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### VINTAGE



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The Library of Congress is not only a great resource for those of us interested in learning about history for fun, it is also a tool for teachers and other educators. The Learning Page has a complete listing of lesson ideas, research tools, classroom activities, educators' programs and features.

Featured this month are women pioneers, and especially those who traveled west to California during the Gold Rush years of 1849-1900. There are hundreds of excerpts from pioneer diaries and journals, including the one that follows.

In 1851, Elizabeth Gunn traveled with her four children by ship around Cape Horn bound for San Francisco where her husband was seeking gold.

"The Captain was up all Tuesday night and it was very rough. You could not lie still a minute, and when you feel sick is the time you want to keep quiet. Now my head was nicely fixed in one way, and in an instant it was turned right over. Now my feet were up, and now my head, now I would roll on one side, and now on the other — and feeling sick all the time. What with the noise of the men pulling the ropes and taking in sail, and the dashing of the sea as it came over the vessel with great violence, there was no such thing as a quiet sleep."

Imagine traveling alone with four children on a ship tossed about on the ocean. It must have been a terrible experience, yet thousands of women endured it, especially those from all over Europe who followed their husbands to America for a better life. Lucky for us, most lived through it, my great grandmothers included.

More next week.

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



## Downtown revitalization gets boost

■ A Clarkston State Bank contribution will help finance a planning study outlining future development of the city's central business district.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Clarkston State Bank further solidified its commitment to downtown revitalization Monday morning with a hefty donation toward a planning study for the future development of the area.

The financial institution, which opened its doors in January, presented a check for \$8,000 to the Downtown

Clarkston Revitalization Fund. The contribution brought the fund's total to \$25,000, enough to conduct a planning study which will help shape the future of downtown Clarkston.

Though many area businesses donated to the cause, the bank's contribution was the largest.

The study will be conducted by Hyett-Palma Inc., a Virginia-based firm hired by the National League of Cities that specializes in the economic

potential of downtown districts.

Jack Shubitowski, vice president and senior loan officer of the bank, has taken over as administrator for the revitalization project. He plans to begin by connecting with business owners who might be interested in coming to the area. The Clarkston State Bank will use its community room for such meetings.

Dave Harrison, bank president, said he would like to see a plan developed that would take downtown Clarkston back to what it once was — a place where people in the community can congregate.

"What we have to do is plan effective-

ly," said Harrison. "That's what I think the study's all about."

The focal point of the project, said City Councilman David Savage, is to attract people back to the downtown area. To do so, those involved plan to find Clarkston's niche, or a mix of shops and services that Clarkston residents will find useful. The goal is to create a downtown area that serves their daily needs.

"Business owners and prospective tenants will have the opportunity to come here, to the bank," said Savage. "We'll sit down with (them) and show them what space is available."

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## Boredom busters



Will she make it? Emily Grat gets ready to try the bean bag toss at the Beechwood Carnival Monday.

## Parks & Rec arranges great spring break activities

Who says there's nothing to do on spring break?

There was plenty, especially for Clarkston-area youngsters ages 5-11.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation had field trips planned for every day of spring break, including an outing to the Beechwood Carnival in Southfield on Monday.

About 300 children from eight communities gathered at the community center, 29 local children among them. They were immersed in activities and games of all types, such as going down a giant air slide and trying to balance a bean on a spoon.

They also got to meet children from other communities, many of whom participated in the other field trips throughout the week. Many traveled to different cities to roller blade or play basketball, arcade games and soccer.

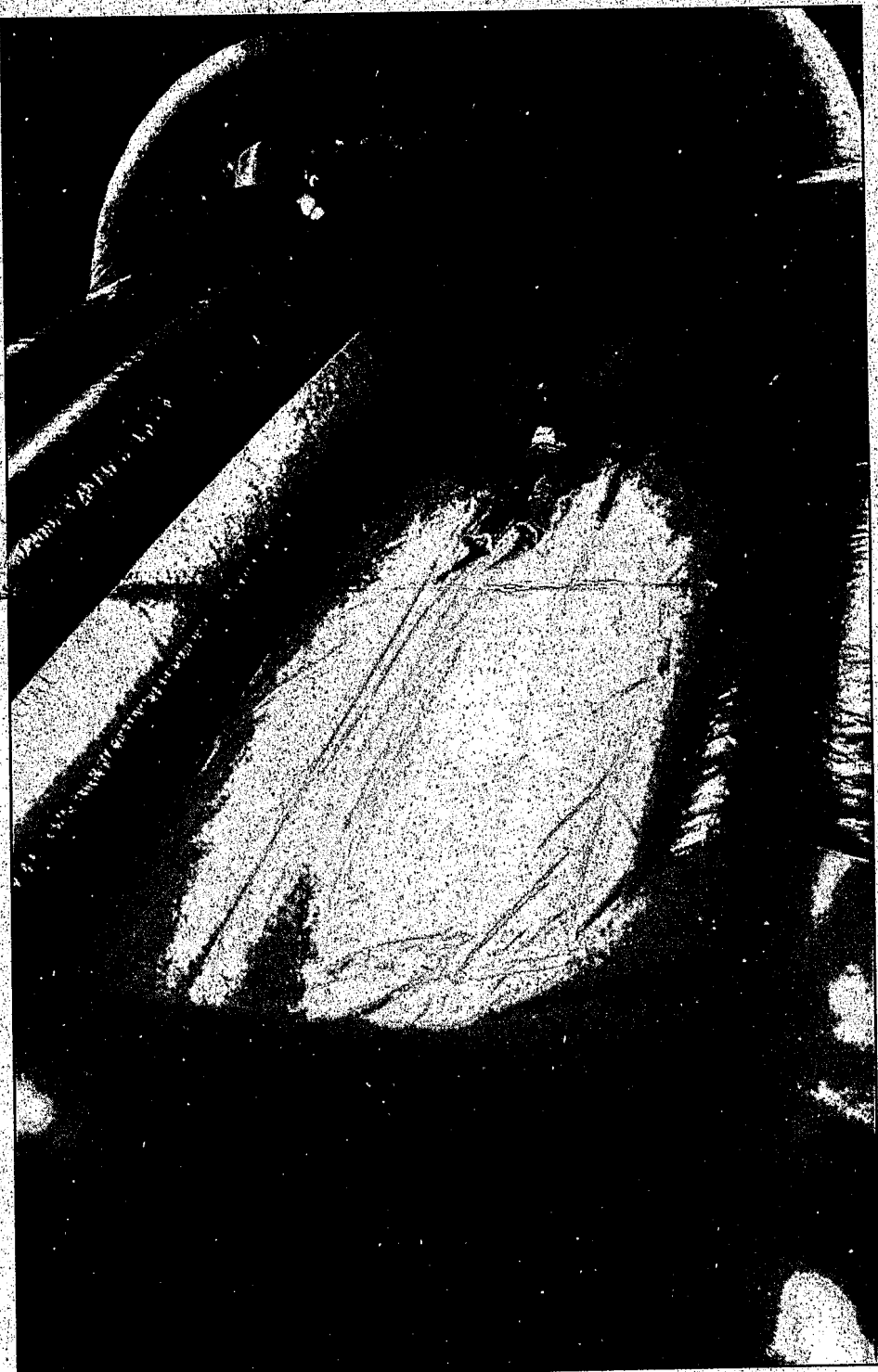
The joint community activities are part of the Northwest Network Committee for Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Beth Walker, recreation programmer for Independence Township, has seen local enrollment in these field trips increase over the years.

"It gives them an opportunity to meet other kids in different communities," Walker said.



Young fan: Jonathon Chun sports the Detroit Red Wings symbol he had painted on his cheek.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Long way down: Raymond Wilkie enjoys his ride down the air slide.

## Handmade collectibles take a ride for charity

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

They ride through the streets of Clarkston on their massive "hogs" — a tough-looking band wearing mask-like helmets, maybe some leather jackets and vests and big boots.

But once they get off their huge Harley-Davidsons (or whatever kind of motorcycle they're riding) and remove the hefty helmets, this group transforms itself into a smiling, big-hearted bundle of softies. After all, its members are as likely to take a handmade doll out of their pack as a bag of goodies to share.

They're members of Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) Chapter E of Oakland County, which Mary Ann Emick describes as a fun-loving group with a heart of gold.

Emick is the volunteer coordinator

for Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, a subsidiary of the human service assistance agency Lighthouse of Oakland County.

Members of the 18-year-old GWRRA chapter just gave Emick a contribution check last Thursday, one of several the group will donate during the year.

Most of the money came from the sale of their handmade dolls. That's right — DOLLS.

You may have seen some of them on display and for sale at a few local businesses. They're at Cherry Hill Lanes North, 6697 Dixie Highway; Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway; Waterford Hill Florist and Greenhouse, 5992 Dixie Highway; and Baby's Galore and More Resale at 4716 W. Walton Boulevard.

"We're so glad to show these dolls,"

Please see DOLLS, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

What dolls! Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter E members Dale Hines (left) and Frank and Shirley Catalano pose with the dolls they make and sell for charity.



## Dolls from page A1

said Waterford Hill Florist and Greenhouse owner Theresa Petherbridge. "The group needs the exposure. We have the traffic and the exposure here. The beautiful dolls will make wonderful Mother's Day gifts."

The dolls are Synde Dolls. Selling them on behalf of Lighthouse Emergency Services was the idea of GWRRA member Dale Hines.

A seamstress by profession, she got the group involved last year in making the popular Time-Out dolls. Standing 24-inches tall, these dolls resemble a youngster having a "time-out" when they're posed in a corner. Many of their clothes come from Stella Green's Baby's Galore and More Resale.

Hines discovered the Synde dolls accidentally, made several calls to the manufacturer and got them to sell the non-profit club doll kits at wholesale.

"I fell in love with the Synde dolls because they have seven different adorable faces we can use," Hines said. A kit comes with a vinyl head, arms and legs and a cloth body. Each one also has a registration card, which makes it a collectible.

But it's the magic the GWRRA members work on the dolls once they're assembled that turns them into such heart-warmers.

Ray Hines, Frank Catalano

and Ted Barr put the dolls together. Dale Hines, Diane Barr, Hilda White and Shirley Catalano create the costumes. The Catalanos are the chapter directors.

Shirley, in fact, makes her creations by hand — stitch by stitch — and she has the needle pricks to prove it. One of her favorites is a sailor-style, blue-and-white stripe dress with white trim, complete with bloomers, a net slip, lace socks and shoes.

"If people see a doll they want and they don't like what she's wearing, they can pick out another outfit. We have a wide variety available," Hines said.

All of the outfits are one-of-a-kind, Shirley makes hers by putting different pattern pieces together. Dale designs the outfits she makes — just as she designed the pattern for the Time Out doll. That doll sells for \$35. Hines will take special orders. She's made them up resembling Elvis, cowboys, angels, Indians and in other styles.

The Synde dolls sell for \$40 for the 18-inch doll and \$50 for the 22-inch doll. An extra outfit cost \$25. Every cent goes to Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch.

"The nice thing about these dolls is that they are suitable for



**Synde doll:** Anyone buying this collectible doll will help clients of Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, a subsidiary of Lighthouse of Oakland County.

play. The vinyl is so beautiful that it resembles porcelain, but kids can't break it," Hines said.

It's easy to get information on the Synde dolls. Call Hines at (249) 623-1040 or Catalano at (248) 673-9228. They'll help customers pick out the doll of their choice along with that unique outfit.

Another way to see the dolls is to go to Meadowbrook Village Mall at the corner of Walton Boulevard and Adams Road in Rochester Hills the weekend of April 23.

That's when Chapter E members will pull their bikes into the mall for a two-day motorcycle show. Members will be there to talk about their motorcycles and about the club. There certainly will be dolls to purchase.

Even then, GWRRA members are thinking about ways to help others. Donations go to the Make a Wish Foundation. The quarter drop bucket proceeds are for rider education safety programs.

Be sure and ask them how their baby shower on April 18 went.

"They just called me with a wild and crazy idea — that is to have a baby shower for the people we help," said Emick of Lighthouse. She compiled a list of items clients can use.

"They want me to come to their regular meeting that night and open the baby gifts," she said with a chuckle. "It's a beautiful idea."

The gifts will help with the gender-specific layettes avail-



**Posed:** This blonde beauty wears an outfit hand-stitched by Shirley Catalano.

able to new mothers once their baby is born. Lighthouse Emergency of Clarkston serves clients in financial need.

There are 45 GWRRA chapters in Michigan, with other chapters in several parts of the world. Each chooses a charity to support for a year.

The main thrust of GWRRA, however, is to serve as a fun and safe way for its members to enjoy riding their motorcycles while promoting motorcycle safety, knowledge and fun.

Chapter E even produces an award-winning cable television program, World of GWRRA. All its road trips are alcohol-free and family-oriented.

Many of the riders are like the Catalanos and Hineses, who have a passion for GWRRA and for motorcycles. They've ridden their cycles cross country, as many members have. Through the club, they have friends in almost every state in the union.

When people join GWRRA, they get the coveted Gold Book. It has a listing of members in every chapter who are willing to offer different services to other members, such as offering a place to stay overnight or lending tools to fix a bike-in need.

GWRRA Chapter E meets monthly for meetings and weekly for breakfast, coffee or ice cream outings, depending on the weather. It schedules group rides on a regular basis. The Catalanos, the Hineses and other members will be glad to talk to people about the benefits of joining GWRRA, whether or not they own a motorcycle.

## Michigan Week events planned for nature center

The Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park will host a variety of nature programs in May.

Learn about the 1999 "Herb of the Year" and its various types during the adult mini class "Lovely Lavender" on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 per person.

Learn how wildlife moms care for their young during the Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 8, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. participants will also tour the Rubach Sensory Herb Garden and make a Mother's Day gift. Boys and girls, ages 4 and older, are invited to attend with their mother or grandmother. Cost is \$4 per person.

Take the "Michigan Trivia" challenge and enjoy a guided hike and tasty state snack at Michigan Signs & Symbols. The May 15 event is part of the

"Michigan Week" celebration. Cost of the 1:30-3:30 p.m. program is \$2 per person.

Star gaze in recognition of "National Astronomy Day" at the Spring Star Party on Saturday, May 22. See spring constellations in the Starlab Planetarium. This 9-11 p.m. class is not recommended for preschoolers. The cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory for all programs. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m.

The Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park is located on Sashabaw Road.

Call (248) 625-6473 or TTY: (248) 858-1684 for more information, or visit the Oakland County Parks website at [www.co.oakland.mi.us](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us).

## Downtown from page A1

Harrison favors the idea of studying other successful communities, such as Frankenmuth and Saugatuck, to find out what led to their downtown development and how those communities have stayed vital. Frankenmuth, he said, has maintained a unique downtown despite nearby outlet shops at Birch Run.

Bob Olsen, board member for Clarkston State Bank and local business owner, said he supports the bank's choice to "get involved with the enhancement and development of Clarkston the way it should be developed." He said he's ready to get started on the project.

"We've never been outgoing, to let people know we're here," said Savage, who favors a more progressive approach to development than has occurred in the past. The bank's contribution marked the beginning of a new method of revitalizing the downtown area.

The Clarkston-Area Chamber of Commerce showed its support by donating \$500 to the

fund. Ron Davis, president-elect of the chamber, spoke with bank board members Monday morning.

"This town needs some spark and I'm glad," said Davis. "That's what we (at the chamber) are all about."

Davis said he personally feels that the governing bodies in Clarkston need to "lighten up" on prospective tenants and business owners in order for the downtown to grow and thrive. He said the downtown area needs places that will attract residents and give them a reason to go downtown.

"I know they want to keep it a quaint little town," said Davis. "But to succeed, you've got to grow."

Savage has suggested that more retail businesses might be the answer. He said he would like to see the sort of stores downtown that can't be found at a mall.

Harrison attributes the state of downtown Clarkston to a lack of space and poor planning.

"In a planning sense, we've missed the boat," he said. "There aren't sufficient options for people in terms of retail. The area is growing. It has to pick up that kind of retail growth. It's simply a measure of scarcity. My concern is the concentration of kinds of businesses. There's such a lack of development."

The Downtown Clarkston Revitalization Project is an effort to guide that development in a way that would promote a thriving community.

## Library hosts tree-mendous program

Independence Township Library will present a series of after school programs for elementary students beginning April 13 to enhance awareness of the value of trees and forests.

The program is being funded by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant.

All programs are at 4:15-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Dates and descriptions are as follows:

■ April 13 — Forest-Tree! Special nature and tree games, a take-home forest project, and animal displays will be presented by an Independence Oaks naturalist.

■ April 20 — Artist-Tree! Forest and tree collage creations are the highlight of this session. Lots of materials to make your art out of tissue, sticks, scraps and stuff.

■ April 27 — Poet-Tree! Put your words to work as you hear and create poetry of many types to hang on the Poetry Tree we'll construct for display in the library.

■ May 5 — Puppet-Tree! The familiar tree in the tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk" will grow before your very eyes as professional puppeteer Greg Lester makes his large handmade characters tell this wonderful tale.

Spaces for the programs will be limited. Registration sign up sheets for all programs are available at the library. Call 625-2212 for more information.

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Another work environment:  
Dr. Yung Chung of Clarkston spends the better part of her working day in the Wayne County medical examiner's morgue.



