERRY

- Large fieldstone heatolator fireplace in great room
- Cherry cabinetry throughout, beautiful year round sun room, Jacuzzi tub in master bath, 3 bedrooms
- All on scenic 2.5 acres high on a hill

\$269,900 651-8850 773110



TROY - LAKE PRIVILEGES

- Well maintained Colonial sits on country-like setting
- Updated kitchen, plush carpet, high efficient windows
- Library/study, fire lit family room, great room
- Great sub offers large lots and beautiful mature trees

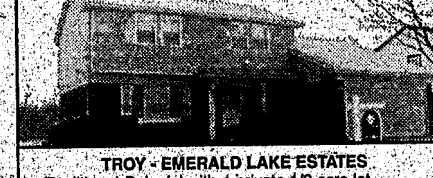
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FARMINGTON HILLS - GEM OF A HOME

- Impeccable & beautifully decorated 2 story home
- Features updated kitchen & lovely hardwood floors
- Spacious family room with warm fireplace
- Expansive deck. Near neighborhood parks

\$219,900 626-9100 815087



TROY - EMERALD LAKE ESTATES

- Traditional Colonial with a private 1/2 acre lot
- Updated baths, newer windows, furnace & roof
- Security system, sprinklers, finished basement
- Ceramic floors in entry, kitchen and breakfast nook

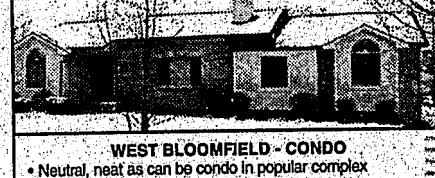
\$209,900 689-8900



WEST BLOOMFIELD - LOTS OF ROOM

- Spacious charmer tri-level in move-in condition
- 3,000 plus sq. ft. includes 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
- Built-in gas grill, family room w/bar & fireplace
- Heated Florida room w/trouble-free hot tub

\$209,900 626-9100 807882



WEST BLOOMFIELD - CONDO

- Neutral, neat as can be condo in popular complex
- Ceramic entry, 2 bedroom plus large den, 2 baths
- Vaulted ceiling in living room w/marble trim fireplace
- Full basement, 2 car garage, large deck and more

\$206,900 646-6000 802009



ORTONVILLE - ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT

- This great ranch overlooks Bald Eagle Lake
- Newer windows, central air & some new entry doors
- Partly finished basement w/Franklin stove & kitchen
- Lots of space to expand! 2 car garage, new well 12/97

\$194,500 646-3091 807590



ROYAL OAK - DOWNTOWN LOCATION

- Just six blocks away from fabulous downtown
- Traditional Cape Cod w/covered porch & large lot
- Full brick, newer roof and designer white kitchen
- Master bedroom w/newer bath, large great room

\$189,800 689-8900



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Clean, sharp & tastefully decorated ranch condo
- Ceramic entry, dining area + nook, gas log fireplace
- Finished, carpeted lower level w/storage room
- Large, private deck. Convenient to shopping & more

\$179,900 626-9100 805185



ROYAL OAK - CONDO

- Stunning multi-level condo in downtown Royal Oak
- This contemporary unit has skylights, fire lit living room, ceramic tile in sparkling white kitchen
- Open staircase leads to all levels. A perfect 10!

\$179,800 689-8900



CLAWSON - VERY ROOMY

- Prime of ownership is evident throughout this home
- Two bedroom Bungalow w/large fire lit family room
- Most hardwood floors, large upper master suite
- Glass block windows in basement. Lots of storage.

\$142,000 689-8900



MACOMB

- Updated 3 bedroom ranch features many extras
- Finished basement is great for rec room & parties
- Fresh paint & some new carpeting, fireplace
- Deck w/custom awning, hot tub & gas grill

\$159,900 651-8850 805421



FARMINGTON HILLS - CHARMING

- Three bedroom Colonial with plenty of charm
- Spotless w/Oak floors & trim and many windows
- Neutral colors, lovely kitchen w/Oak cabinetry
- Fire lit living room, 1st floor laundry, powder room

\$154,300 646-6000



WARREN CONDO

- Fabulous ranch condo minutes from GM Tech Center
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Energy saving tips

BY JOE GAGNON
Special Writer

In the next few columns I will give you some common sense energy tips which you can use to save consumption of either gas or electricity in your home. I must credit my good friend Esther Shapiro with providing these to you.

Cook everything either on all surface burners or in the oven rather than combining cooking methods.

Use the minimum amount of water to cook your food. Put in just enough to keep it from scorching. Let vegetables steam cook.

Use tight fitting lids to reduce cooking time. Use pots and pans with flat bottoms and straight sides so they fit the burner. Buy shiny and bright pots and pans.

Use pots and pans that fit the burner. Pans that are too big might damage the porcelain top of your range by the reflected heat.

Never fill a tea kettle or any container with more water than you are going to use.

Use cold water to boil water. The energy use in heating cold water is less

than the water heater used to maintain warm water.

Clean out the scale in kettles. Hard water deposits can reduce heat transfer.

Keep burners clean and burner pots unplugged for more efficient cooking.

Keep reflectors or drip pans clean so they will bounce back more heat to the bottom of your pan.

When cooking with electricity, get in the habit of turning off burners several minutes before the allotted time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without using more electricity.

Use high heat setting to bring water to a boil or to start cooking foods with water, then reduce the heat to a desired lower setting. But don't set an electric surface unit on "high" if you're just warming an item.

Keep spray cans of whatever product away from the tops of stoves. A lady placed a spray can used to coat her pans before cooking on the top of her stove while she was baking some pies. Later she reached for the spray can and it blew up in her hand. Several fingers are missing today.

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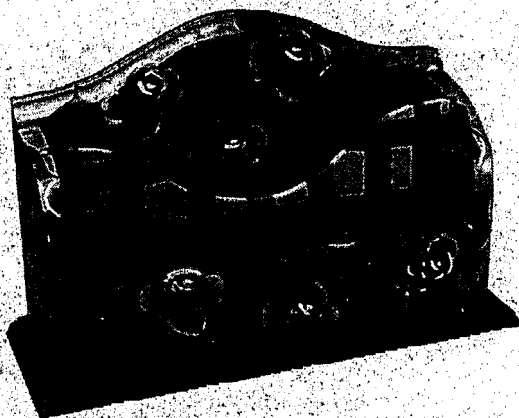
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Florist makes big splash with ponds

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Joe and Deb Barson, owners of Barson's Florist and Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, have been in the business since 1980.

"This is definitely a Mom and Pop shop, where we personally answer all manner of gardening questions," Joe said.

Customers anticipate seeing their favorite animal when they visit. For instance there are two collies, Sooner and Bob, Frieda the parrot, Ewalk the rabbit and Felicia the cat.

Barson's is the perfect place to learn about ponds and all that is necessary to create one suitable for any property because "We are big in water gardening. We help the do-it-yourselfers. We custom make filter systems that work in sizes up to those large enough to accommodate a 5,000-gallon pond."

As well as helping to design ponds, they sell a liner suitable for ponds and provide appropriate plants, fish, food, etc. They don't believe in using chemicals, so carry only those necessary to keep the pond going.

Customers appreciate the service of having their water plants stored for the winter in this facility.

For many years Barson's has been conducting seminars, generally about water gardening. Up until this year they could accommodate about 75 people (their average attendance) but now they have a large tent to hold more people. One seminar featured a local chef who spoke about herbs; perhaps other subjects will be offered.

"People want to come to seminars, especially when they're free."

The first seminar will be offered the weekend of March 28. Call Barson's at

(313) 421-5959 for particulars.

Barson shares these four things that need to be considered when you plan to install a pond:

1. Site is important; six hours of sunlight is ideal.

2. Budget a minimum size of a 500-gallon pond, which is approximately 3-by-6-by-3 feet, for ease of maintenance.

3. Depth should be at least 3 feet in the deepest part of the pond so that water lilies can be set lower for winter storage and fish will survive the cold winter.

4. For maximum enjoyment of the pond, use night-blooming tropical flowers that bloom around 3 p.m. on, if you are away from home during the day.

The personal approach has been important to Barson's, where a great variety of plants, vegetables, annuals (including Proven Winners), perennials and herbs are sold. The Barsons grow all their container plants such as geraniums, fuchsias, supertunias, Rieger begonias, New Guinea impatiens and perennials including ferns, grasses and alpinas, especially those that are suitable for ponds.

"Grasses are hot now, as are wildflowers."

Many bright baskets of flowers are grown here also, and are a favorite item. This year they will offer 60 or 70 varieties of fragrant roses, some old, some new, as well as other roses.

As well as the above, this is a full-service Teleflora flower shop that stocks a large inventory of gifts for the garden. The shop is overflowing with unusual items. There is also a department especially for bird paraphernalia that will be expanded this year. At the present time they sell 100 tons of bird seed each year!

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at home calendar

■ Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers a variety of gardening classes taught by advanced master gardener Kathleen Israel, including "Water Garden Glory," three weeks beginning Thursday, March 19; and "Borders With Pizzazz," two weeks beginning Tuesday, March 24. Call (734) 462-4448.

■ Anton Anderssen, host of the TV program "Native American Magazine," will lecture about butterfly gardening Friday, March 20, at the Plymouth-Canton Community Education/Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. Call (313) 416-2937.

■ Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile. Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, \$6 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. The market will feature a select group of antiques merchants specializing in distinctive antiques for the home, the garden and personal adornment - including jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, birdbaths, benches, silver, glass, ceramics, paintings, prints, ornamental iron and garden gates, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses and perfumes. Preview the show at www.antiquenet.com/M&M.

■ Faux finishes, wall coverings and trompe l'oeil will be discussed by Julie Holton at a home design seminar 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Hudson's furni-

ture department at Oakland Mall in Troy. Call (800) 480-1623.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics. The next topic - 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple - is "Do-it-yourself Landscaping: Designing Outdoor Living Areas" by Kevin Collins. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Blossoms presents a hands-on workshop, "Decorating a Spring Wreath With Silk Flowers," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Blossoms Floral Design Studio, 33866 Woodward at Adams in Birmingham. Fee is \$15, materials additional. Class members will receive a 15-percent discount on all materials used to make their wreaths and on any item bought in the retail store that evening. Free off-street parking; refreshments will be served. Register in person at the studio or at Blossoms Home Store, 175 W. Maple in Birmingham, or by calling customer service at (248) 644-4411 (press option 1).

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Call (810) 739-6319. Scheduled sessions include "Upholstered Headboard" Tuesday, March 24.

■ A class on perennials will take place over three Wednesdays, beginning March 25, at Novi Community Education, 25345 Taft. Fee is \$39. Call (248) 449-1206 for registration or information. Instructor is Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., a full-service landscape company and perennial farm.

Figley

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Eighteen poly houses on the property are used to grow on plants and to store them. Attractive wooden benches are strategically placed throughout the area so customers can rest and enjoy their visit.

"Many of our customers are senior citizens and they use them."

In the summer, a large area fronting

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Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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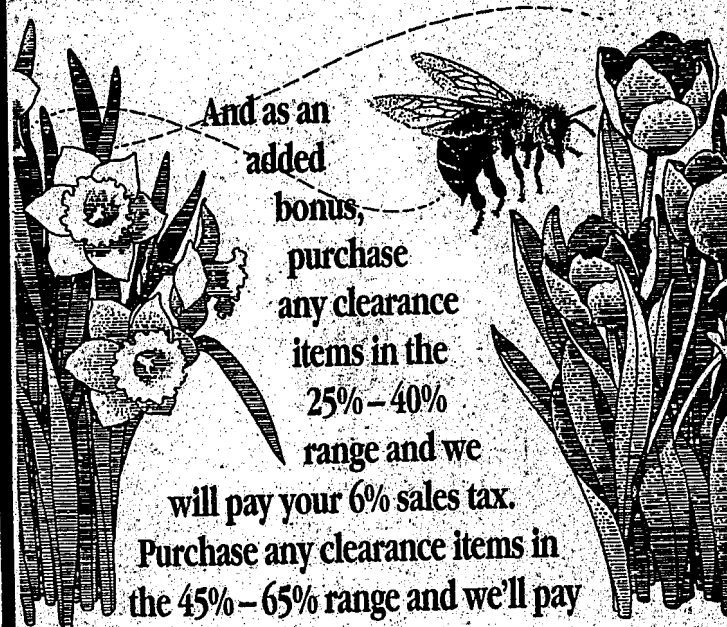
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'A Gardener's Fair' full of activity

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Much fun and excitement and a sense of spring will be in the air at "A Gardener's Fair," the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show, sponsored by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

The show will take place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor. An opening night gala sponsored by Gardener magazine is scheduled 7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

A bright and colorful, 2,600-square foot entry garden, "A Feast for All Seasons," sponsored by Ford Motor Company, will welcome visitors. It has been created by partners John Stevens and Ed Doll of K.C. Runciman Landscapes of Milan and Dan Miller, their horticulturist/landscape designer.

"The fun for us was the challenge," Stevens said. "We began in October in order to pre-plan everything and built greenhouses especially to prepare for the show."

"It's a designer's back yard. We used plants and ideas that we would do in our own yard; it's a pretty organic garden."

Many native plants, pest-free, the best available, "have been artistically incorporated into the garden design. As many dogwood trees as they could collect from Michigan and other natives such as weeping larch, horse chestnut and sweet gum, 35 varieties in all, are strategically placed throughout the garden."

Color and texture have been used throughout to make this an outstanding entry garden that shows which plants can be used successfully in Michigan.

"There is much to be seen in this not-to-be-missed show. Mark Chatterley, of Williamston has created two sculptures for Chatterley's Garden, a major exhibit by Abbott's Landscape Nursery of Ann Arbor. This garden will feature unusual plant speci-

mens, a patio and a pond that will illustrate to visitors what can be accomplished on their own properties.

"A Garden for All Gardeners," created by Bordine Nursery of Rochester Hills, will have as its centerpiece an actual greenhouse. Many bright annuals and perennials as well as trees and shrubs are included in a cut flower, vegetable and water garden.

The Flower Market of Monroe presents "Picnic in Paradise," a design that could be repeated in many yards. A wooden bridge crosses a pond teeming with goldfish and leads to a grassy area. Nearby a garden train fascinates.

The staff of Matthaei's greenhouse, under the direction of horticulturist Adrian O'Brien, has been growing old favorites as well as some different species of flowers.

Mr. Majestic marigolds, scads of scented geraniums, foxgloves (it takes three weeks for the bloom to be perfect), vegetables, herbs and other plants have been tenderly grown and cared for by a staff of volunteers.

"We'll have the connectors (areas between the buildings) filled with interesting things," O'Brien said. "One will feature all manner of mints such as Swedish Ivy, Patchouli, herbs and more. Another will feature edibles. I've been hunting slugs on the green beans as Elmer Fudd hunted rabbits."

"Still another will encourage visitors to touch and feel sensitive plants, cacti and others, and the tulip connector will be enhanced with large birdhouses. One is a copy of the historic Kemp House in Ann Arbor."

"We will have more landscape-type exhibits and special exhibitors, where experts will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to subjects such as kot and pond, bonsai, rhododendrons, as well as Federated Garden Club members and Matthaei horticulture staff," flower show designer Paul Little said.

This show is presented in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., whose members exhibit spectacular arrangements and work long hours as volunteers to see that all runs smoothly.

The popular Marketplace will feature 55 vendors and the Green Thumb Cafe will serve a light luncheon of soups, sandwiches, sodas, coffee and dessert.

Lectures, demonstrations and a gardening forum will be presented by designers and plant experts from around the country.

Speakers March 26 are Scott Kunst, "Antique Bulbs for Gardens Old and New," noon; Darragh Weisman, "A Fresh Look at Eden: Improving Your Garden," 2 p.m.; Cassandra Danz (a.k.a. "Mrs. Greenthumbs"), "Flowers That Bloom Throughout the Season," 4 p.m.; Jim Wilkins, "Gardening in the Shade and Loving It," 7 p.m.

Danz's new book, "Mrs. Greenthumbs Plows Ahead," will be available for purchase, which she will sign.

"I will be part of the garden panel to discuss 'How to Bring Your Garden Into the 21st Century,' along with Chris Bradley of WXYZ-TV, Dean Krauskopf of WJR-AM and



Marvelous marigolds: Tagetes. "Mr. Majestic" marigolds are just one kind of bright flower visitors will see at A Gardener's Fair, the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show. Photos by Marty Figley.

Janet Macunovich of The Detroit News and WXYZ-AM, 7-8 p.m. Friday, March 27.

For its 10th anniversary in 1999, the flower show will take place at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, comprising four separate events beginning Oct. 3-4 this fall that will explore the use of plants by American Indians and early settlers in this area. Others will follow in late July, winter and spring.

To host these events, the Gardens will expand some of its current offerings and introduce new ones. Many of the things associated with the current flower show will be included, such as exhibits by garden clubs, plant societies, the Marketplace and the evening gala.

"We're excited about making (the flower show) even better when we bring it home (to these gardens)," Little said.



Mini-mansion: This birdhouse, a miniature replica of the historic Kemp House of Ann Arbor, is one of many situated among an array of tulips.



Feast makers: Ed Doll (left), Dan Miller and John Stevens (kneeling) created the entry garden, "A Feast For All Seasons."

Put your foot in the flower show

A Gardener's Fair will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

■ Senior Day: Free all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Adult admission: \$8 for adults 18 and over (ages 18-17, \$3 for ages 12-17, and \$2 for ages 10-17).

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Mary Higgins (left) of York Township and Sylvia Rozan of Salem Township attend to Calceol in the greenhouse. Volunteers spend countless hours working on the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show. Photo by Marty Figley.

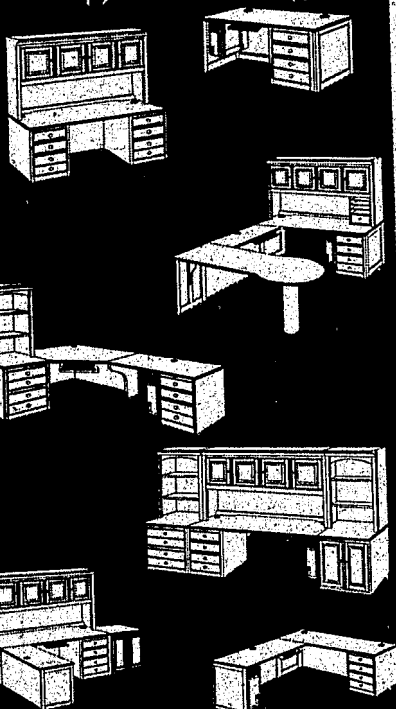
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BY MONTE NAGLER
Special Writer

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Right light: Monte Nagler used an incident light meter to get just the right exposure in this delightful and charming portrait of Allison Kapur.

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The growing appreciation for antiques has prompted Detroit Public Television to offer a pair of special programming events for viewers who may be collectors or just curious.

Fans of the popular public TV series that travels America to appraise rare and unusual objects will enjoy "The Best

of Antiques Roadshow," a special edition of the fascinating series, airing 2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 21, on Channel 56.

"The Best of Antiques Roadshow" is a collection of the exciting appraisals from across the country, including a stop at the Southfield Civic Center, where an owner's mahogany sewing table/desk

is identified as a Duncan Phyfe "masterpiece."

Among the other objects are a Civil War sword, a Queen Anne chair, a Tiffany lamp, a baseball and a Marx Brothers "Duck Soup" poster, discovered in visits to Chicago, Seattle, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Albuquerque and Greenwich.

Detroit Public Television has set its first "antiques and collectibles day" Sunday, May 3, as part of Channel 56's

30th Annual Auction. Items valued at \$100 or more will be sold during the fund-raiser, airing April 28 to May 3.

Among the donations is a grandfather clock appraised at \$5,000, which can be seen through April 15 at Knightsbridge Antiques in Northville, and an 1870s Victorian bedroom set appraised at \$2,500, now on display at Knightsbridge Antiques in Farmington.

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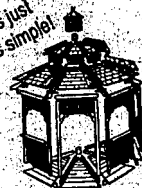
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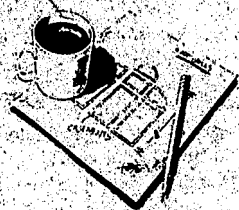


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Famous designer shows flair in talk in B'ham

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Nina Campbell has worked in royal homes, but she showed ease and common sense in her presentation last Thursday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The internationally renowned interior decorator spoke at a luncheon that was a precursor to the Birmingham Antiques Festival, which is taking place Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

With relaxed humor and practical suggestions, the British decorator and designer showed slides of rooms she has styled, including her own home.

"Be practical. Think about the people living in it," Campbell advised about decorating a room. For example, a "6 foot 4 hulk" wouldn't be comfortable in a "pink, fluffy" room.

Campbell was chosen decorator of the home of Prince Andrew and Sarah, Duchess of York. This is the first royal residence to be built in England this century. She creates collections of wallpaper and fabric each year, and designs home accessories.

At the end of her talk last week she presented samples of her wallcovering and carpet designs, available exclusively

at Osborne and Little and McQueen's, both in Bloomfield Hills.

"It's amazing how different you can make a room with just a bit of color," Campbell said.

One client wanted to keep old pine paneling in a room. As the paneling can be dark, Campbell counterbalanced this with red wool curtains and red upholstery.

In another room, she put damask on the wall and made curtains out of the same material.

In a spare bedroom that featured a few large windows, Campbell had the walls painted cream and used a strong chintz pattern on fabrics.

"Sometimes these big windows can be very bleak if the weather isn't very pleasant."

One project that could have been "quite tricky" was decorating a residence for clients from South Africa who "desperately missed the sunshine." To give a feeling of light, Campbell used a lot of yellow, and such features as taffeta with nests of birds on bunches of flowers.

In a Queen Anne cottage she scaled down a grand curtain for a window. In another home, a resident of which liked golf, she had a mural of a 17th century French golf scene painted on a wall; touches of scarlet in the mural were



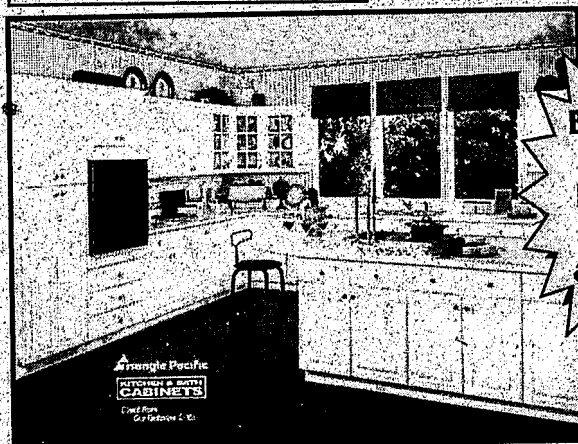
Nina Campbell

picked up by accessories in the room. In a bedroom, a portrait included a butterfly and a lampshade bore a butterfly pattern.

"What do I want to do in kitchens?" Campbell said, repeating a question from the audience. "Leave." She called her own kitchen "very cozy," an easy eating area.

Campbell described her patterns as "putting wallpaper designs on carpets and carpet designs on the fabric." They include deep colors and rope, scroll, trellis and egg and dart patterns.

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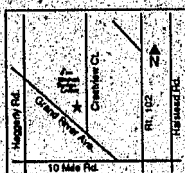
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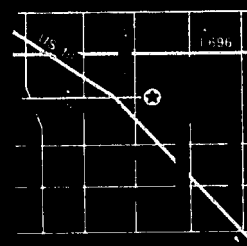
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This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Henry Ford Estate Dinner Dance Fund-raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ford II are honorary chairpersons of the event. Mr. and Mrs. Mort Crim and Mr. and

Mrs. David Elston are co-chairpersons. The fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 25, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For tickets, call (313) 593-5639.

Estate tours are available 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday; the Estate Shop is open during tour hours. The Pool Restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. The estate offers full banquet and conference facilities. For information, call (313) 593-5590.

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"With my collections I make it so nothing has to absolutely go with one thing."

Campbell was named a trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum and won the prestigious American Fashion Award for the woman who has most influenced style internationally. Her books are "Elsie de Wolfe: A Decorative Life" and "Nina Campbell on Decorating."

Antique show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 and noon to 5 p.m. April 26. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

The festival will feature an exhibit of antique table settings 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 20; a preview party 6-9 p.m. April 23; and "Absolute Antiques,"

a casual party, 6-10 p.m. April 25. Tickets are \$20 for the table settings show, \$125 and \$75 for the preview party and \$25 for Absolute Antiques.

Lectures are also scheduled. Admission is \$15 per lecture. Topics will be "Victorian Majolica: A Passionate Pursuit. Then and Now," 9 a.m. April 24; "Alfred Beau: Quimper's Most Famous Artist," 9 a.m. April 25; "Delft Tiles," 2 p.m. April 25; and "American and English Clocks," 11 a.m. April 26.

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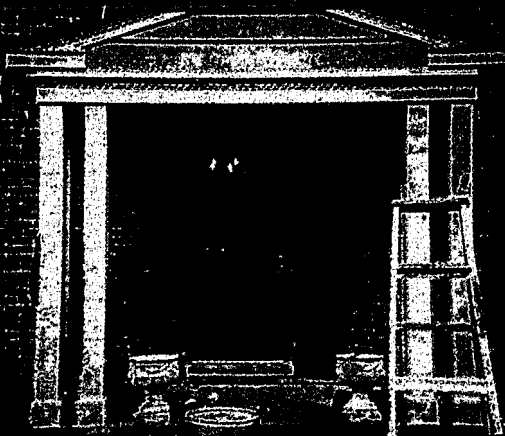
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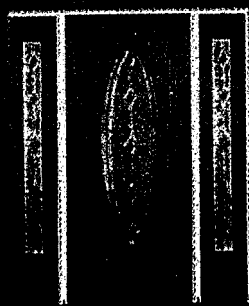


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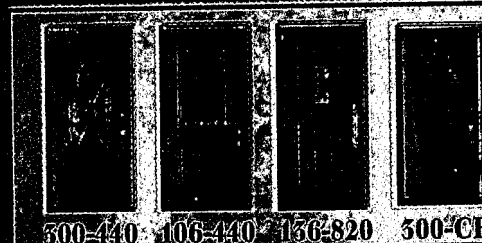
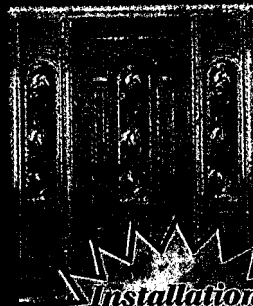


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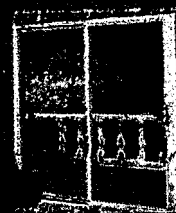
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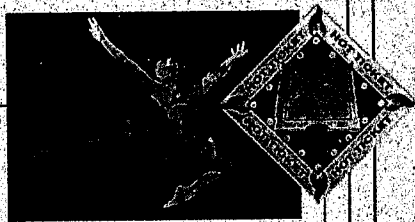


John Seibert (left) and Thomas D. Mahard star in "Murder by Misadventure" opening 6 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$22-\$26.50, call (248) 377-3300.

SUNDAY



Keegan-Michael Key (left to right), Margaret Exner and Eric Black in "The Second City - Detroit's 12th revue, 'Down Riverdance,' 8 p.m. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10, call (313) 965-2222.



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"I enjoy small clubs because small clubs are in the tradition of jazz and the boldest advances in jazz have been made at small clubs. But I also enjoy the bigger venues, too, whether it's a festival shed or a concert hall. Each has a different feel and mood. If I played just one kind of venue it would get boring and I wouldn't be inspired."

JOSHUA REDMAN

What: Jazz saxophonist leads quartet in new interpretations of classic tunes.