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## Knights rezoning tabled; plea made to retain deputy

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
Staff Writer

Oakland County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Herbert Howell became the man of the hour at Tuesday's Independence Township Board meeting.

After working in the OCSD Independence Township substation for two years, he's being transferred to the traffic division.

The 60-minute meeting opened with the board commending Howell on the support he's given to the community while working in the township. The regular meeting ended with a public speech on the same note.

Stan Torres Jr. of Springfield Township addressed the board for several minutes about the positive effect Howell has had on Independence Township.

"Sgt. Holmes will be missed by a lot of people in this community," said the security supervisor for Pine Knob Golf Course. He mentioned these included business owners, citizens and the youth.

Torres realizes OCSD regularly rotates its employees. He asked township supervisor Dale Stuart to intervene to keep Howell in the township.

"That's the decision of the sheriff and the sheriff's department," Stuart said. "Sgt. Holmes has been an asset. We're happy to have had him here. He's gone out of the way to take an interest in the community. We're lucky. We always have some of the best of the best from the sheriff's department here."

Holmes said he was surprised and touched by the kind words.

"I try to take an interest in each individual and take enough time with them so they are satisfied," said the sergeant. "The show of support here is very

overwhelming."

Torres' talk was part of his final speech for his Oakland University class, Public Speaking on Public Issues. In fact, most of his classmates came to the board meeting to hear his presentation.

"Stan did very well," said his teacher, Marsha Alfafara.

What should have been the big news of the night was deflated early on. The board tabled the second reading and adoption of a rezoning on the Knights of Columbus six-acre parcel from Planned Shopping Center (C-2) to Office Service (OS-2).

Trustees Jeffrey McGee, Dan Travis, Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace were at the board meeting.

Township residents living in the area of Waldon Road east of the Pine Knob pump house will be glad to know the board gave the go-ahead to the Department of Public Works to purchase a pressure-reducing valve.

DiPonio and Morelli Construction Co. got the bid to install the pressure-reducing valve station, which will reduce the high pressure coming from the Pine Knob pump house to homes in that area. The cost is \$34,750.

Other approved purchases include:

■ a Canon photocopier for Independence Township Library at a cost of \$6,500 from IKON Office Solutions.

■ Two trucks for the Department of Public Works from the Oakland County Cooperative Program, not to exceed \$39,000. A Hustler 251 K commercial mower for \$9,215 for the cemetery.

■ Five light fixtures for softball field No. 2, including labor and electrical by Sky Electric for \$7,836.

## Doctor a detective in cause-of-death cases

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
Staff Writer

Dr. Yung Chung's office looks like that of most professionals. Papers are stacked in piles, a computer sits on the desk and notes hang in obvious places.

But a few things reveal the difference between her office and others — drawings of androgynous bodies used for autopsy reports and cartoons of subtle morgue humor that hang on the wall.

Chung, a resident of Independence Township, is one of six assistant medical examiners who work under Dr. Sawit Kanluen, chief medical examiner of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Her office is at the Wayne County building that houses its morgue in Detroit.

A physician/surgeon, the doctor joined the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office 10 years ago. That was after working several years as a general surgeon in South Korea. Later, she became a board-certified forensic pathologist and worked as director for a large pathology lab.

She switched gears from surgery to pathology after discovering how difficult it was to raise children when both mom and dad are general surgeons.

"Most of the time I was in surgery at night," she recalled. "That didn't work good with children."

Chung's husband is general surgeon Dr. K. C. Choi, whose practice is in Flint. They have two grown children. Suzie Choi, Ph.D., is a researcher specializing in human obesity at the University of California, San Francisco. Jennie Choi is a program manager at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The family settled in Independence Township because of its central location between Choi's Flint office and Chung's work in Detroit.

"We love living there," she said. "It's so beautiful and it's close to the golf courses." She tries to get in a round of golf whenever she can, despite her long working days and distant commute.

### Unusual surroundings

Beauty is something Chung

doesn't see often at work. When she's not in her office, she's in the morgue, surrounded by corpses on metal tables.

Her day begins with a morning meeting. Several people attend, including medical examiners, medical teaching residents, pathology fellows, visiting medical students on their one-month rotations and pathology assistants.

They review the bodies brought in to the morgue overnight and determine which need to undergo an autopsy and which don't.

"We always do autopsies in certain cases, such as natural deaths when no one was around to witness the death, drownings, fire victims when the fire isn't ruled accidental, homicides, traffic accidents and all children's deaths," she explained.

The autopsies are assigned to different staff members, including Chung. It's her job to look for hard-to-find and suspicious causes of death.

The group reconvenes in the afternoon to discuss the findings, which are so important they often make the difference in a person's guilt or innocence in a court case. In fact, Chung spends at least one day a week in court testifying about the causes of death.

She remembers one case in particular. A family claimed a son died while driving a car in which the passenger was killed. Another son in the car at the time of the accident survived.

Chung's fact-finding revealed that the surviving son was the driver when the accident occurred. How did she prove that?

"I was able to show that the pattern of the seat belt bruises on the deceased brother indicated he was on the passenger side of the car, not driving it," she said. Her findings had a direct result on the court case.

She and others from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office worked closely with Monroe County officials after the crash of Comair Flight 3272 in January 1998. Twenty-nine people died in that crash.

"We worked for three days straight examining the remains and identifying the victims," she

said. "It's work I will never be able to forget."

She also serves as a teacher and speaker on forensic pathology.

### Rewarding work

While many may sneer at a career spent in a morgue, Chung is still intrigued by what she does, even after a decade at the medical examiner's office.

"I feel like I can do something for society this way," she said. "When I discover how to interpret an injury or death, I feel so good. I am so happy when I can find some good evidence of the cause of death," she said while walking through the halls of the modern medical examiner's building.

In sharp contrast to its slick yet warm furnishings are displays of forensic pathology evidence, such as skulls with bullet holes, regular household items used as weapons of death and drug paraphernalia.

Much of this is shown and described to students on school tours of the building. The purpose is to educate them about medical history and the seamer side of life, in order to encourage them to avoid it.

Nursing and law school students and those in training at police academies often are brought in to the morgue's viewing area. They see first-hand the results of drug and alcohol abuse, high cholesterol, smoking and various injuries.

"There are lessons for all of us to learn from the dead," Chung said. "I can point out things to a family if the deceased had high cholesterol, for example. We can see its effects to the body."

Another part of Chung's job is helping survivors deal with the deaths of loved ones. The medical examiner's building has a private room off the main lobby where survivors are shown the faces of the deceased via a television screen. This is a more humane way, Chung thinks, for them to identify a body.

"I try to explain to them the cause of death," she said. She frequently serves as comforter as well as forensic pathologist to the families.

Chung feels lucky to work for Wayne County Medical Exam-

iners Office, which, she said, is the only teaching institute of its kind around.

"It has a really good reputation in the volume and quality of its work," she added. About 2,500 bodies come through the morgue annually. She's responsible for approximately 400 of them.

"This is a tough job. It's not an easy one. We have to make very tough decisions. We have to understand the circumstances around a death and put them together. Sometimes you have to stand all by yourself and you have to be honest, not biased. That's my principle."

As the second-longest serving employee at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, she certainly is living up to her standards.

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## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships April 1-5.

### Springfield police

#### Vandalism

On March 31, an apartment window was reported smashed on Dixie Highway.

On April 4, the passenger window of a vehicle on East Holly Road was reported smashed.

#### Thefts

On March 30, a briefcase was reported stolen from a vehicle on Hillsboro Road.

On March 31, an orange trailer was reported stolen from an auto parts store on Dixie Highway.

On April 2, a trailer carrying two snowmobiles was reported stolen from a storage facility on Dixie Highway.

### Independence police

#### Thefts

On April 3, compact discs and a case were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Harvard Avenue.

On April 3, a security entrance gate was reported stolen from a construction site on Stonewall Drive.

On April 4, golf shoes and clubs were reported stolen from a vehicle on Klais Drive.

On April 4, a compact disc player was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Mountain View Trail.

On April 4, clothing was reported stolen from a vehicle on Klais Drive.

On April 4, a radio, radar detector and cassette player were reported stolen from a vehicle on Bronco Drive.

On April 4, a radio face plate and compact discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Whipple Lake Road.

#### Home invasion

On April 3, a North River Road residence was reportedly broken into and several items stolen. Among them were a VCR and video tape, compact discs, a diamond ring, a necklace and a jar of coins.

#### Vandalism

On April 5, the glass of a bedroom window on Pine Knob Road was reportedly broken by a golf ball.

#### Drunken driving

On April 3, a 21-year-old Clarkston man's car was involved in an accident on Lake Waldon Drive. His vehicle was found on a resident's lawn, after hitting a parked car, reports said. He was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor. According to reports, his blood alcohol level was 0.15 at 2 a.m.

### Independence fire

Between April 1-5, firefighters responded to 18 calls. Among them were eight medical calls, four personal-injury accidents, one grass fire and one building fire.

On April 3, firefighters and police responded to a Waterford Road residence where a small fire had started in a vehicle parked inside the garage. The fire was found to be accidental, according to reports.



## Wint joins Oxford Bank board

William H. Wint is the newest appointee to the Oxford Bank and Oxford Bank Corp. Board of Directors.

Wint is the president of Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, the Clarkston business founded by his parents, Lewis and Diane Wint, in 1959.

"Bill Wint's name is synonymous with community involvement in and around the Clarkston area," said Randall G. Fox, Oxford Bank Corp.'s president and chief executive officer. "His success in growing his own business speaks volumes to his aptitude as a businessman. And his commitment to his family and involvement

**■ 'Bill Wint's name is synonymous with community involvement.'**

*Randall G. Fox*  
Oxford Bank president

with the community reflects that same spirit Oxford Bank operates within each and every day."

Wint, his wife Dree Anne and their three children live in the Clarkston area.

Oxford Bank is a subsidiary of Oxford Bank Corp. The bank is the oldest commercial bank in Oakland County. It opened in 1884.

It has full-service offices in Clarkston and five other communities.



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Award-winning art: Posing with some of the artwork that brought national recognition to Clarkston Elementary are students Nick Newberry, Bianca Vann, MacKenzie Markowski, Kelsey Foy, Greg Mathiak, Andrew Whetstone and art teacher Marilyn Ormiston.

## Clarkston student artwork draws national attention

BY SUSAN TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of art educators had a chance to view artwork created by Clarkston Elementary School students.

Anyone attending the recent National Art Educators Association conference in Washington, D.C., saw the students' artistry reproduced on magnets, cups, sweatshirts, note cards and a variety of other items.

This happened in a roundabout way because of a fund-raising event sponsored by the Clarkston Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

"I was sent information about this program sponsored by Original Works in New York. What they do is take student art work, reproduce it on magnets and then return those to the school so the kids and parents can see what the art work looks like when it's reproduced," explained Chris Smith. "There are 17 different items on which Original Works reproduces student art. We were able to place orders and get them back in time for the holidays."

Smith is the PTO volunteer coordinator who organized this fund-raiser for Clarkston Elementary School. About 450 students participated.

Here's a list of the various projects made by the young students:

■ Kindergarten: flower pots using tissue paper collage and their hand prints for flowers.

■ First grade: mixed media still lifes of flowers using oil pastels on paper collage and printed flowers.

■ Second grade: bird-themed creations out of construction paper, real feathers and markers.

■ Third grade: construction paper collages based on observations of shapes and patterns found in fruit and vegetables.

■ Fourth grade: artwork following the South American mola designs and made from colorful layered material.

■ Fifth grade: contour drawings of real leaves, painted with watercolors.

Clarkston Elementary art teacher Marilyn Ormiston designed a specific art project for the grades. She and parent helpers worked for a week with the students in kindergarten through fifth grades on their projects.

"The whole thing was a wonderful success," Smith said. "The quality of the merchandise was wonderful and the kids' self-esteem really got a boost when they saw these products displayed with their art on them."

Smith bought various items created by her fourth-grade daughter, Elissa. These include note cards, magnets and coffee mugs. Several are for Mother's Day.

Smith credits Original Works for a job well done and Original Works said the credit must also go to Ormiston.

They were so impressed with the art projects she designed for the grade levels that they selected Ormiston to become part of the Original Works Art Institute 1998 Art Honor Roll.

"We have people who review all the artwork that comes to our company for reproduction from about 2,000 schools a year. Twice a year we choose only up to the top 10 percent to be eligible for the art honor roll," explained David Morrissey, manager of Original Works marketing and sales support. "We use the art from these schools to show what we think good art work looks like." That's how the Clarkston students work ended up on display at the national conference.

Ormiston doesn't claim the credit for herself, however. She said most of it belongs to the children and parents who helped in the classroom throughout that week.

"Original Works liked all the projects I had the kids do. I'm really pleased. But the PTO deserves the credit for organizing the whole project from beginning to end."

Tim Sauter, vice-president of Original Works, said the purpose of the honor role is to publicly recognize schools, art teachers and art programs with a high level of art excellence.

"Art teachers are doing really good things," Sauter said. "They are innovative and creative. They encourage their students to do art work at a really high level of excellence."

Sauter said his company is concerned about the future of art in the schools.

"We believe in art advocacy. We're very concerned about art education and how important it is to a child's development. We are dedicated to supporting schools that support this type of education," he added.

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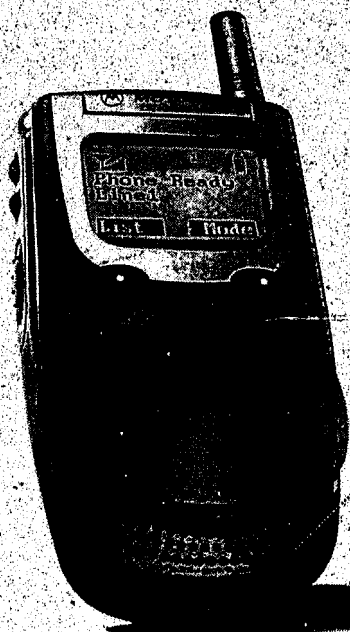
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# Legislature considers college crackdowns

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Students at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University may have felt as if targets were placed on their backs by state legislators.

At U-M, the issue is the annual spring Hash Bash, where marijuana is smoked openly. At MSU, the issue is the March 27-28 damaging and burning of stores and cars.

The state Senate has passed bills to:

- Nullify Ann Arbor's and East Lansing's \$25 fines for marijuana use and require imposition of the state Health Code's \$100 fine.
- Require that a person's driver's license and voter registration have the same address — which campustown lawmakers say discriminates against students.

## 'Crackdown'

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, took the unusual step of announcing a "crackdown" bill before it had been drafted and introduced. He said his measure would allow immediate expulsion of students convicted of rioting and bar them from reentering any other university or college for a year.

In the House, Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, introduced House Bill 4230 enabling colleges to develop student responsibility contracts. A student who misbehaves would be breaking a contract.

"As a Michigan State graduate," said Sanborn, a freshman lawmaker, "I am disgusted and embarrassed about what happened over the weekend. As a

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Rep. Alan Sanborn  
—R-Richmond

father, I find it hard to encourage my children to follow in their father's footsteps concerning his choice of college."

## No to 'hash bash'

Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, was the lone dissenter when the Senate on March 25 passed the anti-hash bash bill, SB 380, sponsored by Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance.

Smith denounced it as a "Republican bill" though it passed with 23 Republican and 13 Democratic votes. She said it would impose a heavy burden on the local district court.

"Thousands of individuals come to the city of Ann Arbor for the hash bash," Smith said. "To prosecute offenses under the Health Code means that every case has to come into the district court for adjudication. The ticket offense that the city of Ann Arbor established has relieved the court docket of hundreds of cases, lots of court delays."

"But you wanted to take the headlines. The hash bash is a question of freedom of speech. I'm sure I will be branded as somebody who supports drug use for youth. Nothing could be further from the truth," Smith protested.

But sponsor Hammerstrom said the bill is about "a message we're sending to people, especial-

ly young people — when we have local ordinances that downplay the negatives of drug use."

Hammerstrom said marijuana impairs coordination, reduces sperm counts in men and may be the cause of attention deficit disorder in small children whose mothers smoked pot.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, and sponsor of the same bill in 1998, called one marijuana cigarette the equivalent of a pack of tobacco cigarettes. Rogers said a state law should prevail because the Ann Arbor hash bash attracts so many young people from nearby towns and encourages them to believe pot is "no big deal."

## Voting rights

House Democrats made it clear that Rogers' voter-driver bill would have far tougher sailing in the House than in the Senate. Rogers sponsored Senate Bill 306 to require that the driver's license address be the same as the voter registration address.

Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos,

said Republicans are impeding the right to vote. "Currently, college students can keep their parents' address as their permanent address on their driver's license and register to vote where they attend college," she said.

"Students move around a lot. They leave the dorms for summer apartments and move back into the dorms in fall. Students shouldn't have to continually change their addresses in order to vote," Baird said, vowing a battle against SB 306.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, urged students to protest the bill. "A student who lives in the Upper Peninsula, for example, but attends school in East Lansing because SB 306 would not allow him to vote in East Lansing, and it would not be feasible for a student to drive to his home town to vote," said Brewer. "Essentially this bill removes students from the voting pool."

## Students embarrassed

The State News, campus newspaper at MSU, editorially praised 29 members of the Michigan Faith & Resistance Peace Team and the Red Cedar Peace Team for attempting to stop the recent riot.

"It takes a tremendous amount of courage to face and attempt to curb an angry, intoxicated crowd," the State News said.

In news stories, the State

News quoted students as fearing the bad national publicity given MSU would harm their efforts to get good jobs after graduation. A woman professor was quoted as saying she was so deeply ashamed that she's considering leaving MSU.

Meanwhile, U-M students from the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary converged March 26 on the capital office of Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, calling him "the most

racist and reactionary politician in the state." Jaye supports a ballot proposal idea to block affirmative action.

Jaye enjoyed the publicity, branding them "professional student protesters from the People's Republic of Ann Arbor." Jaye said the same group was "very violent and attacked police at Shelby Township back in September 1997" when he held a public hearing on a proposal to end minority preferences.



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Outstanding fines, which can go as high as \$50, will be canceled if overdue items are

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# Freedom on horizon for drug life convict

BY PAT MURPHY  
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Any day now, Douglas P. Reidt — sentenced to life in prison after a drug bust in Troy — will likely be getting his freedom. Once that happens — and his

Birmingham attorney is positive it will — Reidt will be one of the first prisoners from Oakland County to be set free since October, when the Michigan legislature relaxed the so-called drug-lifer law.

More than 29 percent of the inmates imprisoned under the

drug-lifer law — or 73 of 248 convicted — were sentenced from Oakland County, which was also a hotbed of discussion on the 1978 law, with people vocal on both sides of the argument.

Until amended, the drug-lifer law required a mandatory sentence of life in prison for anyone convicted of trafficking in 650 or more grams of heroin or cocaine — with no chance of parole.

After extensive and often heated debate, however, the 1978 law was changed, making drug-lifer inmates eligible for parole after 15 to 20 years, depending on factors such as prior convictions and their willingness to cooperate with authorities trying to get to suppliers.

But Reidt won't be freed in Michigan.

Reidt will likely be paroled by Canadian officials who gained custody of him two weeks ago. It will happen through the efforts of Birmingham attorney Martin I. Reisig — with the blessings of former Gov. William G. Milliken, Oakland Circuit Judge David Breck and others who wrote letters urging Canadian officials to set Reidt free.

Just how Reidt will get his freedom is a lengthy and complicated story.

In some respects, that story resembles an "end around the law," acknowledges Reisig, a former U.S. prosecutor who represented Reidt and three other Canadians who were arrested by police in Troy in 1984. "A convicted drug dealer shouldn't be able to get a break merely because he or she is Canadian," he said. "I'm just glad Doug will be getting out of prison. That

law was so unjust."

Reidt won't be getting a break merely because he's Canadian, Reisig said. Under changes enacted by the state legislature last year, he would have been eligible for parole this year, said his attorney.

But under Canadian jurisdiction, Reidt's freedom is more certain and will come much sooner, Reisig said. Canadian legal scholars have been openly critical of the drug-lifer law, describing it as "barbaric and cruel."

Reidt's transfer from the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) to Ontario jurisdiction was done in accordance with a treaty between the U.S. and Canada.

But the transfer was possible because the DOC took a different view of drug-lifer inmates. Previously the DOC refused to trans-

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fer drug-lifers to prisons in their home countries if they were likely to be paroled. Prison officials didn't want inmates from other countries to be able to get around the law by virtue of not being a U.S. citizen.

But when the legislature made drug-lifers eligible for parole — even after 20 years — the DOC viewed transfer requests differently, according to spokesperson Matt Davis. If inmates are eligible for parole in Michigan, why not transfer them to their home countries?

In either case, Davis said, the transferred drug-lifer inmates would be released one day. "When they're transferred, however, their parole would come under the rules of their home countries," he said.

## 'Drug Courts' offer overloaded justice system an alternative

When I began practicing law in 1970, there were less than 9,000 incarcerated individuals in Michigan. Today there are over 46,000 prisoners and the number is growing. The cost per inmate is approximately \$25,000 annually.

In 1970, less than 3 percent of Michigan's budget was spent on prisons; today it is over 16 percent. Michigan is now readying 5,400 additional prison beds.

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, more than half of all inmates have substance abuse problems and over 3.5 million Americans are considered chronic drug users. A Department of Justice study found that 66 percent of all arrestees test positive for illegal drugs. Since most drug users are potential prison candidates, the need for an alternative approach is overwhelming.

An encouraging approach to the drug problem is known as Drug Courts. These are courtrooms that provide judicially monitored treatment, drug testing and other services to drug-involved offenders. The strategy is to place nonviolent drug-abusing offenders into intensive court-supervised drug treatment programs as a structured alternative to prison. The key is to have the criminal justice and substance abuse treatment system work together using the coercive power of the court to promote abstinence and "pro-social" behavior.

The first Drug Court was established in 1989. Today, with the strong support of the U.S. Department of Justice, there are 400 Drug Courts in the United States.

In Michigan, there is a good example of a successful Drug Court in Kalamazoo. Circuit Judge William G. Schma reports that 60-70 percent of that county's criminal case load relates to drug problems. Judge Schma calls incarceration the "easy way out" and states that for \$2,000 each year per participant, the Kalamazoo Drug Court can provide an intensive drug treatment program.

Drug testing is done three times per week, specified programs must be attended and court attendance is required biweekly. The participants are not discharged from the program until they're employed, and those who don't meet the requirements may be sent to jail.



Martin I. Reisig

To date 70 percent of the participants in the Kalamazoo Drug Court have stayed in the program and off drugs. Two years after completion of this program the recidivism rate has been 11 percent, compared to 40-60 percent national recidivism averages.

Judge William Schma succinctly summarizes his perspective: "In the criminal context, the first thing a judge or other drug court professional should do is appreciate the opportunity for intervention created by the defendant's arrest."

Michigan's reliance on long mandatory sentences, often incarcerating low-level couriers and addicts, has been a waste of taxpayer dollars. Many of these individuals could have been dealt with by structured alternatives to prison. A 1997 RAND study found that treatment of heavy drug users is at least eight or nine times more cost effective in reducing drug abuse and sales than long mandatory sentences. Since 1978 Michigan's drug mandatory sentencing laws have removed the authority of judges to review many cases.

My conclusion is that alternatives to prisons lower recidivism, are cheaper, provide for a stronger community and allow prison space to be reserved for the most violent offenders.

There are many thoughtful people among our judges, community corrections officials, law enforcement officials, community organizations, and anti-drug coalitions. I urge that they carefully study the growing Drug Court movement.

Martin I. Reisig, a Birmingham attorney is currently involved in civil alternative dispute resolution. He is a former federal prosecutor and past chairperson of the Oakland County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee. For more information, contact the National Association of Drug Court Professionals at (703) 706-0576 and Families Against Mandatory Minimum Sentences at (517) 482-4982.0

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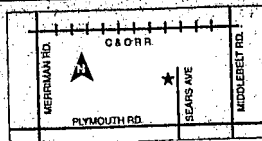
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## Tune in to family Join effort to turn off tube for a week

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Every April for five years in a row now, TV-Free America has sponsored National TV-Turnoff Week.

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According to Nielsen Media Research, the average American watches three hours and 45 minutes of television a day, equal to 56 days of nonstop TV watching a year.

Such a heavy dose of daily television "exact[s] a tremendous toll on family and community life; it especially hurts our children's education and health," said Henry Labalme,

executive director of TV-Free America. Teachers believe TV stifles creativity, shortens attention spans and increases aggressive behavior and hyperactivity, he said. And doctors suspect it has contributed to a dramatic rise in childhood obesity.

Americans who have reduced or stopped watching television after participating in National TV-Turnoff Week find that they have richer, healthier, more connected lives, according to TV-Free America.

TV-Free America is not alone in its efforts to help Americans wean themselves away from television. National TV-Turnoff Week is co-sponsored by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education Association, Literacy Volunteers of America, YMCA of the U.S.A. and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, among other notable organizations. Michigan Gov. John Engler endorses it, too.

Make plans now to participate in TV-Turnoff Week. It'll be the start of an improved life for you and your family.

## Watch those 'no-turn-on-red' hours

**R**eaders, beware!

One of our friends came into the Clarkston Eccentric office recently to complain about getting a ticket for turning right on a red light at the I-75 exit ramp leading to M-15.

The friend hadn't noticed that the time prohibiting red turns had been changed on the sign. An Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy spotted her turning during the restricted hours and promptly wrote her a citation.

We thought we'd warn other residents in

case they hadn't noticed the sign change either.

The sign used to prohibit red turns during two, three-hour periods: 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. However, it now prohibits them most of the day and evening: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Depending on how the officer writes the citation, the fee can run \$70-\$80, according to a clerk at 52-2 District Court.

We suspect our friend isn't the only good citizen out there trying to warn unsuspecting motorists. Recently, someone stuck a red warning flag on top of the sign.

## State off mark on road rage issue

**O**h, wow! More "tough new laws." This time the Michigan Legislature's target is "road rage."

As if passing a law could make drivers stop going 20 mph over the speed limit, running red lights, tailgating, passing on the right, cutting off others entering a freeway from a ramp, crowding another driver literally off the road, flashing headlights to intimidate one another, flipping others off and on and on, *ad nauseum*.

Two bills to enact tough new laws against "criminal road endangerment" are currently on the state Senate's calendar, awaiting final action when that venerable body completes its two-week Easter vacation.

Road behavior, particularly in southeastern Michigan, is disgraceful. You notice it driving north from Ohio, where drivers usually observe speed limits, particularly on US 23 and I-69. When they hit the Michigan line, however, down goes the right foot, and up comes "road rage."

On I-96 the bad behavior drops a bit at Brighton and becomes rare after the Portland exit, west of Lansing. On I-75 northbound, it becomes safer once you're past Standish. In Ontario, you can breathe a sigh of relief a few miles east of Windsor.

So what can be wrong with passing even more laws?

The bills define "criminal road endangerment" as any three of the above-listed offenses that would likely harm another vehicle, a motorcycle, bicycle or pedestrian. Any three.

Penalties would escalate for repeat offenses, for displaying a firearm, or for causing injury or death. Maximum: four years in prison, a fine of \$5,000, license revocation and

six points.

We see two problems:

■ Catching the miscreants who drive so crazily. Drivers routinely travel at 85 or 90 mph on I-96 and I-696 without the flashing blue lights of the police interfering. On surface roads, the chances you will be stopped for slipping through as a light turns red are a whopping 500 to 1. There just aren't enough patrol cars to dampen the current bad driving. There is nothing in SB 287 and SB 390 that we can see to put more patrol cars on the free-ways and roads.

■ Getting a conviction. Ask any student if we have a system of trial by jury, and the student will say "yes." False. We have a system of attorney negotiations. Something like 95 percent of misdemeanor and felony cases never go to trial because the accused either pleads guilty or an attorney negotiates a deal.

We predict few "criminal road endangerment" cases ever will result in convictions. With the high stakes of prison time and stiff fines, an accused will find it financially feasible to hire a lawyer and negotiate downward to just one or two offenses.

So what can we do about "road rage"?

Put more patrol cars on the roads. We may have to forego that income tax cut from 4.4 to 3.9 percent.

Find methods of holding up genuinely bad drivers for public ridicule. In part, that's the job of the media, but it would help if the state police could somehow make mug shots available to all the competing media.

Legislators certainly spend enough on publicity for their bills. They should be able to allocate more to publicizing some of the crazier drivers.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

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"No, I haven't. I'll probably file at the last minute."  
**Eric Schwarzbarg**  
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"Yes, I always file ahead of time."  
**Mary Benson**  
Independence Township



"Yes, I would say (I file) 15 days before it's due, so it gets there on time."  
**Karen Mann**  
Independence Township

This question was asked at the Independence Township Library in Independence Township on April 5.

### LETTERS

#### Community doesn't want hotel

**I** have been very closely following the proposed Holiday Inn development and the rezoning of the M-15 corridor in Independence Township. I can't believe all of the press it's been getting and never thought I'd be adding to it. A couple articles lately, though, have really stirred me up and I have to put in my "two cents."

I don't live near the M-15/I-75 intersection, but I care as much about the future of the township as those residents do. I am also very strongly opposed to putting that hotel right at the entrance to our community. The fact that it will disrupt the neighboring homes is just another reason for the hotel to be stopped. The very real possibility of crime, added traffic, pollution and inevitable additional commercial development can be added to the list of reasons to oppose this type of development.

The main reason for my letter, though, is the recent editorial from "our" township supervisor, Dale Stuart. He seems to be saying that he makes all the decisions and we, the township residents, don't know what's best and we should just be quiet and let him lead.

He makes it sound like the people opposed to the Holiday Inn and other commercial development (near neighborhoods) are only concerned about their "personal prejudice and personal agenda." This simply isn't the case. I think he's the one with the personal agenda!

I live on the other side of the township and so I don't have a personal stake in the Holiday Inn, but I do have a personal stake in the future of our community as a whole. I like the way it is and want it to remain a nice, quiet, livable community — some place I can go at the end of my busy workday to rest and relax. I don't want to leave the congestion of Troy to come to congestion here.

I resent the fact that Mr. Stuart feels he is above us and can make decisions that are against what the majority of the community wants. He alludes to support for Holiday Inn, but I sure haven't seen any sign of it. Maybe he figures since he wants it and the Baylis family wants it, that overrides everyone else. Some majority.

Let's step back and really take note of what's important. The community is against the Holiday Inn and we don't want to be dictated to. Let's get this thing stopped and move onto more responsible development along M-15.

We don't need another Dixie Highway. That's in my backyard and I can tell you we don't want another!

**Arnie J. Heinrich Jr.**

#### Let your voice be heard

**I**t's great to see so many people fighting to preserve our community! That just adds to the list of the reasons why I love it here so much. People recognize the difference between right and wrong and fight for what they believe in.

There has been a great deal written in the press lately about the proposed Holiday Inn and the wider development issues of the M-15 corridor in Independence Township. I think

everyone but "our" supervisor Dale Stuart would recognize that there has been overwhelming and almost universal opposition to the Holiday Inn. We agree to development but will push for responsible development of our community.

I have yet to hear of any support for the hotel except from Mr. Stuart, Maria Baylis and the developer (who incidentally has no emotional or economic connection to our township).

In his recent letter to the editor, Mr. Stuart writes, "The planning commission is an appointed body that only recommends to the township board on rezonings. When the planning commission goes beyond recommending to demanding, they are wrong."

First, what he's really saying is that when the commission goes against his wishes, it is wrong. Second, he's making a power move against the commissioners who voted with the public and against him. I guess they won't be reappointed next time around for not rubber-stamping his demands.

Elsewhere in his letter, Mr. Stuart writes, "We are elected to represent you and your best interests, not to further our personal prejudices or our personal agenda."

First, whose personal agenda are we talking about... his or the wishes of the united neighborhoods and taxpaying citizens from throughout the township? Remember that there were more than 150 united citizens at the last planning commission meeting to oppose the hotel!

Second, if Mr. Stuart thinks by ignoring this overwhelming public outcry he is still representing our best interests, he needs to take a civics lesson. I thought elected officials were supposed to listen to their constituents and act according to their wishes.

Wake up Independence Township and Clarkston! You've seen the huge opposition to the Holiday Inn with virtually no support for this irresponsible development. Stand up and be counted. Let your voices be heard. Let our leaders know we will not be dictated to.

Two very important meetings are coming up. April 7 at the Carriage House (7:30 p.m.) is the zoning board of appeals meeting. The out-of-town developer is appealing the decision to deny the Holiday Inn by our planning commission. April 15 at the CHS auditorium (7:30 p.m.) is the joint township board/planning commission meeting to revisit the rezoning of M-15.

Come and be a part of the action. It's our township and we have the right to decide its future.

**Michael Phillips**

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Workplace safety suffers as worker injuries rise

Let's play "Michigan Jeopardy."  
 Answer: Pine-Aire Building Co., Independence Professional Fireworks, Cadillac Iron, Galaxy Excavating, General Motors.

Question: Name some of the companies where Michigan workers have been killed on the job?

Answer: Wade Bargy, Joyce Carr, Frank Blisset, Arvie Hubbard, Paul Robel.

Question: Who are some of the workers killed in industrial and construction accidents from 1997-99?

Answer: 17 in 1992, 28 in 1994, 35 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in construction fatalities in Michigan in recent years?

Answer: Downward from 13,523 in 1991 to 7,436 in 1995 and 6,029 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in state workplace inspections during this decade?

Answer: "We don't go into any facil-

ity on a regular basis. As far as we know, we had no complaints from employees."

Question: What is the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services philosophy about inspecting workplaces, particularly Independence Professional Fireworks where 12 workers (including an owner) were killed in two recent explosions?

"Michigan Jeopardy" is no game. Workers in construction and industry are being injured and killed with increasing frequency as the state's workplace inspections decline.

Let's look at 1991-97:

■ Construction fatalities almost doubled, from 18 to 35, as construction jobs expanded 50 percent. Reasons for the disproportionate increase: More inexperienced workers entered the trades and construction industry inspections fell by more than half from 8,511 to 3,245.

■ Manufacturing fatalities rose from 17 to 24 as general workplace



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inspections fell.