Where: The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

When: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

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SAX MAN REDMAN SETS STANDARDS AT THE ARK

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Since his debut album in 1993, Joshua Redman has been at the top of the jazz world as both saxophone player and composer.

Now, he thinks, the time has come to step back and perform the standards—old and new.

To work out the arrangements, Redman is touring with a quartet and stopping at the Ark in Ann Arbor Saturday, providing a rare chance to see this performer in a small club setting.

"One of the reasons we're playing venues like the one in Ann Arbor is I'd like to make this tour where we're working out the music for a new record, we're not going out on a major tour to get behind an album that's already been released," he said in a telephone interview.

The concept for the album, which he plans to record in April, is to offer interpretations of music by other composers.

"From the beginning, I recorded mostly my own music," he said.

"This is something I've wanted to do for a long time, but it was important for me to develop a unique voice as a saxophonist and as a band leader to play original music."

Redman has offered his interpretations of such standards as "Body and Soul" but only in limited doses. He said he now feels comfortable tackling the great songs.

"The goal of this project is to find ways of playing songs that were written before but reinvent them for our band today. These are the great songs from throughout the century, but we're reworking them for our band," Redman said.

The list includes songs by Gershwin, Berlin, Porter and Kern, songs that have been in the jazz repertoire since the 1930s and '40s. But Redman is also adding some new twists with jazz interpretations of music by the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Prince.

This eclectic approach to music

has been a hallmark of Redman's career. He has said many times that growing up he heard all kinds of music.

After graduating summa cum laude from Harvard in 1991 he toyed with the idea of attending law school, but instead decided to follow his love for music. His father, Dewey Redman, is also a jazz sax player.

"Everything I've listened to and experienced, both as a musician and as a human being, comes through in my music, especially in my later albums," he said. "Especially 'Freedom in the Groove' where you hear how R&B, funk and rock and roll have influenced my music as a jazz musician in different ways, some subtle and some more deliberate."

He said he doesn't think consciously about these influences when he composes but instead keeps his focus on creating honest music.

"It's hard for me to analyze my

Please see REDMAN, E2

Violinist tries to do music justice

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Violinist Gil Shaham plays with such precision, warmth and authority, you wouldn't think he'd have any reason to feel like a failure.

But then you listen to him discuss his ambitions.

"To play the Beethoven concerto and feel happy about it. It's never going to happen," Shaham said in his soft, lightly accented voice during a telephone interview. "The music we play is so perfect. It's always hard to do it justice. That sounds corny, but it's true."

At 26, Shaham is widely hailed as one of the finest young musicians in the world, one who certainly comes close to that perfection he seeks. Tuesday, Shaham will perform Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48 with the Russian National Orchestra at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

The Orchestra, under the director of Mikhail Pletnev, will also perform Kabalevsky's Overture from *Colas Breugnot*, Op. 24 and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5* in B Major, Op. 100.

Shaham was born in Illinois in 1971 but moved to Israel with his parents in 1973. He began playing violin when he was 7 and made his public debut in 1981 with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Philharmonic. Shaham won a scholarship to the Juilliard in 1982 and attended there on weekends while attending Horace Mann School in New York City during the week.

He has since performed with major orchestras and chamber groups around the world to wide acclaim, performed in duo with his sister, pianist, Orli Shaham, and released several recordings on the Deutsche Grammophon label.

"I guess my parents always were big music lovers and that's how we kids got into it. Our parents were passionate about music," Shaham said.

Shaham's brother and sister took piano, and he took violin.

"My brother started taking piano lessons. He's now a scientist, he was the smart brother," Shaham said with a laugh. "Some kids want to play the tuba. I just wanted to be different than my brother."

Shaham said he led a double life during high school. He said his regular high school was the source for Archie comics.

"The conventional wisdom is that these two worlds don't mix, the nerdy classical and the 'real world.' But I

Please see VIOLINIST, E2

Who:

Russian National Orchestra, directed by Mikhail Pletnev. Gil Shaham, violin.

Program:

Kabalevsky's Overture from *Colas Breugnot*, Op. 24 and Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48, and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5* in B Major, Op. 100.

When:

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24

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MOVIES

■ **The Uptown Birmingham Theatre**—211 S. Woodward Ave. (just south of Maple), downtown Birmingham. Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival continues through Monday, March 23. Festival honors the best films of the year as honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: "The Full Monty," "LA Confidential," "Titanic," "As Good as It Gets," and "Good Will Hunting," plus Academy Award-nominated documentaries, "The Long Walk Home," which examines the post-World War II period 1945-48, and the plight of refugees, "The Long Walk Home," which focuses on the American writer's life from childhood and her escape from the Soviet Union, call (248) 333-0247 for tickets. Each guest will receive an official Academy Award poster and souvenirs, and, as the only official Oscar Night America Party in town, this is the only place where each guest will receive the same limited edition program given to guests seated at the Academy Awards presentation in the Shrine Auditorium, in Los Angeles. Information about the Oscar Night America program and the 70th Annual Academy Awards can be found at the official internet site of the Academy Awards: www.oscar.com.

■ **Oscar Night at the Excelsior**—Gala event begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Tickets \$60 per person includes a three-course gourmet meal, big screen TV and prizes for the most correct predictions in several key categories. Black tie encouraged. The restaurant is at 2885 Spring Valley Rd. (at 12 Mile Road and North Western Highway), Southfield. Call (248) 368-9988 for reservations.

'Titanic' still full steam ahead for an Academy sweep

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

According to the 36 patrons who attended the Troy Public Library's annual Night at the Oscars on March 12, "Titanic" won't only sweep the Academy Awards on Monday night, it deserves to.

"It's a strong movie on so many levels, such an achievement," said Peter Contano of Birmingham. "Besides, if it does not win, you're going to have this mass riot of teenage girls across the country. They're mad enough that Leonardo DiCaprio



James Cameron

did not get nominated for Best Actor."

And the rest seemed to agree. Only the Best Actress category seemed shaky among the 14 awards that "Titanic" has been nominated for. The night was congenial, if contentious, as we attempted to pick the few wild cards in what many are calling the most predictable Oscar race in years.

But before you use the results below to change your bets in the office Oscar pool, realize that my

Please see TITANIC, E2



MERIE W. WALLACE

Sharing interests: Rose (Kate Winslet) is impressed by Jack's (Leonardo DiCaprio) drawings in "Titanic."

Redman from page E1

composing processes. In the beginning I'm looking for some kind of mood, it can be found in the melody or a melodic fragment or a rhythm or harmonic changes or even a vamp," he said. "That mood becomes the core of the song and we built on that mood with our improvisations."

Redman said he's excited about the group he's working with on this tour.

"It's technically my band for the next couple of months, but really this is an all-star band," he said.

Brian Blade is on drums. He's played for years with Redman but also has his own group and will be releasing an album soon. Brad Mehldau is on piano; he played with Redman in 1993-94. Larry Grenadier is on bass.

Redman will be playing tenor, soprano and alto sax.

"Tenor is the instrument I started on and my primary saxophone. But I've tried to develop my sound on the alto and soprano. I've been playing them a lot on my recent albums and will be playing them in Ann Arbor," he said.

Redman has never played the Ark before but welcomes the change of pace.

"In enjoy the diversity of different venues," he said. "I enjoy small clubs because small clubs are in the tradition of jazz and the boldest advances in jazz have been made at small clubs. But I also enjoy the bigger venues, too, whether it's a festival shed or a concert hall. Each has a different feel and mood. If I played just one kind of venue it would get boring and I wouldn't be inspired."

Inspiration and passion are of primary importance to Redman, who has no regrets about choosing music over law.

"There are things I miss about school and there are sides of my personality and interests not fulfilled in music," he said. "But the thing that separates music is the fulfillment and inspiration it gives me intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. That connection with music is something I never had with my other interests."

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never found that to be the case," he said.

The work he will perform Tuesday is an old favorite that he learned as a child.

"It's a fun piece, a great piece," he said.

He discovered doing this piece that music sometimes brings up odd associations.

"When I went to Moscow to rehearse with the Russian National Orchestra, some of the players came up to me and said, 'Why are we doing this piece. It turns out the third movement was the official Communist Party music for the Soviet Youth,

sort of their Boy Scouts. A lot of people who grew up in that period have these associations with the piece," he said.

Shaham praised the Russian National Orchestra as "incredibly quick and talented people." Pianist Mikhail Pletnev saw the breakup of the Soviet Union as a prime time to organize a new orchestra. The RNO debuted in Moscow Nov. 16, 1990. In four months they recorded Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique") for Virgin Classics. The RNO has since toured the world and signed a 10 record contract with Deutsche Gram-

mophon. The most recent recording was a collaboration with Shaham, performing on his 1699 Stradivarius.

For years, Shaham has been telling people that his rare instrument was once owned by Benjamin Franklin's mistress when Franklin was ambassador to France.

"I don't think that's true," he said ruefully. "I've been telling that story so many years, then I got this e-mail saying, 'Gil stop telling that story, it isn't true.'"

The e-mail isn't Shaham's only connection with computers. Several of his fans have created web

sites in celebration of his talent. Shaham said it is flattering to have such loyal fans, but it is even better to turn non-fans on to classical music.

"I guess some of the things that are more rewarding is when someone who has nothing to do with classical music comes back and says 'we really enjoyed that,'" he said. "We had a Vivaldi piece played on the Weather Channel and at a concert a group of meteorologists who had never been to a classical concert came back and said how much they liked it."