I didn't do this research myself. I covered a House Labor Committee hearing last June in Detroit where the key speaker was Mark Phillips of Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Phillips said he ran into trouble even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in the Michigan State Library in Lans-

ing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said.

"For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available." The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information Act requests to get it.

"I had to write a letter and name every chart and graph. From the standpoint of the public, you're going to give up (trying to get information) before you get done."

"Do they exist as publications? No. There's something they're hiding. I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years," he said.

Nine years ago, I stood in a howling March wind outside the City-County Building in Detroit as state Senate Majority Leader John Engler announced his candidacy for governor. He promised a "Taxpayer's Agenda." It was a promise he kept. Engler has saved many public

school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms. He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education. He is expanding the prison system to suit the "tough new penalties" attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and the general population.

But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining workplace inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections. Less "regulation," which has become a dirty word.

He replaced the departments of Licensing and Regulation and of Labor with "Consumer and Industry Services." Interesting choice of words.

Final "Michigan Jeopardy" answer: Asleep at the switch.

Question: Where were Democrats and their champion trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger on this issue?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, ext. 1881.

## Uniquely American blessing: Hatred doesn't rule this land

Last week, my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and I participated in the rite of spring, junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

It was an emotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey — driving down the road of life together — got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the start of the process by which he ultimately would leave home and become an independent adult.

So as we stood in the small circle around the student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of my fine son and at the same time so protective and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to do it on his own.

So while he was off talking with the other kids and checking out the campus in the mysterious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat under the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the green grass and the classes gathered outdoors around the

professors in the new spring sun.

There were all kinds of kids. Black kids from the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with yarmulkes tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headress and another green hair.

I couldn't help reflecting as I sat there.

Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions.

And — so amazing and so American — they are all getting along together. Sure, there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all together, all having a good time at college in the warm spring.

How different it would be today, I thought, in Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep and the hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still — even on the far side of a



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genocide — hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or between Armenians and Turks. Or between the various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on.

It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.

Somehow, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have

arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds.

Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zero-sum hatred for individual success.

Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical not to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his success, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory:

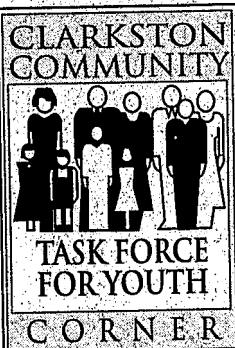
"Give me your tired, your poor,

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Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:  
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Phil Power is chairman of Home-Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at: ppower@online.com.

## Brainstormer showed what community can accomplish together



Chemistry students know that dramatic things can happen when you combine certain ingredients under certain conditions. From the community coalition standpoint, the recent Town Hall meeting/P.A.R.T.Y. (People Are Relating To You) event was an example of the same principle. Getting the right people together in the right atmosphere and asking the right questions, can also bring about dramatic results.

The Search Institute, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to the advancement of children and adolescents, has determined (through extensive surveys) that certain community characteristics promote positive adolescent attitudes and behaviors.

First, a community needs interlocking support systems composed of caring families and neighbors, youth-oriented religious activities, youth-friendly businesses, and schools with high levels of parental involvement.

Second, clearly established boundaries and expectations in the home, the neighborhood, and at school provide youths with the safety they need, and promote their positive socialization.

Third, opportunities to serve as resources for others help youths feel good about themselves and allow them to see that their actions make a difference in the world.

And finally, opportunities for youths to constructively use their time helps build their social competencies.

With these thoughts in mind, The Clarkston Community Task Force For Youth embarked upon an adventure — a youth-driven Town Hall Meeting. Dozens of youths were involved in planning and carrying out the event. Some made and distributed flyers during lunch at school, some wrote articles and letters to the newspapers, some extended personal invitations to business people, community leaders, parents, and neighbors they knew. Many invited their friends from school. All were involved in brainstorming discussion questions. Sixteen young people served as small group facilitators.

The coalition envisioned an opportunity for teens, parents, wise-elders, faith leaders, com-

munity and business leaders to come together to support and relate to one another, minimizing barriers and working collectively toward the goal of a "Healthy Community Equals a Healthy Youth."

On Saturday, March 20, about 130 people experienced this freedom from preconceived barriers as they sat in groups of eight-to-10 at the Clarkston Christian Association addressing issues of community concern. We "stepped out of the box" for four hours, as teens and adults dialogued in an honest and straightforward manner about concerns and potential solutions to help make Clarkston a more nurturing place for youth.

The door opened wide and did so with enthusiastic force! Some of the solutions that were developed may be easily implemented, but many are still in the form of visions written on paper, waiting for the right listener to accept these challenges. The Clarkston Community Task Force For Youth openly invites each member of the Clarkston Community to help work toward turning these very realistic visions into realities.

On March 20, a myriad of suggestions and potential opportunities to really make a difference for the youth in Clarkston were generated.

"How can I help?" you might ask. "I work full-time, I have a family, I am a student, I own a business, I am retired."

Well, you could make a difference by just making eye contact and smiling at fellow community members who appear "different" than you. You could contact coalition leaders at 394-0252 to dialog about how you might contribute your efforts to the cause. You could be added to the Task Force mailing list, or visit our website at [www.clarkstonyouth.org](http://www.clarkstonyouth.org) and leave a message in the guestbook, or the community forum. You could get a copy of "150 Ways to Show Kids You Care" and try some of the ideas (you do care, right?).

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

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# Recovery makes trial difficult

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER  
pmurphy@oe.com

Proceeding with the trial of former prison inmate Mindy R. Brass is neither safe, nor logistically feasible, according to a cardiologist at the University of Michigan Medical Center who helped with her heart transplant almost seven weeks ago.

In a letter written Monday, Dr. Keith Aaronson, medical director of the Cardiac Transplant Program at U of M, said Brass — who received a heart transplant on Feb. 21 — is suffering uncommon complications related to rejection.

The letter doesn't use the phrase "life threatening," but he said Brass has required "extremely aggressive immunosuppression, much beyond what is routinely given to other transplant recipients."

The physician said she might be healthier — and more able to attend her trial — in July.

**■ Dr. Keith Aaronson, medical director of the Cardiac Transplant Program at U of M, said Brass — who received a heart transplant on Feb. 21 — is suffering uncommon complications related to rejection.**

The letter is part of a hearing set for Wednesday on continuing to postpone Brass' trial that was scheduled to resume Monday in Oakland Circuit Court before visiting Judge Meyer Warshawsky.

Prosecutors, while adamant that Brass must eventually undergo trial, said they are not likely to oppose the motion for postponement. "If she's not healthy," said Prosecutor David Gorcyca, "we certainly won't press for resumption of the trial."

Brass in the mean time remains free on bond at the Farmington Hills

home of Robin Fraser and Fred Barrett, a couple that befriended her after learning about the former California woman who had never set foot in Michigan prior to being extradited to face drug charges.

Brass was 33 in 1991 when implicated in the attempted sale of a kilo of cocaine in Troy. She was convicted and sentenced under Michigan's drug-lifer law that mandates life in prison for anyone convicted of trafficking in 650 or more grams of heroin or cocaine.

Brass was a prison inmate in April, 1994, when she suffered a

serious heart attack that left her seriously debilitated and in need of a transplant.

Last summer, while she was still an inmate, Oakland Judge Rudy Nichols, who presided over her original case, ordered a new trial and released Brass under house arrest to the Farmington Hills couple.

That new trial resumed in January and had been in progress for about three weeks when Brass suffered a relapse, actually collapsing in the courtroom at one point.

At the urging of physicians, the judge suspended the trial. Warshawsky released the jury with the understanding they may be recalled to hear the rest of the trial.

Warshawsky, who has ordered attorneys on both sides to refrain from talking to the press, declined to comment this week. Previously, however, he said he might declare a mistrial if there were additional delays.



Mindy Brass

## Director for Office of Urban Programs retires

Lowell Perry of Southfield has retired as director of the state's Office of Urban Programs, a cabinet-level job to which Gov. John Engler appointed him in 1996.

"An extensive and distinguished career," said Engler, as Perry, 67, left on April 1. "He brought a new focus to many urban issues by bringing the programs of state government closer to the people."



Perry had been director of the Department of Labor from 1991-96, when Engler broke it apart into the Jobs Commission and Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

An attorney, Perry had been director of community relations for the old Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and spent 17 years in executive positions with Chrysler Corp.

During President Gerald Ford's administration, Perry chaired the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. After college, he played pro football and coached for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law.

In the urban post, Perry will be succeeded by Elroy Sailor, a deputy director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office. Sailor has worked in various positions in the governor's office and as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. He is a graduate of Morehouse College.

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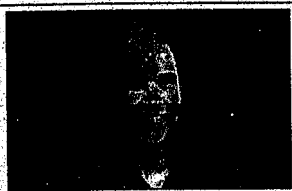
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CAROLYN WALKER

## Aunt's old photos reflect simpler times in Clarkston

Perhaps it is because I only recently finished reading "Divine Secrets Of The YaYa Sisterhood" that I am especially delighted by my aunt's old scrapbooks. For those of you who have not yet read Rebecca Wells' novel about friendship and the mother/daughter relationship, hers is a wonderful literary treat told through the eyes of a woman who learns to understand — and eventually reconcile with — her mother after studying the woman's scrapbook in which she had documented her life since childhood.

My aunt, who never married or had children, was just such a saver. She lived into her 80s; and at one point had every piece of mail she had ever received — along with, I am sure, every photograph she ever laid claim to.

I can remember when I, as a child, thought her life must be terribly lonely and empty because she did not have a spouse or offspring with whom to share it. The evidence in these scrapbooks shows there was much I did not understand.

My aunt, clearly, measured happiness in deep friendships, extended family, travel, pets and treasures.

In looking over the scrapbooks with me on Easter Sunday, my mother, celebrating her 77th birthday, reminded

Please see WALKER, A14

## Safe boating's in season this spring

■ The Marine Division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is offering boat safety classes that will help younger enthusiasts meet a new state requirement.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

While boaters are preparing their water crafts for another season of fun, they should also make sure their water safety skills are up-to-date.

One way to do that is to take the Boating Safety Class taught by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCS) Marine Division.

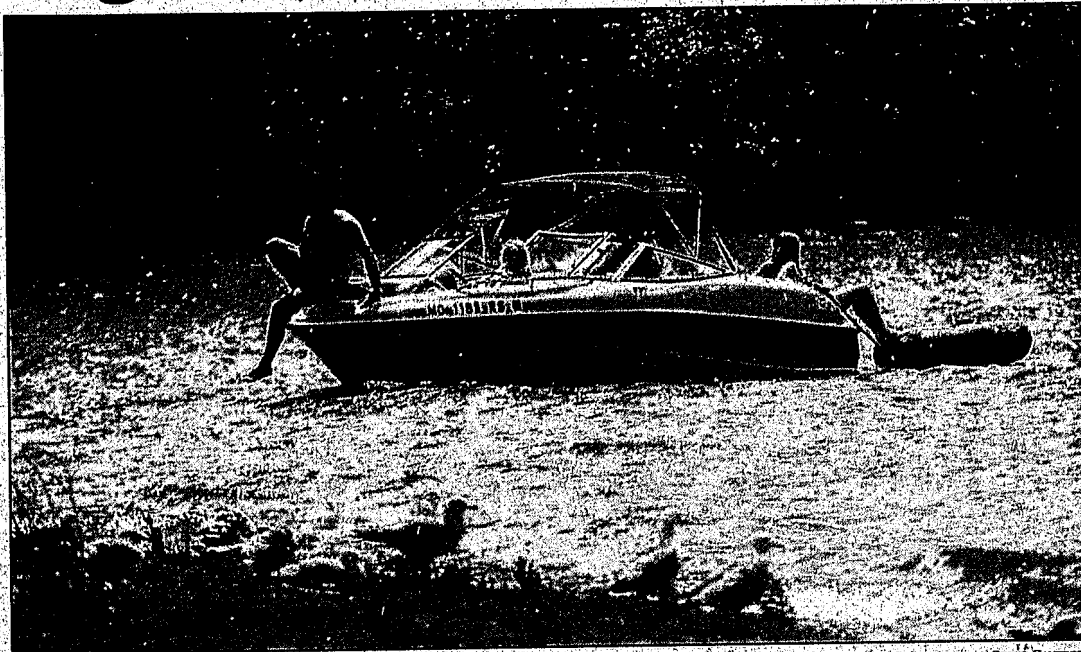
"We teach this class based on requirements of the National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators," said OCS Deputy Sharolyn Zagurny.

"This is a basic class that's helpful for anyone driving a traditional-style boat, even a sailboat, and it's a required class for anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978, who plans on driving a personal water craft vessel, such as a Jet Ski," she added.

Luckily for Clarkston-area residents, taking the Boating Safety Class is fairly easy. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department will host two sessions in the next two months.

Class dates and times are 6-9 p.m. May 18 and May 20 and again June 22 and June 24. The fee is \$5 for Oakland County residents, \$10 for non-county residents. For more information on the classes, contact the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 634-0412.

Taking the class even gets Independence Township and Clarkston Village residents a \$5 discount on the purchase of a boat launch key for a season at Deer Lake. To qualify for the discount, a person must show original documentation for completing the Marine Division's Boater Safety Class within 12 months from the date of applying for



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Water lovers: The Sampson family — Rod, Christie, Kathy and Katie — enjoy boating on Deer Lake.

the boat key.

Boat launch key fees range from \$30 for non-motor boats to \$60 for motor boats with a minimum 100-horsepower motor. Seniors automatically get a 50 percent discount on boat launch passes. Daily passes also are available for residents and non-residents.

Seasonal keys and daily passes are available at the lower level of Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main St. in Clarkston.

"I can't stress how important it is for people of all ages to take a boating safety class. The more educated a person is in boating laws, the lower the

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### Law makes instruction a must for young boaters

If you plan on driving a personal water craft (PWC), such as a Jet Ski, and you were born after Dec. 31, 1978, there's something you must do before you get on the water this summer.

A new Michigan law, Public Act 116, requires that anyone born after that date must pass a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators.

The law, which took effect Jan. 1,

defines a PWC as a "powerboat specifically designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than inside."

Class information is available by calling the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Marine Division at (248) 391-0256. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in May and June. To get more information on times and

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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

##### FREE SCREENINGS FOR ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Neuro-Behavioral Diagnostic and Treatment Center, 6815 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. In order to heighten awareness regarding mental health issues, this center is participating in national screenings. Common symptoms of problematic alcohol use include: daily drinking, blackouts, recurring financial or legal problems related to drinking and family discord. For more information call 625-5599.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**DANCE**  
7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of Aaron Vaughn and the Sumthings. For more information call 634-9570.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**AMPHIBIAN AMBLE**  
7:30-9 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. Visitors young and old can meet live frogs and hike to listen for amphibian antics. Cost is \$1 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory. An entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for more information.

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, APRIL 13-22

**BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE CLASS**  
6-10 p.m. Clarkston High School. Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license exam with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with the Oakland Builders Institute. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for textbook. Pre-registration with payment no later than Friday, April 9. Call 674-0993 to register from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

**DANCE**  
7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of D.J. Mike Etheridge. For more information call 634-9570.

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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 22, FRIDAY, APRIL 23 & SATURDAY, APRIL 24

**USED BOOK SALE**  
10 a.m.-9 p.m., 6 p.m., and 2 p.m. respectively. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston. Put on by Friends of the Library. There will be a "Friends Only Preview" on Wednesday, April 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You may join the Friends at the door for \$15. Saturday is "\$2 a Bag" day. For more information, call 625-2212.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

**BINGO**  
7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. For more information, call 634-9570.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

**EARTH HIKE**  
1:30-3:30 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. "National Wildlife Week" is the topic. Discover more about endangered species and what you can do to help. Cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for more information.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 & THURSDAY, APRIL 29

**TURNING YOUR TOT INTO SPRING**  
10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m., or May 1 from 1-2:45 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. Younger siblings are discouraged from attending. Cost is \$3 per tot. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for information.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**  
Presented by the Clarkston Vil-

lage Players, in association with Music Theater International. April 30, May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22. Thursday showtime is 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. For light fare, you'll find this scrumptious musical comedy a tasty morsel indeed. Seymour, a nerdy clerk in a plant store, loves Audrey, whose poor self-image drives her toward tougher men. E-mail us at Cydepot@juno.com. Visit us on the web at: <http://members.aol.com/kvovilla/cvdpot.htm>. Ticket line 625-8811. Tickets at Tierras 625-2511. All tickets \$15.

#### DANCE

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#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

**FREE SCREENING FOR ANXIETY**  
The Neuro-Behavioral Diagnostic and Treatment Center, 6815 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. This includes screenings for anxiety for children, adults, and senior citizens. Common symptoms of anxiety often are frequent worrying, stress, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, and nervousness. For more information call 625-5599.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 21-FRIDAY, JUNE 25

**MINDSTORMS LEGO ROBOTICS**  
8:30-11:30 A.M. Oakland Tech Center-Northwest, Grades 5-8. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Build, explore basic robotics. Program, download and activate. Programming with Robolab software. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 6-FRIDAY, JULY 16

**YOUNG WOMEN IN ENGINEERING**  
8:30-11:30 A.M. Oakland Tech Center-Northwest, Grades 4-6. Oakland Schools Science, Math-

ematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Students will study the basic laws of physics, math and applying engineering principles where students design and build a project. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28-FRIDAY, JULY 2

##### CREEPY CRAWLERS

9-11 a.m. Springfield Plains Elementary, Grades 2-3. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. This fun and exciting class will explore the fascinating world of insects and other arthropods. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

##### PLUS PROGRAM

The "People Listening, Understanding, Sharing Program" of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance needs adults to serve as mentors. Volunteers provide time, help and encouragement to children ages 5-17 in need of positive role models. Training and support are provided. Call 625-9007.

#### ONGOING

##### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday, Clarkston Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For more information on Thursday's meeting call Anne Marie at 625-8894 or for Saturday's meeting call Margaret at 666-4479.

##### CLARKSTON AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE

7 p.m. meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in Clintonwood Park. Volunteers work with staff to plan and sponsor programs to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency. Call 625-9007.

**CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BAND**  
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#### BINGO

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#### LIGHTHOUSE EMERGENCY SERVICES

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#### WANTED

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#### TASK FORCE MONTHLY MEETING

7-8 a.m. second Thursday of every month. Carriage House at Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston. Continental breakfast provided complements of Independence Township Parks & Rec. Department.

#### MOMS CLUB

A national non-profit support group for at-home mothers, is starting a new chapter in Clarkston. Monthly meetings with speakers, play days and activity groups. Mothers may bring their children to all meetings and events. For more information call Melanie at 620-3259.

#### NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. (There will be no August or December meetings). Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Questions or directions, please call Carol at 625-5275 or The

MLDA at 1-888-LYME.

#### 1999 WINTER/SPRING SWIM PROGRAM

Most swim activities began in March. A variety of classes and open swim opportunities for the entire family. All programs will be held at the Clarkston High School pool. Call Parks and Recreation to get on the mailing list to receive information about upcoming aquatic programs.

#### TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON

Toastmasters promotes communication and leadership skills. The club meets at the Clarkston Christian Association from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of month. Toastmasters is a non-profit organization for individuals 18 and older. For more information contact Nora Butcher at 620-6761.

#### CLARKSTON CRAFTS AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Sponsored by The Clarkston Community Historical Society, this annual fund-raising event is looking for a few good artists for their September art show. A few new spaces have become available for artists wishing to participate. The show fills quickly each year and the waiting list is long, so don't delay! This is a rare opportunity for artists who have not been a part of the show before to have booth space at the festival. Artists who are interested in participating should contact Kim Huttenlocher at 625-2499. Booth fees are \$75 per space. There are no restrictions on medium or type of art; however, all art must be handmade, no kits please.

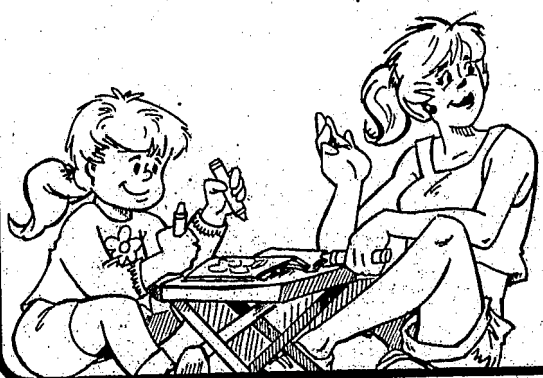
**HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME**  
Saturdays, April 17, 24 and May 1 and 8, 8 a.m.-noon. Clarkston High School. Make your dream home come true by learning and understanding the home building process. Presented by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered. The seminar costs \$190 plus \$25 for two textbooks to the instructor. Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, April 15, to Clarkston Community Education. Call 674-0993 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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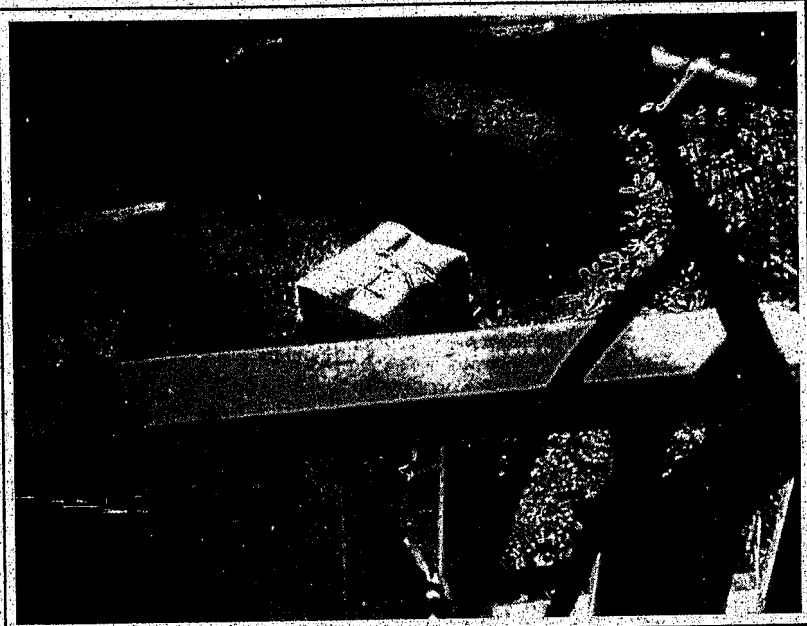
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# Court upholds worker's compensation plan

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A 1982 effort by Gov. William Milliken to hold down worker's compensation costs bore fruit this month when the Michigan Supreme Court ruled a Livonia school employee wasn't entitled to "double dip."

The high court, on a 5-2 party line vote, ruled Reynold Tyler's worker's comp benefits should be reduced by the amount of a disability pension he also was collecting.

"Any reduction in the amount of plaintiff's worker's compensation benefits does not violate the (Michigan) constitution with respect to his disability pension benefits, which he continues to receive at the same level," wrote Justice Clifford Taylor in the majority opinion.

Elected as a Republican in 1998, Taylor was joined by other GOP elected and appointed justices Elizabeth Weaver, James H. Brickley, Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr.

Dissenting were Democrats Marilyn Kelly and Michael Cavanagh. Kelly wrote that "the more proper way" to prevent double dipping "is to reduce the total benefits only enough to ensure that the PSERA (disability pension) allowance, added to worker's compensation benefits, does not exceed the average annual salary paid before disability."

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Worker's Comp officials ruled his benefits should be "coordinated"—that is, worker's comp should be reduced by the amount of his pension. The dispute resulted in a labor-management case that took nine years to settle.

In 1981 Michigan was in the middle of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression, Taylor quoted Gov. Milliken as branding high worker's comp costs as "the biggest single liability to Michigan's job climate today."

The Legislature responded by blocking double dipping into worker's comp and pensions ("coordination"), limiting attorney fees in worker's comp cases, regulating medical fees, and excluding fringe benefits from the calculation of worker's comp costs. The changes kicked in during 1982, Milliken's last year in office.

Worker's comp was to be reduced by the after-tax value of the disability pension.

Attorneys argued over whether the law allowed an "opt-out" only for privately negotiated pension plans or also for statutorily-created pension systems, such as public employees. Taylor's majority

said the opt-out didn't apply to statutorily-created plans.

A second argument was whether the Michigan Constitution's protection of pension benefits applied to Tyler's case. Taylor's answer: "This section of the Michigan Constitution protects only pension benefits, not worker's compensation benefits, from diminishment or impairment."

He added, "Here it is the worker's compensation benefits, not the pension benefits, that are being reduced."

Representing Tyler was Detroit attorney Granner S. Ries. Livonia school district was represented by Detroit attorneys Thomas L. Fleury and John J. Rabaut. The Michigan Self-Insurers' Association filed a brief on behalf of Livonia's position.

The case had been through the worker's comp appellate system, twice handled by the Court of Appeals and finally reached the Supreme Court in oral arguments last Oct. 7.

Two new justices joined the Supreme Court this year—Corrigan by election and Young by appointment—replacing Democrats Patricia Boyle and Conrad Mallett Jr., respectively.

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## Race is on to fund cancer research

There's still plenty of time to help raise money for cancer research.

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This nationwide program began in 1985 when a volunteer conducted a one-man marathon and raised \$27,000. In 1998, Relay raised more than \$100 million nationwide and today, thousands of Americans have passed the baton, with over 2,500 communities nationwide hosting "Relay For Life" events. In 1998, Michigan residents raised over \$3 million through 87 events and 1999 is expected to be an even greater success, with nearly 100 events held throughout the state.

Relay For Life is a team event and, above all else, is a celebration of life, honoring cancer survivors, while remembering those who have died of cancer. The event is usually located at a community school, park or civic center and typically lasts for 24 hours, with team members taking turns walking around a track.

During the event a celebratory atmosphere is created by camping team members, who are enjoying entertainment, food, games and community camaraderie.

Kicking off each event is a victory lap made up of cancer survivors. And, as the sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribution.

Those interested in participating in a "Relay For Life" event should call the American Cancer Society's Southeastern Michigan Resource Center at (248) 567-5353 to find out specific dates and locations for each community. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

## When and where

Following is a list of local sites and dates or the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life:

■ May 21-22, Walled Lake, Walled Lake Western, 6 p.m.-6 p.m.

■ May 22-23, Birmingham, Seaholm High School, time to be announced.

■ June 4-5, Oxford, Wildcat Field, 4 p.m.-4 p.m.

■ June 12-13, Royal Oak, Kimball High School, 3 p.m.-3 p.m.

■ June 12-13, Farmington, time and location to be announced.

■ June 26-27, West Bloomfield, West Bloomfield High School, 12 p.m.-12 p.m.

■ July, Rochester, date and time to be announced.

■ August, Southfield, Civic Center, 12 p.m.-10 p.m., date to be announced.

■ August, Clarkston, time and date to be announced.

# Dems come up short on battle for inspectors

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State Senate Democrats came up one vote short in an effort to add 23 nursing home inspectors to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

"Senior citizens should be paramount. They are the most vulnerable," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, during the March 25 debate.

But Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, said a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and "be done by summer. We don't know how many inspectors and how we pay for long-term health care. Funding the exact number of inspectors now is premature."

Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, said, "We've closed two nursing homes in the metro Detroit area in the last six months. The state said you don't pay enough, and we don't have the inspectors. Some say, 'Just let the state issue vouchers.' Hell, that doesn't get the job done," Hart shouted.

### How they voted

The amendment went down 19-17,

with 20 needed for passage. Voting yes were 14 Democrats joined by five Republicans: Art Miller, D-Warren, was absent and could have provided Democrats the 20th vote.

Here is how area senators voted:

YES — Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga,



John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.  
(Other Republicans voting yes were Mike Goschka of Brant, Beverly Hammerstrom of Temperance, Dave Jaye of Macomb County and Leon Stille of Spring Lake.)

NO — Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Milford, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

ABSENT — Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. Johnson was elected a week earlier to replace Mike Bouchard, newly appointed Oakland County sheriff.

The bill was passed 22-14 with all Republicans except the absent Johnson voting yes and all Democrats except the absent Miller voting no.

### 52,000 affected

The CIS total budget is \$76.5 million in state money and nearly \$420 million in federal.

Gov. John Engler's budget message didn't spell out how many nursing home inspectors he is recommending, but Democratic senators put it at 100 and

## NURSING HOMES

John Cherry, D-Clio, George Hart, D-Dearborn, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Alma Smith, D-Salem, and

asked for 23 more at a cost of \$1.7 million.

Some 52,000 persons are residents of 456 nursing homes.

"I understand these nursing homes are inspected only once a year," said Jaye, a maverick Republican who departed from his usual budget-cutting position. "We have increases for corporate welfare. Where are your standards for decency?"

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "We are defending the abusers against the people who have worked their entire life in this state. Paid taxes to this state. Are finally in their twilight years of living in a nursing home situation — and we do not want to protect them. That is absolute insanity."

"Another complaint included 28 separate allegations about care provided to 17 residents including allegations that the director of nurses physically abused a resident because she could not stand the sound of the resident gritting her teeth — 115 days without doing anything about it."

"An employee was fired for refusing to falsify documents — 136 days with nothing done about it."

"A resident signed himself out of a home and did not return for 251 days. Investigation? No. Nothing done about

it. "Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been investigated. The oldest uninvestigated complaint alleged that a resident's leg was amputated because the facility did not take proper precautions to prevent infection. That complaint has gone 320 days without being investigated."

### Feds critical

Cherry, the Senate minority leader, said Young's amendment was prompted by two federal reports showing severe flaws with Michigan's nursing home enforcement. The General Accounting Office, a congressional agency, criticized the state for minimizing the seriousness of complaints and failing to followup.

Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality Council."

"The grant program will reward homes that consistently maintain health and safety standards while going the extra mile to provide quality care."

The CIS budget covers all state inspections and regulations. It also provided \$20.8 million in arts grants, the same as last year.

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**LOOKING FOR A HERO**  
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth SWF, 26, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde, N/S, child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, hiking. Seeking nice, financially secure SW/M, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life together. #2629

**DREAM OUR MEMORY**  
Music is sweeter when shared. SWF, 27, 5'3", blonde, proportionate, secure, blue-eyed blonde, nifty, 50s, 5'7", visionary, dreamer, optimist with delicate sense of humor. Seeking gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. #2089

**SPRING FEVER**  
SWF, 27, 5'3", blonde, long blonde hair, enjoys reading, dining out, craft shows, movies. Seeking very handsome SW/M, with similar likes. #23459

**STARTING OVER**  
Widowed lady, young, 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring, white gentleman. #23181

**NO COUCH POTATOES**  
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**LOOKING FOR FUN**  
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Outgoing, sophisticated SWF, 20s, 5'5", blonde/blue, with kind looks. Seeking SM with kind looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. #2815

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Keep me laughing and I'm yours. Blue-eyed blonde, 40, 5'6", 110lbs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. #21193

**ANYONE OUT THERE?**  
SWF, 25, 5'9", single, mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, cooking, and a kind heart. Seeking SM, 28-34, for LTR. No games. #23372

**BEST KISS SECRET**  
Attractive SWF, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking active, fit SW/M, 28-35, for LTR. #23372

**VERSATILE**  
SWF, 41, seeks male, 30-40, interests, hobbies, movies, music, art, dancing, billiards, swimming, canoeing, movies, traveling, dining out, travel. #23364

**A STEP AHEAD**  
Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N/S, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, movies, and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SW/M, 28-40, for LTR. No present/love kids. #21193

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Very attractive, athletic, shapely, precocious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, and values love, life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, please. #23242

**OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST**  
SWF, 30, seeks SW/M, 30-45, N/S. Do you enjoy backpacking, hiking, outdoors, soccer, football and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you. #23180

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde, N/S, seeks SM, 28-35, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for serious relationship. No games. #22368

**LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE**  
Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, hiking, rollerblading, the outdoors, dining. Seeking soulmate, 27-33, with similar interests, for future relationship. #23181

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Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 42, to fall in love with. #2815

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Dazzling, blue-eyed brunettes, 34, 5'4", 100lbs, with sexy personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbledown guy with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. #23217

**A HEAD TURNER**  
Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 26, in shape, seeks a smart, cultured, attractive man. #2819

**JOIN ME**  
SF, 34, 5'4", brown/blonde, brown eyes, professional, social, holistic healer, loves life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, yoga. Values integrity, accountability, emotional maturity are non-negotiable. For friendship first. #2522

**SOPHISTICATED LADY**  
Fellow, honest, sincere, blue-eyed blonde SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-50. #2322

**SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL**  
Yes-sho-lee. Good-looking professional blonde, 40, medium build, enjoys getaways, plays tennis, and the unexpected. Desires humorous, professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. #2304

**HAPPY-GO-LUCKY**  
Attractive, easygoing, honest, romantic, slender SWF, 42, mother of two toddler boys. Seeking humorous, financially/emotionally secure, warm-hearted, sincere SW/M, 38-45, N/S, for fulfilling LTR. North Oakland County. #23151

**A TOUCH OF CLASS**  
Sensuous, attractive DW, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+, and looking for a LTR. Serious replies only. #23187

**BEAUTIFUL**  
degraded, thin, spunky, unique, loving SWF, 44, 5'7", steel blue, long naturally curly hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection SW/M, N/S. #29723

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Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SW/M, 45-60, #2444

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Easygoing, overgrown DW, 43, 5'10", N/S, DW, enjoys out doors, walking, bowling, card playing, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SW/M, N/D, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon, MI. #23189

**UNCHAINED MELODY**  
Slim, attractive DW, 61, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional SW/M, 50-60, 5'10", for C&W, dancing, rollerblading, hanging out, Lavalonia area. #2234

**CUTE, CUBBY**  
WF, 45, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smells good, and has a little wild, anchored. #2080

**URBAN COWBOY SEEMS**  
urban cowboy, DW, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/blonde, N/S, enjoys horseback riding, skiing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinner. Seeking delectable, physically fit, fun, and caring SW/M, 35-45, with similar interests. #23152

**LADY IN WAITING**  
Beautiful BCF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. #2020

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Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive DW, 41, 5'7", blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking very refined, very handsome professional gentleman, 45-50, 6'2", for LTR. #23181

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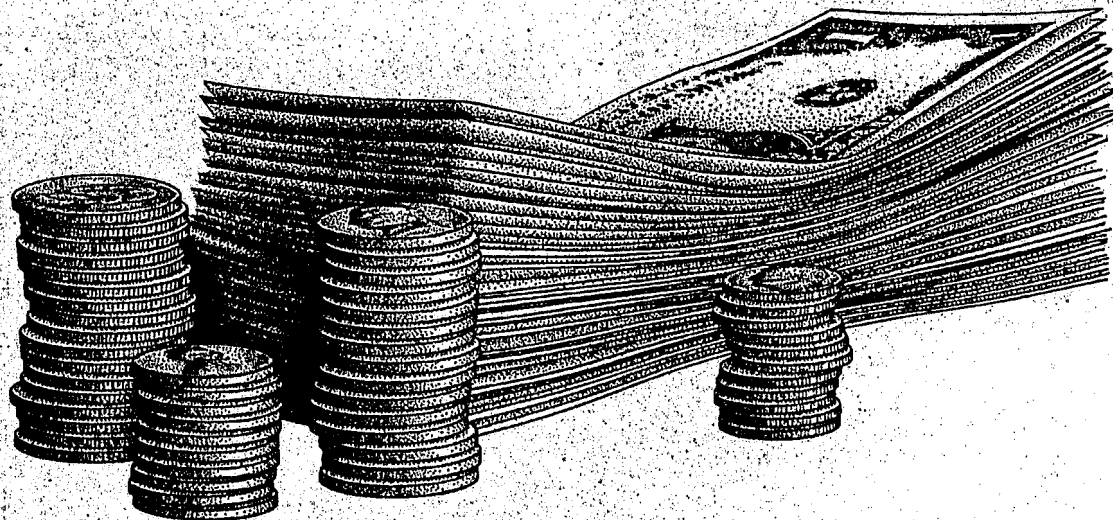
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BRAD KADRACH

## Engler's plan takes the 'student' out of 'student-athlete'

On public high school campuses across the state, minimum-skill athletes are busting their butts for that final spot on their team's roster.