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predictions in the past have been wrong at least as many times as right. Ultimately, you're in the hands of fickle Academy voters, proof positive that peers are not necessarily your best judges. In Oscar night order:

■ **Best Supporting Actress**

Remember the disappointment on veteran Lauren Bacall's face when she was overlooked for Juliette Binoche? Oscar could correct that by awarding the statue to 87-year-old Gloria Stuart as "Titanic's" century-old Rose. I'd much rather see Julianne Moore for "Boogie Nights" reigning porn queen. Then there's the question: Why was Kim Basinger nominated over Sigourney Weaver, who was so superb in the completely overlooked "Ice Storm"?

■ **Your choice:** Gloria Stuart, "Titanic"

■ **My choice:** Julianne Moore, "Boogie Nights"

■ **Best Supporting Actor**
From Jack Palance's pushups to the Cuba Gooding Jr.'s hyperactive acceptance speech, this award usually starts the night with surprises. I loved Robert Forster as the savvy bail bondsman in "Jackie Brown," but not as much as Rupert Everett in "My Best Friend's Wedding," who was not even nominated. For me, "Good Will Hunting" was just Robin Williams lite and, yes, he'll probably win. I'm still rooting for Burt Reynolds, who served as father figure for the band of misfits that populated "Boogie Nights."

■ **Your choice:** Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"

■ **My choice:** Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"

■ **Best Actress**

When it comes to real acting, Oscar feels compelled to look overseas, which is why four of the five female nominees are British. Kate Winslet perpetuates the strong female heroines that have become a James Cameron trademark, but Oscar material? Then again, did enough people see "Afterglow," "Wings of the Dove," and "Mrs. Brown?"

The smart money seems to lie with Helen Hunt, at least for

putting up with Jack Nicholson's abuse in "As Good as It Gets."

■ **Your choice:** Helen Hunt, "As Good as It Gets"

■ **My choice:** Helen Hunt, "As Good as It Gets"

■ **Best Actor**

Only one vote separated Peter Fonda from two-time winner Jack Nicholson when it came to voting on Troy Night at the Oscars. "As Good as It Gets" has been called Nicholson's best work since "Cuckoo's Nest." But for Fonda, his beekeeper with a bad back in "Ulee's Gold" might be his best work ever, the only performance in his sketchy career that could compare with his famous father's. I thought Dustin Hoffman was inspired in "Wag the Dog," but he should join Matt Damon and Robert Duvall in the also-rans.

■ **Your choice:** Jack Nicholson, "As Good as It Gets"

■ **My choice:** Peter Fonda, "Ulee's Gold"

■ **Best Director**

The best director should be in line with best picture, and Cameron definitely deserves it for keeping "Titanic" afloat. But I would not be devastated to see Atom Egoyan's name called for "The Sweet Hereafter" or even Curtis Hanson, who will likely never make anything as good as "L.A. Confidential" again.

■ **Your choice:** James Cameron, "Titanic"

■ **My choice:** James Cameron, "Titanic"

■ **Best Picture**

I'd bet the house on it, yet a couple of your votes still went for "As Good as It Gets" and "L.A. Confidential." A "Full Monty" upset? Heck, just the nomination was honor enough.

■ **Your choice:** "Titanic"

■ **My choice:** "Titanic"

The other awards

Still worried about those hard-to-predict categories? You're on

your own with Best Animated Documentary Short Subject, but count on "Titanic" to deservedly sweep all of the technical awards, especially for sound and visual effects. And despite all the hype for Celine Dion, one of that movie's unsung heroes, according to Oscar Night attendee Frank DePetris of Sterling Heights, is composer James Horner.

"He's the color behind that enhances what's happening on screen. He's risen above John Williams and Jerry Goldsmith," DePetris says.

The award for Best Original Screenplay often goes to scrappy independents (think "Fargo" and "Pulp Fiction" in recent years), so expect "Good Will Hunting's" Matt Damon and Ben Affleck to take the stage. And since "L.A. Confidential" will be snubbed in most other categories, it would be nice to see it take Best Adapted Screenplay, especially when you consider that James Ellroy wrote the novel with the express belief that no one could possibly make a movie out of it.

The Best Foreign Film Oscar is a crap shoot since most of the nominees have not opened yet. The Brazilian entry "Four Days in September" came and went within a week or two, while others do not even have a stateside distributor. Documentary awards still have a screwy voting system, but the popular choice should be Spike Lee's "4 Little Girls," which was truly excellent, and will try to offset the complete absence of black faces in the major awards.

And before you get too smug about "Titanic," think about this: Oscar Night's Debbie Tumoski of Clinton Township reminded me of a quote from "L.A. Confidential" auteur Curtis Hanson. When asked about his chances of winning, he said, "The Titanic was also a sure thing to make it to New York."

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'Twilight' fades quickly from memory

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JOHN MONAGHAN

"Twilight" has a richly-layered plot, strong performances, and gorgeous cinematography. So why was I so bored by it?

Because the whole enterprise is like watching an on-screen hardening of the arteries. From the title to its reflective dialogue about growing old, the movie is something of a betrayal to the still-vital Paul Newman, Gene Hackman, and James Sarandon, not to mention Susan Sarandon and Stockard Channing.

Like "On Golden Pond" (or even an old "Matlock" episode), this is a swansong for great performers, something special for

older fans who have enjoyed them so over the years. And there is a certain audience that will save "Twilight" from sinking completely at the box office.

On the plus side it's got Newman as an aging private eye, and a far more interesting one than he played in his youthful "Harper" and "Drowning Pool" days.

His Harry Ross is employed by a cancer-stricken movie star (Hackman) to carry out unpleasant tasks. Two years ago, he took a shot near the groin while bringing the actor's wayward daughter home from Mexico. There's still speculation among his old police pals about what the bullet took off.

Now he's entrusted with \$10,000 to pay off a blackmailer. Of course, it's never that simple and soon he's lying underneath the Santa Monica pier with a gash on his head and his guts

nearly kicked out.

Add to this the sexy, suddenly interested actor's wife (Sarandon), who secures Harry's loyalty as he digs into the disappearance of her former husband 20 years ago. She says, yes, she would kill for love, but emphasizes the "would" to stop short of a confession.

Meanwhile, a mysterious man from the past (Garner) admits that he's been in Harry's position as "clean up crew" for the family's messes. It's about this time that you get the sense that the back story is far more interesting than what's unspooling on screen.

Writer/director Robert Benton is no stranger to this kind of geriatric film noir. He made "The Late Show" for Art Carney and Lily Tomlin in the 1970s and was also entrusted with the last Paul Newman movie of note, the

much-better "Nobody's Fool."

As a writer, Benton overdoes it while trying to give his actors profound and witty things to say. He jazzes up long stretches of dialogue with all sorts of actors' business, from card games and fishing banter to Sarandon's piano pecking and inability to make a cheap lighter ignite.

When the actor's daughter ("Freeway's" Reese Witherspoon) talks about how we are all just an audience for her parents' love story, she can't help but go on and on with the analogy until we're pummeled by it, a sensation I often feel during Benton's films.

As a director, he makes each shot count. There are beautiful sunsets at a California ranch house and great, romantic vistas of Los Angeles outside wide picture windows. The night scenes are awash in a velvety black

while characters often deliver their lines half hidden in subtle shadows.

But at the heart you've still got an unsavory little detective story, strictly B-movie material with an A-list cast. The combination has rarely worked, only

partly so in Benton's already fading-from-memory "Twilight."

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And to those who express frustration with the pledge breaks themselves (oh, we get the calls!), a few reminders: Only two percent of Detroit Public Television's total annual air time is spent making on-camera pledge appeals. Compare that with commercial television, where a half hour of programming contains seven-and-a-half minutes of commercial interruptions. That's 25 percent!

Also, the pledge drives work. Sixty-one percent of Detroit Public Television's annual operating budget comes from individual giving. It's truly viewer supported public television, and the vast majority of that 61 percent comes in during the actual pledge drives. The drives are like a Post-It note on the busy refrigerators of people's lives — they remind them to do something they mean to do, but might forget. The calls don't come in when we're not asking. It's not that people don't value PBS and want to support it, it's just that they call when we remind them, and when the volunteers are there to make it easy.