They know, even if they make the team, they aren't going to play. They're the 14th girl on a basketball team, or the 45th guy on the football squad. They're the ones who only get into the game for the final 30 seconds, when their team is either up by a gazillion points or down by a gazillion.

That's OK with them. Those players aren't in it for the glory anyway, because they know it's never going to come. Corny as it sounds, they simply want to be part of a team, to support their school, to be able to tell their kids years from now, "I was part of something."

If Gov. John Engler gets his way, however, many of those athletes will be reduced to telling their children, "I could have been."

Engler has put together House Bill 4204, a proposal that would allow children who don't attend public schools to participate in extra-curricular activities. The bill has been introduced in the State House of Representatives and is expected to be considered this month by the House Education Committee.

"The primary goal of our public school system is to ensure all students achieve academic success and develop to their fullest potential," Engler said in a prepared statement. "To reach this goal, I am focused on educational accountability, accessibility and choice. Our students deserve every opportunity available that will provide them with the tools necessary to build a brighter future."

If the bill passes, public school districts would be required to allow students enrolled in charter or private schools or who are home schooled to take part in extracurricular activities in the district in which they live. That means, for instance, that athletes attending Oxford Christian Academy, or who are taught at home within Oxford's boundaries, could play sports at Oxford High School.

Engler is right when he says students deserve every opportunity to enhance their future. The question is how to give it to them. Do we allow some students the opportunity at the expense of others? That hardly seems fair, to the students or to the districts.

Parents of home-schooled athletes who wish to get their kids into public school athletic programs will make the claim that their tax dollars help support the public schools; therefore, their children should be allowed to play.

There are several arguments with that claim. First, their tax dollars don't go to the school, because public money is funneled to public schools based solely on enrollment. Therefore, if Mr. and Mrs. Jones are home-schooling Little Jimmy, their tax dollars are staying in Lansing, in Engler's pockets. And no money for new expenses was included in the bill.

There are a lot of things that go into representing your school as an athlete. Little things, I'll grant you, but important things nonetheless. Being part of an athletic team is a privilege, earned through making the grade both academically and athletically. Student-athletes patrol schools in their jerseys, they take part in pep rallies.

They're in the hallways, in the classrooms. More importantly, they are in the hearts of their classmates. That's a place no outsider could ever fit. And it's an important place.

"The neat thing about high-school

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## Third year could be the charm for Eagles

BY DANIEL STICKRADT  
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Dennis Hopkins hopes that the third time is a charm.

After leading his Clarkston Springfield Christian girls soccer team to the Michigan Association of Christian Schools finals each of the past two years — the first two years of the Eagles' program existence — Hopkins hopes his team can find a way to reach pole position.

tion.

Although the Eagles are young with four freshmen and two rare eighth grade players filling the gaps left by graduation, Springfield does boast talent. And if their 2-0 record to start is any indication, the Eagles, 14-3-0 last year, are in for another strong season.

"It will be interesting to see how well we will do because of our youth," said Hopkins. "Even if the group is talented,

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they are young so you never know what to expect.

Springfield will be led by three senior returning starters, most notably center midfielder Missie Bowen, a second-team all-area selection last season. Bowen will team up with classmate Stephanie Rankin, and the junior duo of Liz Hamlin and Carrie Dock-

ery help form a solid contingent at midfield.

The other senior is Missy Hortick, who will either move into the sweeper or stopper position after serving as a full-back a year ago. Junior Kelly Fornwall, who will play the opposite of Hortick, and sophomore fullback Tiffany Vanaman, are returning starters on defense, while freshman prospect Amanda Vanaman will likely fill the other role on

defense.

"We seem to be strong on defense. Young but strong," said Hopkins.

The final backstop on defense will be athletic 5-foot-9 sophomore goalkeeper Holley Vanaman, who shared the two shutouts with junior Suzanne Rydman, who will serve as the understudy and spend time in the midfield. Both Vanaman and Rydman

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FILE PHOTO BY BOB KNOSSKA

Coming back: Senior Jennifer Kerney (left) returns to try to help the Clarkston Wolves bolster their soccer chances as the 1999 season approaches.

## Seeking consistency Wolves show promise as 11 return

BY DANIEL STICKRADT  
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If there is one word to describe Clarkston's girls soccer team last spring, the word is inconsistency. The Wolves had a problem putting together two consecutive quality halves on a daily basis, and wound up with a 5-12-3 record after a Division I district finals loss to eventual state runner-up Rochester Adams.

Now, with a new coach in Tami Mitchell and a new attitude, Clarkston is gearing up for the new season with the hopes of returning above five-hundred waters.

Overall, Mitchell, who coached the Wolves' junior varsity last year and replaces Brian Fitzgerald at the helm of the Clarkston program, welcomes back 11 letter winners, including six full-time starters and another pair of part-time starters.

Last season Clarkston finished fourth out of seven teams in the Oakland Activities Association Division II race. Last year's league champion, Birmingham Groves, which also captured the state Division II title last year, has moved up to the OAA's elite

division, making this year's race wide open.

"We'd like to give everyone a run for their money. I truly feel we can sneak up on a few teams and possibly finish somewhere in the top three if everything goes right," said Mitchell.

"We've got a lot of work to do though before we can start thinking about winning the league championship."

Perhaps the Wolves' main thorn in the side last year was goal scoring — a problem that Mitchell hopes to remedy during the first month of the season.

Although Clarkston lost its leading offensive weapons as Georgia Senkyr graduated and promising sophomore Sara Voss transferred to Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, some lineup changes could help fill the holes.

Athletic senior Kara Bergkoetter, a fourth-year starter, has shifted from the sweeper position to forward where her experience, speed and aggressiveness could help ignite the offense. She'll team up with classmate Alaina Dodds, who is hoping to bounce back after an off season, and sophomore newcomer Angela Humphreys, whose speed should complement Bergkoetter quite well or help out in the midfield in the Wolves' 4-4-2 alignment.

"Scoring goals was one of the big problems I noticed last year and it is something we need to really stress this season," said Mitchell. "We need to finish more of our opportunities if we are going to contend in this league. I do like our speed and athleticism up top, but we really need for someone to step up and score goals on a consistent basis."

Clarkston lacked a true center-midfielder last season, which might have played a significant role in the Wolves' scoring blues. But with the arrival of highly-touted freshman prospect Lauren Welbourn, help seems to be on the way.

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### Get into the game

The Bloomfield Hills Schools' Recreation and Community Services Department is currently offering co-rec slow-pitch softball and sand volleyball leagues.

The co-rec softball league encourages equal participation by all team members and is not intended for high levels of competition.

The season begins in late May with games scheduled for Wednesday evenings at either 6:15 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

The team fee of \$250 (there is no individual player fee) covers bases and field use, maintenance, scoresheets, and approximately 10 games.

There will be an additional \$25 non-resident fee for teams composed of more than 50 percent of people who do not live or work in the Bloomfield Hills school district and a refundable \$75 bond fee.

A \$12 umpire fee must also be paid each week.

The entry fee is due Friday, April 30. A mandatory managers' meeting is also set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 at the Recreation Office, located at 4174 Dublin Drive in Bloomfield Hills.

To register or for more information, call (248) 433-0885.

Sand volleyball involves women's doubles (Thursday), men's doubles (Thursday) and co-rec quads (Tuesday) leagues. Seasons are nine weeks long with games beginning the week of June 1.

A mandatory managers' meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 at the Recreation Office, located at 4174 Dublin Drive in Bloomfield Hills. Sponsor fees are due Saturday, May 22.

For specific fees and registration details, call (248) 433-0885.

### College hoop coach

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Interested candidates should send a resume to Kris Daiek, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324 or call Daiek at (248) 683-0443.



# Parks hand out annual volunteer awards

Huron-Clinton Metroparks annually gives out "Volunteer of the Year" awards to individuals and families who make significant contributions to the park system. Roland Brege, of Canton, and David and Kathy Renwick, of Walled Lake, were three of this year's recipients.

Brege has taken pictures at the Kensington Farm Center for the past eight years. His pictures have provided a pictorial history of the farm and many have been used in news releases to promote the farm.

The Renwicks have contributed more volunteer hours at the Metroparks than any other cur-

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rent volunteer. They started helping out in 1977 and have donated their time at both Kensington and Indian Springs. Their 10-year-old daughter, Bridgett, also helps out.

The Metroparks also honors outstanding employees each year and Commerce Township's Eugene Wimbrow was one of this year's honorees. Wimbrow is an equipment maintenance specialist for Kensington's central garage and has been an employee of the Metroparks since 1962.

## Youth fly fishing

If you have a son or daughter interested in fly fishing it's not too late to sign up for the Youth Fly Fishing Class at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The class, sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, and will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

While at the class kids will learn all they need to know to get out and catch fish with a fly rod. Cost is just \$25 per person. Call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233 to register or for more information.

## Rewards offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Michigan Bear Hunter's Association, is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the illegal shooting of a black bear last fall in Gladwin County.

The bear was shot around Oct. 11, 1998, near the Molasses River Flooding No. 3 in Grim Township. The legal bear hunting season in that area ended Sept. 24.

Rewards are also standing for two other bear-poaching incidents that occurred last July. A

\$2,000 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for killing a bear near Ironwood in Gogebic County. A \$1,500 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for shooting a bear in the Deadstream Swamp in Missaukee County.

Anyone with information on either of these poaching incidents should call the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.

## Summer jobs

Seasonal job openings are available this summer at the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks as well as the state's 96 state park and recreation areas, 700 boat access sites and 13 harbors. If you're looking for a part-time job to fill the summer months and enjoy being outdoors it may be

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shared the shutouts in the Eagles' wins over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian and Gladwin Skeels Northern Christian.

"Last year goalkeeper was a big question," recalled Hopkins. "But now we seem to be looking fairly decent there. Holley is getting better — she's working at it."

Up front is where the Eagles display their youth, although it will also be one of the team's strengths.

Because the MACS allows eighth graders to compete at the varsity level without the loss of future eligibility, Sarah Beardslee will lead the Eagles' offensive charge despite still being in middle school.

"She's a natural talent," said Hopkins of Beardslee. "I really expect her to be our top offensive threat."

Beardslee will team up with freshmen Katie Reece and Krystal Thorpe to deliver the offensive punch.

Two other players to watch are freshman fullback Mickie Hortic and midfielder Katelyn Armstrong, another eighth-grade player granted eligibility.

"I think we'll know in a few weeks how well we'll do," said Hopkins. "We did lose four starters to graduation and that always hurts. But we have some good young players coming up. If they can produce on a consistent basis, we'll be fine."

# Engler's plan from page B1

athletics... you go to a girls basketball game on a Tuesday night, you can tell who those girls are. They're here all day. They eat lunch together," said Oxford Athletic Director Pat Ball. Under the proposal "Now we'd have kids we are getting money for who are getting bumped. I believe extracurricular activities, especially athletics, is an integral part of going to school. It's hard to come here after school and become part of the whole."

Then there are the academic questions. Student-athletes are required to maintain certain academic standards. Engler's bill would require the same standards, but would require a certificated teacher to go over the academic work of each outside student.

Ball said schools conduct weekly eligibility checks on all athletes to make sure their grades are good enough to continue to play sports. That would be more difficult if students are coming from other schools, and impossible with home schoolers, he said.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association says that problem would lead to one set of eligibility criteria for public school students, and a separate set for other athletes. The MHSAA also notes that such students are not accountable to their local board of education.

"There is a weak provision for accountability for academic progress during the previous marking period and school year," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "There is no provision for academic accountability during the current semester, when participation actually occurs. The academic integrity of educational athletics will be lost."

The other argument is an even better one. If the public school isn't good enough for Little Jimmy, why is the school's athletic program good enough?

Life is about choices. Parents who keep their kids at home, for whatever reason, are making choices their children are going to have to live with. Are public schools giving students the high-quality education parents rightly think their children deserve? Not all of them, surely. But when parents decide public schools aren't the answer, they have to take everything into consideration, including what they're for-

ing their child to give up. Kathy Stockley, an Oxford businesswoman who lives in the Brandon school district, likes the governor's plan and points out that the idea is already in use in other states. She home-schooled her three children for a time.

"When I was growing up, even though I was a real good softball player, they didn't have anything for girls to do," she said. "My daughter goes to Oxford Christian now and her coach told her he didn't care if she played on the boys team. If she could play softball with the Brandon girls, she'd be happy. We pay a huge amount of taxes to Brandon schools and we reap none of the benefits." She agreed, however, that the state should compensate school districts for non-enrolled students.

It's not all about the "Ben-jamins" for the athletic directors. Oxford's Ball and Brian Whiston, Oakland Schools' Director of Legislative Affairs, agree that the issue of extra-curricular activities is one parents must consider when making the decision on which setting they want their child to be educated in.

"That's a choice they made," Whiston said. "And then for them to say that's not fair... When you make a decision, you make it on all the issues."

The MHSAA's Roberts is even more critical. In a commentary sent to media outlets, Roberts wrote, "We have no quarrel with those who choose alternatives to public schools. They should have this prerogative. And likewise, schools should be allowed to limit their teams to their own students."

"Some people who do not choose public schools for their children's classroom education want their children to associate with those schools for the sports teams their preferred program of education either cannot or will not provide. They ignore the hypocrisy of that position."

Experts in the field think it's a bad idea. Coaches, athletic directors and administrators are against it. The single biggest athletic organization in the state — the MHSAA — believes it's the wrong way to go.

Is Engler listening? Probably not.

For the sake of those kids who will be left to wonder what "could have been," let's hope legislators are.

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"Lauren is a very intelligent player who sees the field well and can distribute," offered Mitchell. "She's the type of young player that can control the tempo of the game and she is capable of getting the offense in gear."

Welbourn will join senior Katy Piechura, a part-time starter last season, and sophomore returnee Brooke Petrinic in the midfield, where Mitchell hopes her players can improve on their decision-making and ball control skills.

"Our ball control overall is a little shaky right now," said Mitchell. "I know it's early in the season, but we'll need to improve this area as the season moves along. I'm confident that we'll

eventually be able to control the ball much better than we did last year."

Agile 5-foot-10 sophomore Sarah Morgan took over the starting goalkeeper role midway through last season and has looked solid thus far, turning aside 24 shots in a 5-0 season-opening loss to Grand Blanc on March 26.

"We were down 1-0 at the half as Grand Blanc scored with under two minutes left," recalled Mitchell. "We had some mental lapses in the second half, but Sarah (Morgan) played exceptionally well. If she plays this well all season, we'll be in good shape."

Although the defensive unit had an off night against Grand

Blanc, Clarkston does boast plenty of experience in the backfield. Junior Katie Tripi shifts back to the sweeper position where she starred as a freshman, while senior fullback Jennifer Kerney and senior stopper Charity Brown, a part-time starter last season, also return.

The fourth spot on defense will be filled by junior newcomer Jenny Yeager.

Mitchell also hopes that she can receive more production off the bench this season.

Versatile junior Katie Kennedy can play numerous positions, but will likely see plenty of time in the midfield. Junior forward Jessica Thomas and junior fullback Kelley Plante hope to add depth, while junior

Lauren Stout will serve as Morgan's understudy between the pipes.

Overall, the Wolves hope to have improved their stock, but will still have its hands full when playing Bloomfield Hills Lahser (No. 8 Division II), Royal Oak Kimball (No. 9), much-improved West Bloomfield, which competed in the OAA Division I last season, and local rival Lake Orion in a rugged league schedule.