So while we're disappointed that *Backstage Pass* doesn't have a show this week, we understand the importance of the pledge process. And it's given us a week to feel good about the support we've received, both from viewers in the form of pledge dollars, and from cultural institutions throughout Southeast Michigan. We frequently receive notes from artists and institutions that we've featured, and it was nice to take time to read their com-

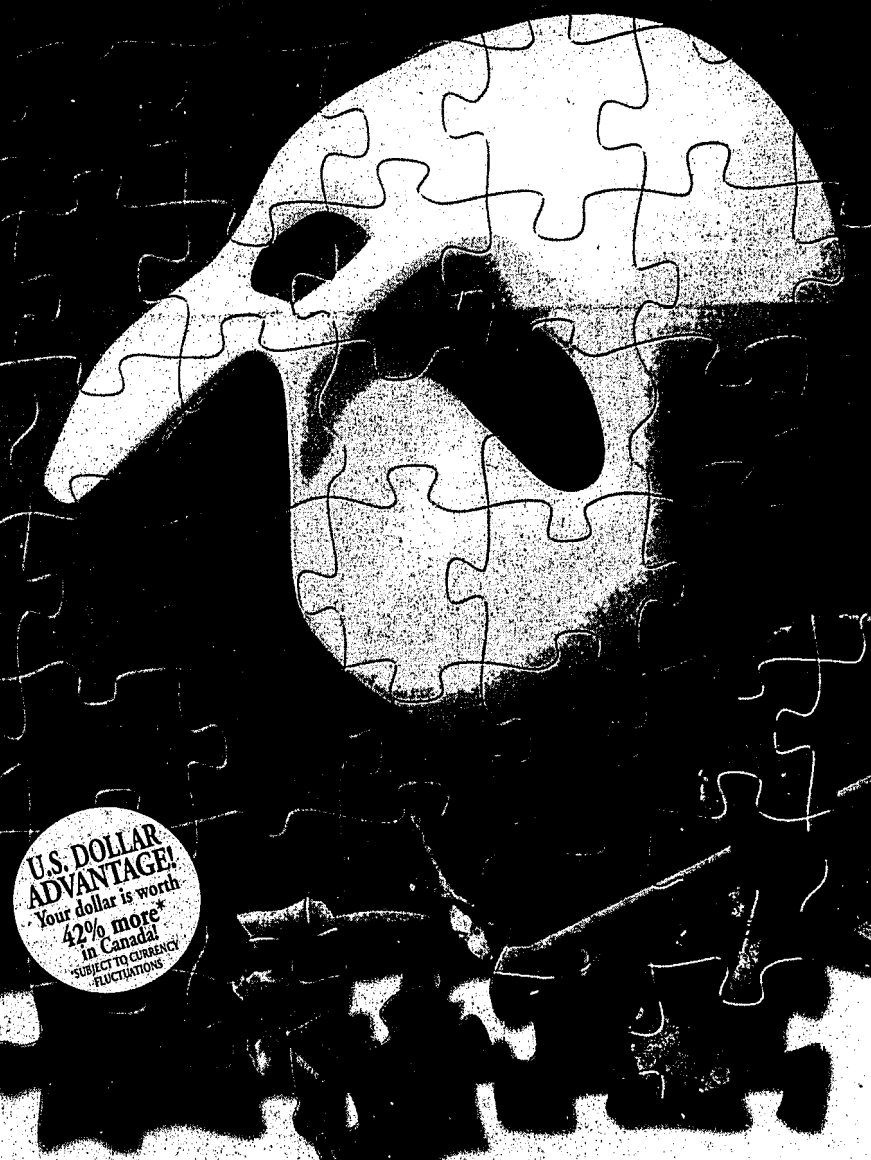
ments. From Meadow Brook Theatre: "After the performance on *Backstage Pass*, we noticed an increase in sales. In fact, the

show played to packed houses by the final weekend of production."

Again, special Festival programming will preempt us from

airing this week, but we'll return on Thursday, March 26 at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27 on Detroit Public Television.

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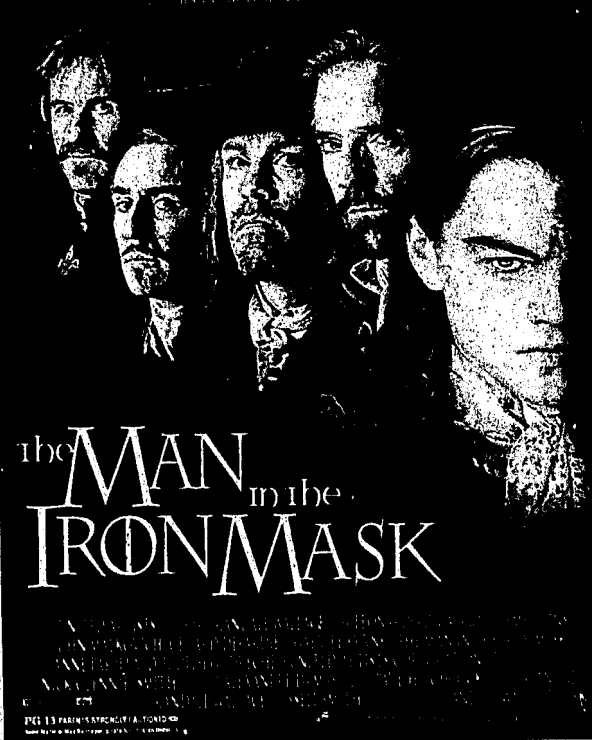


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THEATER

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"Dreamgirls," musical mimicking the rise of the Supremes in the '60s, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$24-\$29. (248) 645-6666, groups of 20 or more (313) 871-1132, information: (313) 872-1000.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Fences," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347.

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE
"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writing duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20 (\$18); regular run, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 8:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300.

POWERSHARES THEATRE CO.
"A Raisin in the Sun," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays through April 5, Museum of African American History's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15-18, with discounts available for Powershares subscribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279.

7TH HOUSE
"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$22 and \$27 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Dinner packages available with Back Abbracci Restaurant. (248) 335-3540.

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 8:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Fridays-Saturdays, March 20-21 and 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 482-4409.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
"Love Letters," a touching and often humorous play about a relationship between two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skanska Society production of J.R. Gurney's play, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324.

U-M THEATRE COMPANY
"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard, through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit Mercy, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, \$10, \$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130.

U-M MUSKET
The University of Michigan's student-run musical theater group presents "Pippin," a '70s pop/rock musical about the son of Charlemagne and his search for satisfaction in life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450.

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA THEATRE
"The Turn of the Screw," based on the ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450.

WSU HILBERY THEATRE
"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 24, "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare through May 9, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS
"Annie," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Lahser High School auditorium, 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885.

THAT BROADWAY BEAT
A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Regime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1783.

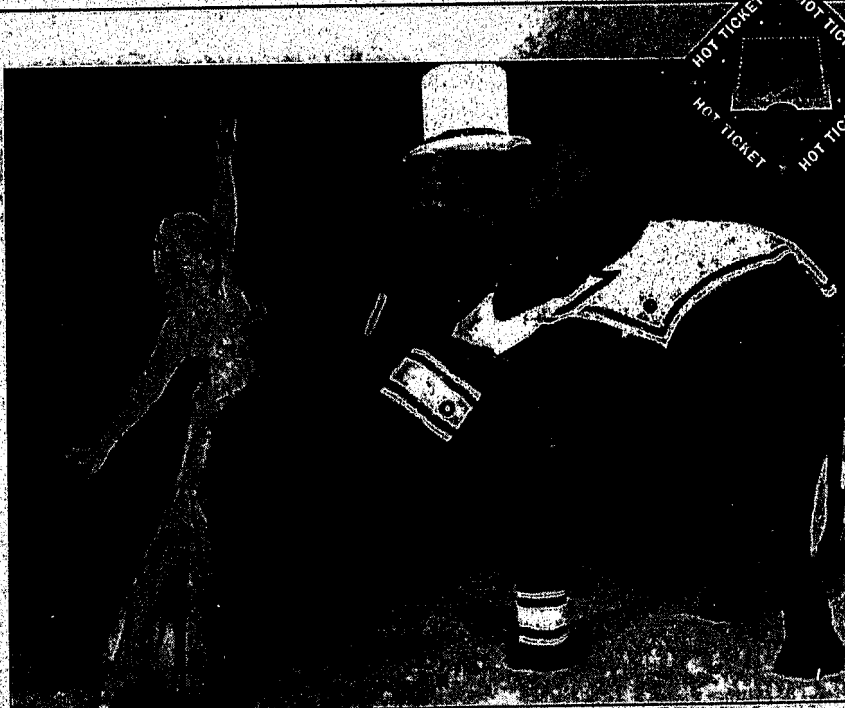
JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS
"The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Dearborn's R.O.C., off Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$5. (734) 297-7000.

NORTH ROSELAND PARK PLAYERS
"Once Upon A Time," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the theater, 1100 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110.

MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO.
"The Bremen Town Musicians," a staged adaptation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$5, \$4/groups of 10 or more. (248) 552-1225.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays, through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
"Into the Woods," the Stephen Sondheim musical "Into the Woods," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, at the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daily, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$12 at the door, \$10 advance, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 535-8962.



Family fun: See Jorge and Lou Ann Barreda's mighty elephants, clowns and more at the Shrine Circus continuing through Sunday, March 22, at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. Performances noon and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Tickets range from \$6-\$14. Call (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200.

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD

"A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527.

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$8, seniors and children \$7, call (248) 827-0701.

DINNER THEATRE

GENITTY'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522.

YOUTH

JUNIOR THEATRE
"Heldi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300.

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 22 and 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BOAT AND FISHING SHOW
Featuring 50,000 square feet of boats, trailers, fishing equipment and water sports and information about charter services and marinas, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000.

"CREATIVES FOR A CURE"
First annual event which honors Detroit's top creative talents. Ben Moon of Moon-Kochia Productions, Shelby Township, producer/director of "Graveyard Book," will be the guest of honor. The event will be held at the WXYZ-TV Lynn Anderson Unit, Wayne County Convention Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages. (810) 465-5154.

NATURE WALK
One-hour walk to look and listen for the animals and plants that signal the coming of spring, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, meet at Goose Meadow at Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road (M-59), White Lake. Be prepared for possible muddy conditions. (248) 685-2187.

SHRINE CIRCUS
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BEN CHITZER
Jazz performance, Saturday, March 21, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$3.25, \$2.50 groups of 10 or more. (248) 424-1022.

Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (248) 552-8842/(313) 961-5451

HFCC PRESIDENT'S "COLLAGE" CONCERT
Featuring Henry Ford Community College students performing classical, jazz and pop favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. (313) 317-6566.