"It's a wait-and-see period right now because of the spring break," said Mitchell. "I think the chances for us to improve look good, but we still have to go out there and do it. It's not going to be easy, but (improvement) is a reachable goal."

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## METROPARKS

## METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

## NATURE PROGRAMS

The nature center at Stony Creek will offer the following programs beginning at 11 a.m. each day during spring break: Turtles and Tortoises, Thursday,

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## SPRING CLEANUP

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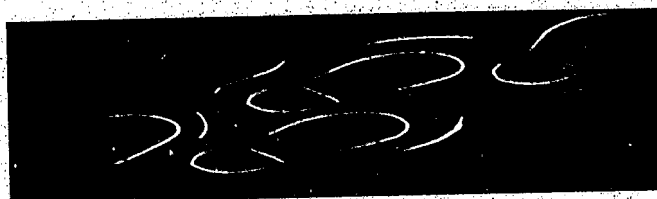
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**HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE**  
DWM, 28, 5'3", brown/brn hair, proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks DWM, 28-38, who loves children, for friendship, possible LTR. **22318**

**LOOKING FOR A HERO**  
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWM, 30, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/brn hair, N/S, child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, hiking, Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, to enjoy life together. **22269**

**DREAM OUR MEMORY**  
Music is sweeter when shared. Slim, educated, blonde/brn hair, 5'0", 120lbs, blonde/brn hair, nifty 50s, 5'7", visionary dreamer, optimist with distinctive qualities, seeks active gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. **22093**

**SPRING FEVER**  
SWF, 27, 5'3", brown/brn hair, blonde hair, enjoys reading, dining out, craft shows, movies. Seeking very handsome DWM, with similar likes. **22319**

**STARTING OVER**  
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/brn hair, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, craft shows, movies. Would like to spend time with loving, caring, white gentleman. **22319**

**NO COUCH POTATOES**  
Slim, 5'10", blonde/brn hair, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hiking, movies, walks, and travel. Seeking honest, faithful, trustworthy SWM, 32-42, HW proportionate, with similar interests. **22319**

**LOOKING FOR FUN**  
Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hands, movies, walks, and travel. Seeking a fun relationship. **22369**

**A GREAT CATCH**  
Outgoing, sophisticated SWF, 20s, 5'5", blonde/brn hair, with model looks. Seeking SWM with looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. **22318**

**EASY ON THE EYES**  
Keep me laughing and I'm yours: Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 115lbs, attractive with a caring mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. **22338**

**ANYONE OUT THERE?**  
SWF, 25, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with a movie-special. Seeking SM, 27-34, 6'0"+, for LTR. No games. **22341**

**BEST KEPT SECRET**  
Attractive SWF, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, traveling, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35, for LTR. **22332**

**VERSATILE**  
SWF, 41, seeks male, 30-40, interests: horses, motorcycles, music, art, dancing, billiards, swimming, canoeing, movies, talking, dining out, travel. **22306**

**A STEP AHEAD**  
Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N/S, rarely dines, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No prearranged kids. **22193**

**FIRST TIME AD**  
Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for a serious, possible relationship. No games, please. **22322**

**OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST**  
SWF, 30, seeks SWM, 30-45, N/S. Do you enjoy backpacking, skiing, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you. **22319**

**LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE**  
SWF, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for serious relationship. No games. **22288**

**TRUST ME I'M WONDERFUL**  
Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful. I'm blonde SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to meet in love with. **22216**

**BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER**  
Dazzling, blue-eyed brunette, 34, 5'4", 100lbs, with party personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbrawed guy with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. **22217**

**A HEAD TURNER**  
Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 25, in shape, pleasant, cultured, attractive. **22119**

**JOIN ME**  
SWF, 34, 5'4", brown/brn hair, vegetarian, professional psychic, holistic healer, loves life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, yoga, values, integrity, accountability, emotional maturity are non-negotiable. For friendship first. **22322**

**SOPHISTICATED LADY**  
Pelle, honest, sincere, blue-eyed blonde SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic, even goes to home. Seeking gentleman, 30-50. **22322**

**SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL**  
Yes-shes. Good-looking professional blonde, 40, medium build, enjoys getaways, plays, tennis, and the unexpected. Desires handsome, professional, N/S, warm, warm-hearted, sincere, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. **22304**

**HAPPY-GO-LUCKY**  
Attractive, easygoing, honest, romantic, slender DWM, 42, mom of two, toddler boys. Seeking humorous, financially/emotionally secure, warm-hearted, sincere SWM, 38-45, N/S, for fulfilling LTR. North Oakland County. **22315**

**A TOUCH OF CLASS**  
Sensuous, attractive DWM, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+, and looking for LTR. Serious replies only. **22317**

**BEAUTIFUL**  
Tall, fit, spunky, unique, loving SWF, 44, 5'7", steel blue, naturally curly hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking out connection SWM, N/S. **22323**

**BLUE-EYED BLONDE**  
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60. **22344**

**STARTING OVER**  
Easygoing, over-the-hill DWM, 43, 5'10", N/S, ND, enjoys out, doors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, ND, for relationship leading to marriage. **22312**

**UNCHAINED MELODY**  
Slim, attractive DWM, 51, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional SWM, 45-55, for C&M, dancing, rollerblading, hanging out, Lavalite area. **22334**

**CUTE, CUBBY**  
N/S, active, active, honest, WF, 40, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40+, with great sense of humor, who enjoys good, clean, pizza without anchovies. **22306**

**URBAN COWGIRL SEKS**  
Urban cowgirl, DWM, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/brn hair, enjoys horseback riding, skiing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking decent, professional, N/S, for LTR. **22312**

**LADY IN WAITING**  
Beautiful BOPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all, but loves to dance. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or, possible LTR. **22304**

**FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY**  
Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engaging personality. Seeking country music, line dancing, home-cooked meals. **22336**

**IN YOUR EYES**  
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 41, 5'9", 160lbs, short brown/brn hair, nice guy, enjoys humor, bike riding, ice skating, movies, music, arts. Seeking fit SWF to share experience. **22320**

**NOT FOR EVERYONE**  
Fit, athletic, secure SWF, 51, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/dark blue, enjoys tennis, golf, concerts, line dancing, traveling. Seeking male for life. 30-50, N/S. Compatible - signs: Libra, Sagittarius, Gemini. **22323**

**WANT TO DANCE?**  
Professional SWF, 46, 5'9", medium build, no dependents, loves doing/watching all sports, traveling, reading, and dancing. Seeking romantic, tall, drug-free man because I got the attention. **22318**

**LAUGHING AND LOVING**  
Active, happy, positive SWF, 33, business owner, health conscious, and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and romance. **22312**

**I'M A NUT**  
Me: adventurous, like a macadamia, sweet as a pineapple, with a smile like a buttered toast, with a smile to fill our day, to share takes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Now. **22310**

**ARE YOU AN ANGEL?**  
Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of a beautiful little girl, seeks warm-hearted, single, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share takes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Now. **22310**

**SEEKING**  
EURO/RUSSIAN Lady  
Good-looking SWM, 40, 6'2", 180lbs, brown/brn hair, enjoys symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, interested in LTR. **22309**

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
Spontaneous, romantic, active, fit DWM, 26, father of 3 children, son, seeks active, fit, special woman who appreciates being treated like a lady. **22307**

**SINGLE IN DETROIT**  
Honest, down-to-earth, SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SWF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I, like movies, 5-concerts, special times together. **22288**

**ENHANCE MY QUALITIES**  
Creative, adventurous, handsome, open-minded, successful SM, 38, N/S, seeks SWF with similar qualities, for added ingredient, to enhance everything. **22344**

**SOFT-HEARTED BODY**  
Athletic, energetic, fit, humorous SM, business owner, enjoys travel, late-night living, boating, sailing, rollerblading, hockey, and more. Seeking monogamous relationship with tall, athletic, fit SWF, in younger 30s, N/S, with no dependents. **22343**

**FIRST TIME AD**  
Fit, attractive, unattached, confident, secure DWM, young 50s, 5'2", 170lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks non-smoking, petite, slim, attractive, sincere, unattached SWF, 45-55, for friendship, possible LTR. **22335**

**SPRING FLING AND MORE**  
Sincere SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, wide epinurium, no dependents, seeks slim, fit, SWF, 40-50, romantic-at-heart, who values family and friends, to develop a long-term, sensual relationship. Age unimportant, attitude is. **22322**

**ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS**  
Easygoing, physically fit, muscular, average-looking DWM, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, light-brown/brn hair, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, with similar interests. **22320**

**ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS**  
Easygoing, honest, secure SWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs, brown/brn hair, N/S, no dependents, formerly employed, seeks employed, petite SWF, under 44, under 125lbs, with one or two dependents for LTR. **22328**

**I MADE THE FIRST MOVE**  
Now it's your turn. Muscular, fit, attractive DWM, 40, 5'9", 170lbs, N/S, social drinker, no dependents, financially secure, enjoys workouts, travel, and more. Seeking good-looking, fit, attractive SWF, 35-45, for LTR. **22329**

**SPIRITED ROMANTIC**  
Handsome SWM, giver, affectionate, sincere, active, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, with similar interests. **22320**

**MR. RIGHT HERE!**  
Affectionate, financially independent, fit SWM, 35, 6'0", 180lbs, N/S, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, with similar interests. **22320**

**BAFAROT ON THE BEACH**  
Slim, sensual, spiritual, successful SWM, 40, 5'9", 162lbs, seeks relationship with a SWF, 35-45, who enjoys Bafarot, Royal Oak art films, dance clubs, dolls to Middle Eastern cuisine, jazz, and contemporary music. **22317**

**SEEKING EBONY**  
Romantic, sensitive, shy SWM, 37, 5'10", 160lbs, N/S, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, 30-40, for LTR. **22337**

**DOWN-TO-EARTH POLISHED**  
Handsome, fit, kind-hearted, loves to laugh, seeks SWM, (widowed preferred) 50-63, who might want to move to warmer climate, interests in golf, boating, theater, and home life. **22336**

**OLD-FASHIONED**  
Down-to-earth, sincere, widowed SWM, 48, 6'1", 220lbs, father of twins, enjoys movies, cooking, and martial arts. Seeking attractive SWF, 35-45, for LTR. **22334**

**WHY BE ALONE?**  
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, movies, and quality time together. Seeking petite, medium SWF, 40-50, for friendship, possible LTR. **22324**

**TAKES CHARGE**  
Romantic, SWPM, 38, enjoys movies, dancing, dining, theater. Seeks feminine, passionate SWF, 25-45, for adventure and LTR. **22322**

**PILOT SEEKS CO-PILOT**  
SAM, 31, 5'5", HW proportionate, college graduate, enjoys traveling, hiking, movies, conversations, tennis, golf, cultural events, family/friends. Seeking attractive SWF, 25-35, with a good sense of humor, great smile. **22381**

**SEEKING TRUE LOVE**  
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, sincere SWM, 38, 5'9", smoker, animal lover, seeks petite, feminine SWF for monogamous LTR. **22324**

**SLEEPLESS IN GARDEN CITY**  
SWF, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/brn hair, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, 35-45, for LTR. **22324**

**SOFT CHOCOLATE**  
Handsome SWM, 33, enjoys successful movies, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, fit SWF, 30-40, N/S, who enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. **22307**

**ATTRACTIVE AND TALL**  
Attractive and humorous SWM, 27, 6'4", 180lbs, N/S, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, 24-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking, or just fun. **22308**

**PLAIN JANE WANTED**  
Sincere, thoughtful, understanding, spirited, adventuresome, articulate, athletic SWPM, 40, 6'1", 150lbs, seeks special, slim, fit DWM, to develop quality, romantic, sincere LTR. No games, please. **22345**

**SINCERE & HONEST MAN**  
Active, fit DWM, 37, 6'0", enjoys tennis, hiking, camping, hockey games. Seeking honest, sincere, SWF, 30-35, who loves children, animals, outdoor activities, for LTR, possible marriage. **22310**

**TREASURE UNCLAIMED**  
Sensitive, fun-loving, unattached, fit, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blonde/brn hair, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. **22354**

**FUTURE IS NOW**  
Outgoing SWM, 51, 6'1", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor movies, travel, enjoys SWF, 45-55, to share life's passions. Let's taste what life has to offer. **22374**

**DREAMING OF**  
An upbeat, shorter, attractive, Rubenque woman, 22-35, who loves salsa dancing, adventure, exploration of life and could share with this attractive, spiritual DWM, mid-40s, 5'6", HW proportionate. **22303**

**HUGGABLE & CUDDLING**  
SWM, 42, 5'8", 200lbs, enjoys movies, dinners, music, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWF, 25-50, with similar interests. **22320**

**KISSES A PLINY!**  
Innovative, romantic SWM, 40s, nice looks, enjoys culture and creativity. Seeking active, friendly, passionate lady. **22302**

**RARE FIND**  
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, social dancer of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoors, rock music, dancing, hiking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, for a compatible relationship. **22318**

**SEEKING**  
MEDIUM-BUILT WOMAN  
Sincere, outgoing DWM, 40, 5'9", 170lbs, seeks medium-built lady, sincere, understanding SWF, 35+, N/S, sense of humor, who likes to take a walk at night, sunsets, the outdoors, movies, cooking. **22319**

**LOOKS REAL YOUNG**  
Lolli, Polish-American SM, 60, seeks a gentleman, 50+, who is a professional, for fun, friendship, and possible LTR. Let's get together and see if there's a chemistry between us. **22297**

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS**  
DWM, N/S, social drinker, seeks fit, SWF, 30-40, who enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel, and more. Seeking SWF, 30-45, for possible relationship. **22276**

**A DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
59, blonde hair, 220lbs, fair build, good health, into boating, parties, dancing, good times. Seeking lady, 45-55, slender, into boating, parties, dancing, good times, evening out. No game players. **22311**

**HUMOROUS**  
Fun-loving SWF, 42, 6'2", 195lbs, blonde/brn hair, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeks SWF, 30-45, for relationship. **22318**

**FIRST TIME AD**  
Handsome, financially secure, down-to-earth, easygoing SWPM, 52, seeks down-to-earth, fit, medium build, 21-30, for LTR, to be best friends. **22376**

**AMBITIOUS AND ROMANTIC**  
Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks handsome man, with sense of humor, who enjoys golf, tennis, weekend getaways, travel, to share quality times. **22387**

**HONEST AND SINCERE**  
Active, fit SWF, 22, blonde hair, secure, divorced, physically fit SWM, 50, 5'9", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, travel, and more. Seeking physically fit SWF, 45-52, N/S, social drinker, for friendship. **22349**

**WANT TO**  
Handsome blue-eyed SWM, 25, 5'7", N/S, full-time employee, part-time student, fitness freak. Seeking physically fit SWF, 21-30, for LTR, romance, and fun. **22313**

**SENIORS**  
CRAFT SHOWS  
Attractive DWM, 30+, blonde hair, 220lbs, fair build, 55-70, who loves craft shows, for friendship. **22308**

**AUTHOR**  
WF, enjoys movies, theater, opera, walks, seeks friendship with white male, 50+. Oakland County. **22295**

**SINGLE SENIOR**  
DWM, 63 years young, 5'6", blonde/brn hair, N/S, ND, modest, refined, loves travel, fine dining, for dinner, dancing, romance. **22308**

**CHECK ME OUT**  
Outgoing SWM, 62, 5'9", 180lbs, seeks lady that can travel up north and likes RV camping and boating. Light smoker/fisherman. **22308**

**SEEKING A GENTLEMAN**  
French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWM, with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing, for friendship, possible relationship. **22200**

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**SEEKS**  
EAST INDIAN WOMAN  
Handsome, muscular SWM, 30, blonde/brn hair, seeks East Indian SWF, 28-35, for friendship, possible LTR. **22304**

**EXCEPTIONAL GUY**  
SM, 36, 6'1", brown/brn hair, HW proportionate, enjoys television, dining, theater, and more. Seeking SWF for friendship, possible relationship. **22324**

**RUGGED**  
Great-looking, sandy-blond, 5'11", trim, 35, enjoys cottage, boat, motorcycle. Would appreciate a lady who can love today more than yesterday but not as much as tomorrow. Kids ok. **22340**

**LIFE IS**  
**BETTER WHEN SHARED**  
Start my day, I'll be right there. In shape SWF, 30+, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. **22304**

**GOOD GUY**  
Good-looking, nice, very successful SWPM, 35, good build, with many interests. Seeking nice, pretty, very attractive SWF, 21-32, without dependents. **22347**

**EASYGOING**  
Intelligent, good-looking, tall, well-built, sensual, passionate SWM, 44, 6'3", 200lbs, seeks easygoing, sweet, blonde/brn hair, 25-45, for romance, possible relationship. **22340**

**DO YOU HAVE CLASS?**  
I'd love a handsome, affectionate DWM, 38, 5'9", athletic build, college professor, seeks petite, attractive SWF, 30-40, N/S, who is a professional, who loves hugs and kisses. **22342**

**SENSE OF HUMOR**  
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, dark blonde/brn hair, 38, N/S, seeks attractive, monogamous SWF, under 40, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. **22266**