NATIVITY'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS
Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, includes a 7 p.m. Friday night artists' reception featuring the Celtic harp and dulcimer of Cecelia Webster; 3 p.m. Saturday, singer/storyteller Grace Ward recites tales from America to Corsica; 10:30 a.m. Sunday the liturgy features a brass quintet led by Jason Borgess of the Metropolitan Arts Ensemble, at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road (between Lahser and Evergreen roads), Bloomfield Township. (248) 646-4100.

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Meridian Mall), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527.

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS ODD AUCTION
With lots of odd things to bid on, food and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. \$15. Reservations required. (248) 988-7049.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TARTAN BALL
Featuring The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers, and a special performance by the Plymouth Players Guild with a Celtic Mystery Drama, 6 p.m. cocktails followed by 7 p.m. dinner Saturday, April 4, The Meeting House, 499 Main St. (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth. \$45, reservations by Friday, March 20, (248) 349-1831/(734) 454-7689, or <http://www.detroitscots.com>.

SPORTS CARD SHOW
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000.

SWIECONKA
A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon Sunday, April 5, American Legion Still Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$16, reservations by March 28. (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832.

Musical: The orphans from The Bloomfield Players production of "Annie" Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-0885 for tickets.



BENEFITS

ADVANCED FASHION SHOW
Featuring the cast of "Rent" modeling collections of Max Studio, BCBG, Lola and DKNY Men, 6:30 p.m. cocktail reception, 7:30-8 p.m. fashion show, 8-10 p.m. post-party reception, Monday, March 23, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25, benefits Fanclub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 988-0-FAN.

"FASHIONING A CURE"
Featuring a private showing of Somerset Collection's 1998 Spring Fashion Show, a silent auction, strolling supper and champagne and wine bar, 8:45 p.m. Saturday, March 21, The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. \$100, benefits ALS of Michigan, Inc. (313) 382-0480.

"STARRY, STARRY NIGHT"
An Oscar Awards party with an Italian cuisine and complimentary champagne from Alfocino Restaurant in Rochester and Farmington Hills, desserts from Elite Sweets of Livonia, and color commentary of the awards ceremony, shown on a movie screen and in the lobby, by Q95.5's morning show host Kevin O'Neill, 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, Star Southfield Entertainment Centre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield. \$30-\$50 per couple, benefits The Detroit Area Film and Television scholarship fund. (248) 547-0847.

FAMILY EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD "DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES"
Eight performances Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$29-\$46.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611.

JCC'S "FAMILY ARTS MAGICAL SUNDAYS WITH THE KIDS"
"Folk Tales From Around the World," by the For A Good Time Theater, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Jewish Community Center's Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$4 adult members; \$5 non-members, \$3 child members; \$4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030.

FRED PENNER
Concert cancelled Saturday, April 4, Meadowbrook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300.

JOHN ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC" SHOW
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AUSTRIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

With conductor Richard Kohn and cellist Steven Lippman, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Redman Auditorium, Redman Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$36. (609) 221-1229 or <http://www.undco.org>.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Eli Knafo and pianist

Grigory Sokolov performing Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's Introduction to "Khovanshchina," Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, on 12 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 281-2202/(248) 489-3412 or <http://www.mystery.com/fcb>.

NORMA GENTILE AND THE ANN ARBOR GRILL SINGERS
Perform chants and medieval polyphony by Hildegard von Bingen and other composers in conjunction with the 900th anniversary of von Bingen's birth and the reinstallation of the University of Michigan Museum of Art's medieval collection, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the museum, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 647-0521.

ANDREW JENNINGS
Violinist performs Prokofiev's complete works for violin and piano with pianist Anton Nel, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594.

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 and 26, and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206.

DEMARRE MCGILL
Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes series, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16 includes performance and refreshments. (248) 362-9329.

URSULA OPPENS
Pianist performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.urs.org>.

OWAIN PHYFE
As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA
With violinist Gil Shaham, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. Camerata Dinner, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, University of Michigan Alumni Center, Ann Arbor. \$25. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.rnos.org>.

STEPHEN SHIPPS
Violinist performs Baroque pieces with harpsichordist Edward Parmentier, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594.

POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050.

MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND
5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Adet Shalom Synagogue, 29801 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. \$5, free for children younger than 5. (variety) (248) 851-5100.

AUDITIONS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999 by appointment only, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions will take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) 965-3544.

HFCC'S THEATER ARTS DEPARTMENT
Auditions for "Freak Show Brain," which deals with adult issues such as murder, rape, homosexuality and child abuse, Monday, March 23, Adet Synagogue on Henry Ford Community College's campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Performance part of New Playwright's Workshop in June. (313) 845-6478.

HEART OF THE HILLS PLAYERS
Looking for actors, singers and people who can help with the construction or setting of stage, or costume making, also needed piano player and drummer, 10 a.m. Monday, March 23 and 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, for the folies "Hands of Time" to be performed in early May, at the Older People's Commission, 312 Woodward Street, Rochester. No one will be turned away. (810) 371-4334.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE
Open auditions now through August for dancers age 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001.

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN
Auditions actors and singers from area high schools for a summer acting workshop with New York acting instructor Jim Bonney and Broadway actor Dan Cooney, 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20; Auditions those 15 and older for "Broadway in Concert." Its summer production, 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20. Performances in July. Audition by appointment only. (734) 425-

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STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for "The Rink," with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and the book by Terrence McNally, noon Saturday, March 21, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances June 18-21, and 25-28. (248) 541-4832.

CHORAL

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
Male singers are invited to attend a guest night, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (east of Newburgh), Livonia. (734) 728-6865.

JAZZ

GEORGE BENSON
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050.

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. ("acoustic gypsy jazz") (248) 652-1600/(248) 544-1141.

GARY BLUMER TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150.

REGGIE BRAXTON
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050.

RON BROOKS TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310.

CHARLES GREEN
6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750.

KIMMIE HORNE
7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2088 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (top 40/R&B/jazz) (248) 816-2075/(248) 652-0550.

MARIA JACKSON TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150.

AHMAD JAMAL QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>.

JAZZODITY
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (experimental) (734) 485-5050.

PHIL KAPUT AND THE MAINSTREAM JAZZ TRIO
4-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Borders Books, 31150 Southfield Road (at 13 Mile Road), Birmingham. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, Lonestar Coffee Co., 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 644-1515/(248) 642-2233.

SHEILA LANDIS
10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, Agape Caffe, 205-Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 546-1400.

PHIL LASLEY TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150.

TERRY LOWER TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310.

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest saxist, Russ Miller, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and guest vocalist, Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800.

CARL MICHEL GROUP
7-9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Borders Books and Music, 5603 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Borders Books and Music, 43705 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441/(248) 347-0780 or PlayOnRec@aol.com.

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 27; Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (2

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Writer and producer for Anita Baker, and Patti LaBelle, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy, Free. All ages. (248) 816-2075.

STRAIGHT AHEAD
6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-1805

PAUL VORNHAGEN
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak, Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ORGAN MUSIC

ROSA RIO
7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois Road), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

GOSPEL

"GOSPEL GET DOWN!"
Featuring a host of Detroit gospel singers, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, Cover charge. All ages. (313) 965-8055/(810) 465-5154

WORLD MUSIC

THE CLANCY BROTHERS
With The Lash, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (Cello) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110

LOS MUNEQUITOS DE MATANZAS
Afro-Cuban band of percussionists, singers and dancers performing three styles of rumba and ritual music from the Yoruba and Abacua religions, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$26. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

VERRE DE TERRE TRIO
Acoustic world-music trio with members of Polignat Plecostomus and Illustria, 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Espresso Royale Cafe, 215 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Pops IV: The Celtic Connection," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Center, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181 or <http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary>

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Open jam string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3372

MICHAEL KRUEGER
8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 23501 Halsted Road (between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-5732

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

PATTY LARKIN
With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

DEL MCCOURRY BAND
With the RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LEE MURDOCK
Performs Great Lakes maritime music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road), Southfield. \$8 in advance and for seniors and students, \$10 at the door. (248) 424-9024

THE NIELS
With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT
8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JO SERRAFORE
10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 332-HOWL

BILL STAINES
7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Off-The-Well Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 824-1421

JUNE TABOR
8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

THE ORION SOCIETY FORGOTTEN LANGUAGE TOUR
Three writers read selections from their plays, poetry and fiction, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 769-2999 or

<http://www.peus.com/kich>

A SPECTRUM OF STORIES

Plymouth storyteller Debra Christman tells stories, accompanied by original music performed by Keyboardist Michael Shelata, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Fourth Avenue Gallery in the Town Center Building, 210 S. Fourth Avenue (between Liberty and Washington streets), Ann Arbor. \$5, free for seniors and children age 12 and younger. (734) 327-2041

DANCE

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER

An afternoon of international dancing and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or frankie@bmserv.com

BATISHEVA DANCE COMPANY OF ISRAEL
8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18-\$32. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

"CANTERBURY'S SWING INTO SPRING"
With dancing with the Arthur Murray Dancers, a dance contest, DJ, and the vocal jazz group The Grunions, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. \$18, benefits The Eden Alternative Fund. (248) 674-9292

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
With callers Peter Baker and Robin Warner with music by the Pittsfield Union Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
"Countdown," a concert featuring dances by the company's founders/artists directors Barbara Sellinger and Paula Kramer, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Adray Theater in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (313) 965-3544/(845) 6314

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB OF AMERICA
Sunday afternoon dance with the Hy Notes, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Pvt. Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. \$8. (248) 471-2963/(313) 561-8389

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE
7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY DANCE
With music by the Delites, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$7 includes coffee and dessert. (248) 689-3636

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
"Rebounding," the annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, choreographer of the Broadway musical "The Lion King," Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Jim Dallakis, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 (\$4); at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS
DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an

icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs Saturday, March 21, through the end of September, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission. Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE
"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" continues through Sunday, June 7. "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC
AFFIRMATIVE REACTION
With Threshold and Bomb Threat, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazz Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

JON B
With Laurena, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazz Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 778-6404

BACK DOOR BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BAD JUJU
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

JOHNNY BASSETT AND BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS
9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockability) (313) 259-2643

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacal Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or <http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/>

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March; Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

BLACK FUZZ
10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Mount Chale, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

MARY J. BLIGE
With Usher, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$47.50. (R&B) (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

BLUE CAT
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 463-7133/(248) 543-4300

BLUES HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

"THE BLUES PARADE"
With Johnnie Taylor, Clarence Carter, Dorothy Moore and Latimore, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$28 and \$32.50. All ages. (blues) (248) 433-1515

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 21, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BROKEN TOYS
9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

BUBALUBA
With Six Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL

DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION
10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

KODIAK GRILL
45660 Mound Road, Ulica. \$2, 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(248) 543-4300/(810) 731-1750

PETER CASE
With Peter Mulvey, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students, seniors. (alternative pop/folk) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CHAIN REACTION
With Bureau, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

CIGAR STORE INDIANS
As part of Swing-a-billy Sundays, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. With Black Beauty, featuring ex-Twistin' Tarantula George Friend, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rockability) (734) 996-8555/(313) 833-0569 or MajorStick@aol.com

CLEVELAND FATS
9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

CONSOLIDATED
With Daniel Cartier, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

DANNY COX
7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Coffee Beany, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 9-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21, R Place, 36 W. Flint St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-3344/(248) 693-4424

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ADAM DRUCKMAN
Celebrates release of CD "Deserve You," with special guest Wally Pleasant, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (rock) (734) 994-3940 or <http://www.turnaboutrecords.com>

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

FORGE
With No. 6 and the Prisoners and Caidron, 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

THE FRINGE
With This Island Earth, 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

JULIE GENEVIS
3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 737-0110

GETAWAY CRUISER
With Velour 100 and Scratching Post, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL
10 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, March 23, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-4300/(248) 280-2902

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road); Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GREYBOY ALLSTARS
8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (funk/jazz/boogaloo) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

G.R.R.
9 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

HELIUM
10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com>

BRIAN HENKE
8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (finger-style acoustic guitarist) (734) 668-1838

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLETHROWERS
10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

ROBERT JONES
8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (248) 544-1141/(734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

KILLER FLAMINGOS
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

MIKE KING BAND
10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Merge, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

KUNG FU DIESEL
10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rockability) (248) 349-9110

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

LIGHTNIN' CREOLE
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 463-7133

THE LOOK
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free

DINING

Wood-Ruff's Supper Club soothes the senses

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

A restaurant with a promise, a mission statement and waitstaff who professionally present diners a business card. That's Wood-Ruff's. But Wood-Ruff's delivers a lot more than that's soothing to the senses.

The credo reads, "We promise to welcome you warmly, to listen to you thoughtfully, to value your time as if it were our own, to offer you the finest quality food and beverages and to make sure you always feel special."

In Wood-Ruff's logo, the hyphen in the name is replaced with an oak tree. Why? "The oak tree was chosen to be our logo because it is a symbol of the many qualities to which we aspire." It's longer than this, but you can read the rest on the menu.

So you don't forget the waitperson's name, he or she presents you with a business card. Now, to some this may seem a tad overdone. Not really. Recall the number of times you wanted to get a waitperson back to your table, but no one in the party could remember a name.

What or who is behind all this in addition to excellent food and great jazz? Your main man is owner Steve Woodruff. This is his first restaurant venture, but he's also owner of the consulting firm The Woodruff Group, where he says he "helps people make good decisions."

Good decisions at Wood-Ruff's are made in a work environment built on shared values. Everyone from owner Woodruff and his partners, corporate chef and vice-president of operations Brian Gallagher and vice-president Paul Silveri, through service personnel and on to the dishwashers, are a team. All have been instilled with Woodruff's uncompromising levels of service philosophy.

"As I've traveled across the country on business, I've seen the best and worst in dining," Woodruff maintained. "After my wife Laurette died two years ago,

Wood-Ruff's
Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519.
Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m.
Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly-stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound.
Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish.
Reservations: Recommended.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

I decided to fulfill a dream. I had kept a best-ideas file, a kind of collage of the finer places to dine in North America. Everything you experience at Wood-Ruff's is purposeful; it's not discretionary. It's heart and soul here, not just some bricks, mortar and copper accents in a place serving food."

Woodruff believed downtown Royal Oak needed a restaurant catering to a mature audience who appreciate excellent food, exceptional service and great live jazz.

He's created this in a soothing-to-the-senses environment done in copper, jade and terra cotta with mahogany wood accents. In the Flamingo Room, there are high tops, but not the most comfortable for a long dining experience. Request a booth or table in main dining if you have more than drinks and jazz on your personal menu.

A big open bar, with a raised stage behind, features the Rodney Reeves Group (piano and sax) on Monday and Wednesday 7:30-11 p.m. The Ernie Wilson Band with bass guitar, horn, sax, percussion and piano plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday,



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Festive entrees: Executive Chef Bruce Allen presents Roasted Duck with Peach Hazelnut Sauce, and Salmon Wrapped in Collard Greens with Smoked Roma Coulis Sauce at Wood-Ruff's Supper Club.

its piano only 6-9 p.m.

But it's the food that will keep them coming back to Wood-Ruff's. If you despaired some when Kyla's in Royal Oak closed, the food style is being reincarnated on the very same spot, by the very same person, Brian Gallagher. "After 23 years in the restaurant business, it is a challenge to make this all work at Wood-Ruff's," he said.

Placed prominently atop the entrees is Roasted Duckling, 1/2 boned, crispy duck with seasonal fruit sauce and wild rice, a Gallagher signature from Kyla's. There's Shrimp Flirting with Disaster, which includes in addition to grilled jumbo shrimp, corn fritters, refried black beans

and tomato chorizo Espagnol which in no way reflects a name other than delicious.

Three seafood specials (\$20-25) are featured each evening. Try the Giant Sea Scallops. For the food adventurous, sweetbreads and braised lamb shanks make an occasional appearance. But a staple is Emu Stake, which tastes like New York veal with veal-moré Espagnol sauce. Escargot Lasagne, available in starter and entree size, is as billed "What legends are made of."

A host of meatless-oriented dishes have both style and attractive presentation.

Dinner wines by the glass

range \$6-9. Domestic and imported wines by the bottle include some interesting finds such as Chateau Tabilk Marsanne from Australia and go on to heavy hitters like Merryvale Profile. Beers from ales to stouts, with such notables as Pilsner Urquell from Czechoslovakia and Kalamazoo's Bill's Best Brown, are on draft.

After one of the many dessert offerings, the selection of specialty coffees, cognacs, brandies, port, sherry and cordials abound.

No worries about parking for this Royal Oak eatery. Valet parking is \$4. Consider that soothing, too.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited.

O'Grady's Irish Pub - 585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770. Open 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. **Menu:** Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crispy crust are homemade. **Cost:** Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15. **Reservations:** Not accepted. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

There are many appealing "things Irish" about O'Grady's. Guinness and 15 other beers on tap get top billing. To complement, is a large 25-seat wooden bar, two double-sided fireplaces accenting cozy side rooms with polished wood floors and three dart boards in a game room, also housing two pool tables.

Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. **Menu:** Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. **Reservations:** Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. **Credit Cards:** All majors accepted. **Cost:** \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. **Children's menu:** available. **Entertainment:** 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location. **Banquet room:** At Clarkston location, seats 50-70 people.

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please.

Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Daramie of Plymouth, they are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 691-7279. You can also e-mail information to kwygonik@oe.homedcomm.net

JUST OPENED

Flying Fish Tavern - 6480 Orchard Lake Road (northwest corner of Maple) in West Bloomfield opened Tuesday. Menu designed by Corporate Chef Jim Barnett and Executive Chef John Arnold features a daily Fresh Catch, and includes several creations influenced from Northern Lakes Seafood Company such as balsamic & basil glazed Jail Island Salmon served with grilled pineapple and veg-

etable fried rice; a blackened Mahi Mahi, garnished with a shrimp and papaya salsa; and a crab, spinach and mushroom stuffed Rainbow Trout with a Chardonnay mustard. In addition to fish, Flying Fish Tavern offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, ribs, and pasta. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (bar until 1 a.m.) Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight (bar until 2 a.m.) Friday-Saturday; and 3-9 p.m. (bar until midnight) Sunday. Call (248) 557-2510 for information. Look for feature by Eleanor Heald in next week's edition.

BENEFIT

Fourteenth Annual Cuisine Extraordinaire - An elegant evening of taste-tempting hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, entrees and scrumptious desserts prepared by chefs who are members of the American Culinary Federation Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Peninsula Grand Ballroom, The Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 680-9797. Theme: Swing into Spring, tickets \$125 per person, \$65 per per-

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