**PILOT SEEKS CO-PILOT**  
Well-known, high-achieving, handsome, family-oriented, adventurous, romantic, fit, 34, 6'10", enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, and martial arts. Seeking attractive, intelligent SWF, 35-45, for LTR. **22307**

**SEEKS GENUINE PERSON**  
SWM, 48, 6'1", 220lbs, father of twins, enjoys movies, cooking, and martial arts. Seeking attractive SWF, 35-45, for LTR. **22334**

**WHY BE ALONE?**  
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**600**...Personals  
**602**...Happy Ads  
**604**...Graduations  
**606**...Mother's Day  
**608**...Father's Day  
**610**...Holiday Polypoint  
**612**...Sweetest Day  
**614**...Valentine's Day  
**620**...Special Announcements  
Meetings/Seminars  
**622**...Legal Notices  
**623**...Adoption  
**624**...Misc. Notices

**626**...Political Notices  
**628**...Car Pools  
**630**...Cards Of Thanks  
**632**...In Memoriam  
**634**...Death Notices  
**636**...Lost & Found  
**638**...Tickets  
**640**...Transportation/Travel  
**642**...Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss  
**644**...Insurance  
**646**...Bingo  
**648**...Wedding Chapel

## 700's Merchandise For Sale

**700**...Absolutely Free (1 day)  
**702**...Antiques/Collectibles  
**704**...Arts & Crafts  
**706**...Auction Sales  
**708**...Rummage Sale/Flea Market  
**710**...Estate Sales  
**711**...Garage Sales-Oakland  
**712**...Garage Sales-Wayne  
**713**...Moving Sales  
**714**...Clothing  
**716**...Household Goods  
**718**...Appliances  
**719**...Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs  
**720**...Bargain Buys  
**721**...Bicycles  
**722**...Building Materials  
**724**...Business & Office Equipment  
**726**...Office Supplies  
**728**...Cameras & Supplies

**730**...Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment  
**732**...Computers  
**734**...Electronics/Audio/Video  
**736**...Video Games, Tapes, Movies  
**738**...Farm Equipment  
**740**...Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants  
**741**...U-Pick  
**745**...Hobbies-Coin, Stamps  
**746**...Hospital Equipment  
**747**...Jewelry  
**748**...Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment  
**750**...Miscellaneous For Sale  
**751**...Musical Instruments  
**752**...Sporting Goods  
**753**...Trade Or Sell  
**754**...Wanted To Buy

## 780-793 Animals/Pets

**780**...Animal Services/Supplies  
**781**...Breeder Directory  
**782**...Birds  
**783**...Cats  
**784**...Dogs  
**785**...Farm Animals/Livestock  
**786**...Horses & Equipment

**787**...Horse Boarding  
**788**...Household Pets  
**789**...Pet Grooming/Boarding  
**790**...Pet Services  
**791**...Pet Supplies  
**792**...Pet Wanted  
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ROBERT M. MEISNER

**Q:** I'm thinking about buying a condominium on the water in Newport Beach, Calif.

**A:** Do you have any suggestions as to how I might approach the purchase of a unit there and what changes, if any, have occurred in the market in the last year or so?

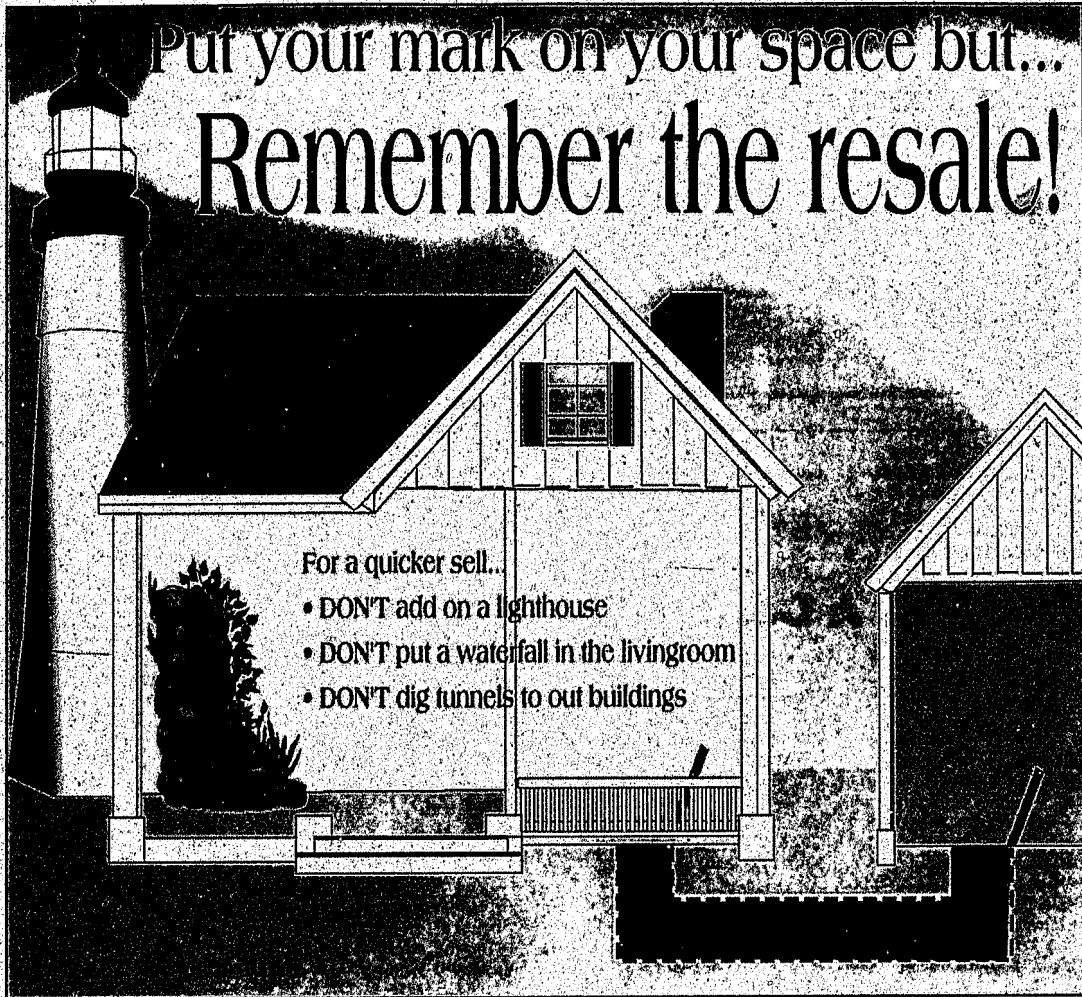
**A:** The market conditions in Newport are similar to those in California in that the market has appreciated in certain areas between 10-15 percent.

Condominiums in Newport, particularly overlooking the bay, are extraordinarily expensive. For example, a 1,700-square-foot condominium with an ocean view may cost as much as \$600,000.

Of course, some homes in the Newport bay area are in the multi-million dollar range, depending on the size and location. Thirty-foot lots on Balboa Island will encompass homes ranging from one to five million.

Therefore, I would recommend that you obtain a knowledgeable broker and be prepared to spend substantial sums of money, far in excess of what you may be used to here in Michigan and shop around.

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- DON'T add on a lighthouse
- DON'T put a waterfall in the livingroom
- DON'T dig tunnels to out buildings

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Houses that are different generally take longer to sell and sometimes command less money.

Not everyone wants a waterfall in the family room, a tennis court in the back yard or a tunnel connecting the basement to a detached garage.

A newsroom colleague recalled a house with a giant mural of grazing sheep painted on a living room wall. There's a reason Realtors cry for neutral colors and simplicity in decoration.

Minor quirks can be easily undone. But some challenges go beyond wall coverings.

Sandy Pattock-Beeler, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, once marketed a house in Milford with a tunnel leading from the basement to the garage as "a mechanic's dream."

"They could go right to the basement to get tools and not deal with inclement," she said. "Someone looking for an extended work area - that's what you have to draw on."

The property took a little longer to sell but eventually did. At a reduced price, too.

"When you have a negative, you have to look at the positive," Pattock-Beeler said.

"When you list a house (that's different), you have to tell the seller there may be a problem. It may take time. There's always the right person. It's a matter of finding them. You have to stay positive," she said.

Richard J. Snyder, a Realtor with Quality Real Estate Better Homes and Gardens in Livonia, once came across a house with a large, built-in waterfall in an enormous family room.

The people he was showing were impressed but didn't make an offer. They didn't like the price and thought that the house in Farmington Hills needed work. But they sure liked the waterfall.

"They had to take a second look," Snyder said. "It surprised them.

**'When you have a negative, you have to look at the positive.'**

*Sandy Pattock-Beeler  
with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth*

They thought it was quite nice."

Houses with unusual or quirky features probably sell better at upper price ranges in tonier, trendier communities, Snyder said. "You get up where people are spending more money, I don't find it unusual."

But a waterfall at a home in Westland and Garden City would be more problematic, prospective buyers less interested, he said.

"That's flooding," Snyder said with a chuckle.

Michael DeForrest, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Troy, agrees that quirkiness flies better at the upper end of the sales spectrum.

"I sold one last year that had a lighthouse built onto it," DeForrest said. "It was on a lakefront house. It was four stories high. They did a beautiful job attaching it. I had the buyer. This guy thought it was incredible."

Of course, a lighthouse on the waterfront isn't unheard of.

DeForrest found less interest as listing agent for a house with a tennis court that took up most of the back yard. "It wasn't a huge estate. (Most) people wanted a yard," he said.

In that instance, DeForrest and the seller lowered the price a bit from comparable houses in the neighborhood. The eventual buyer apparently thought that more house and less yard for the money was OK and eventually came to enjoy the tennis court, too.

"There's an old rule of thumb that basically every house will sell. At what price, you never know," DeForrest said.

Teri Pate, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington

Hills, has leaned from firsthand experience that you can't judge a book by its cover or a house solely by its exterior.

She related the tale of the recent sale of a home to a couple who wanted a moderate fixer-upper, but weren't impressed with the exterior of the house built in 1925. That is, until they got inside.

"The interior had been totally gutted and redone," Pate said. "Only the kitchen needed updating. It looked like a brand new home on the inside in a 1920s shell. They liked the uniqueness of the home."

There's more to this story. Neither the buyers nor Pate knew that it had been designated a state historic house when submitting a purchase offer.

The home had been a rental for five years and wasn't noted as an historic house on the Multilist. The buyers discovered the historic status at city hall when inquiring about relocating a driveway.

"At that point, they found out what was involved - you can't do anything on the outside without going through the historical commission," Pate said. "They fell in love with the house. They decided to go ahead with the purchase."

The ultimate irony, Pate said, is that there seems to be a niche of buyers looking for historic homes, so that older houses sometimes move quicker.

But not always, especially if the owners want to make a financial killing and hang on too long.

"What is a hard-to-sell property? Location either on a main road or an older house where development was built totally around it," said Stephen M. Cole, a Realtor with RE/MAX Showcase Homes in Birmingham.

"People hold on, thinking they're going to get a million dollars," Cole said. "They're just an island out there. Market value goes down. Who's going to buy it? Those homes become land-locked or value-locked. Over time, the family dies."

And a neighboring business buys the homestead for additional parking.

### Employment Jumps

The following 12 states enjoyed the greatest net growth in non-farm payrolls for the one-year period ending Sept. 30, 1998.

STATES	JOB GROWTH (THOUSANDS)	ANNUAL RATE
California	378.9	+2.8%
Texas	254	+2.9%
Florida	236.7	3.7%
New York	129.4	1.6%
Georgia	100.4	2.7%
Arizona	98.4	5%
Virginia	93.7	2.9%
Michigan	87	1.9%
Washington	79.6	3.1%
Illinois	78.3	1.3%
Massachusetts	77.1	2.4%
South Carolina	75.3	4.3%

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

## Rates listed at O&E's Web site

### MORTGAGE SEARCH



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The Observer & Eccentric Web site, [www.observer-eccentric.com](http://www.observer-eccentric.com), provides mortgage updates on its online real estate page (click on "Real Estate" on the home page to check it out).

Look for the link on the real estate page titled "Current Mortgage Rates & News" and click on it. This takes you to the current weekly mortgage

column as well as current mortgage rates (the mortgage rate link is on the mortgage column page).

What you will find is useful information that keeps the consumer updated on current mortgage rates and current mortgage news. Most mortgage-related Web sites do not make it easy to view today's rates, instead they require personal info before you can even begin to navigate your way to the info you're looking for.

The Observer & Eccentric site is good in that you get the information you are looking for without any navigation headaches. You also get Detroit area mortgage lenders not national lenders that may not even be licensed to do business in Michigan. I have found these national sites to be OK if your relocating to another state, but if you're in the Detroit area, all you are concerned with is Detroit lenders, right?

The mortgage rate survey is comprised of Detroit area lenders only and provides links to the lenders you are interested in. The rates are updated as rates change, which can be every day, so you get fresh information. The survey date is listed for each lender so you know which lender is most current.

The mortgage news is updated weekly and gives you the latest happenings in the mortgage industry. You can also get the current mortgage rates and news by clicking on the REALnet link located on the real estate Web page. Click on "Current Mortgage Rate & News" then click on the "Home Mortgage News" link to view current rates and news or click on some of the mortgage lender links listed on the page.

Another Web site that you can access for up-to-date mortgage information is [www.RateUpdate.com](http://www.RateUpdate.com). This Web page provides useful links to HUD, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. This site will also give you the same current mortgage rates and news information as the O&E Web site. Also there is a mortgage calculator on both the O&E and Rate Update Web sites.

One new feature to the Rate Update Web page is a Home Inspection link, which helps consumers find a quality home inspector in their area.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at [www.rateupdate.com](http://www.rateupdate.com). The survey report is also on cable TV's Home Preview Channel and also appears inside Thursday and Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hotline at 1-877-MTG-SHOP (684-7467). For information, call Mully at (248) 305-7337.

## Homeowners finding lots of benefits

A record 66.8 percent of Americans now choose to buy a home rather than rent, according to Quicken's, a financial services computer software firm.

And it's no wonder. The federal government provides homebuyers, home sellers and even mortgage refinancers a bevy of tax breaks.

"One of the most attractive aspects about home ownership are the tax benefits," said Jeff Wenzel, Livonia area manager for Norwest Mortgage. "Your home is a physical shelter, but serves as a great tax shelter as well."

Federal and state tax laws allow real estate property taxes and interest paid on residential mortgages to

be claimed as deductions.

So when you write your monthly mortgage check, the interest you pay is, in most instances, fully deductible or subtracted from taxable income, Wenzel said.

Another tax benefit provided by the 1997 Taxpayers Relief Act allows married home sellers, in most instances, to skip paying taxes on up to \$500,000 in profits they receive when selling their principal residence - even if the money isn't rolled over into a new home.

The tax-free limit for single home sellers is \$250,000.

Anyone who has relocated because

of a new full-time job may be entitled to deduct (offset from income) some of the costs associated with the move. Those include transportation, lodging while en route and storage of furniture.

The move must be at least 50 miles from the previous employer and require the individual to work a minimum of 39 weeks per year.

Michigan also allows a property tax credit that hinges on income levels and the amount of property tax paid.

Homeowners not updated on the many tax federal and state regulations that may apply to them should consult a tax adviser.



## HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded Feb. 22 - 26 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. 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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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## HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its third annual Home Improvement Show 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road.

Participants can browse exhibits and attend seminars. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 6-12 years of age. Family tickets are available for \$9 at Farmer Jack stores. Parking is extra.

For information, call (248) 737-4478, or visit the Internet at <http://www.builders.org>

## ENERGY SEMINARS

Detroit Edison and Home Building Workshops present a free seminar on energy-efficient

techniques for new and existing homes, including geothermal heating and cooling, at two locations in Livonia.

The first runs 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive; the second, 6:45-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty.

To register, call (800) 833-2786.

## MOLD ERADICATION

The North Oakland County Builders Association, a subgroup of BIA, presents a discussion about effective ways to reduce moisture and mold problems in construction of new homes, 5:50 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Mitch's II restaurant, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford.

Speaker: Bill Edginton, Dow Chemical Co.

Cost, including dinner, is \$20. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

## BUILDING CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class on how to build your own home 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 13-22, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$170, plus \$25 for textbooks. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

## LICENSE TRAINING

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors and the Real Estate Education Center present a 40-hour pre-license training class required to take the state real estate sales exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 13-May 13, at the BBRSOAR offices, 901 Tower Drive, Troy.

Cost is \$195, which includes all materials. To register, call Carole at (810) 274-4320, or Karen at (248) 879-5730.

## BUY HOME CLASS

Birmingham Community Education presents a series of classes for first time home buyers 7-9 p.m. Mondays, April 19-May 10, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

Cost is \$32. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

## CREW MEETING/OUTING

Commercial Real Estate Women host a meeting and night at the opera. Wednesday, April 21.

The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club with hors d'oeuvres and a discussion about Detroit's theater district with developer Chuck Forbes and David DiChiera, general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.

A performance of Madame Butterfly follows at 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House. Cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members.

Registration required by Tuesday, April 13, to Margaret Van Meter, (313) 465-7642.

## LICENSE TRAINING II

Birmingham Community Education presents a seminar to prepare for the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 12-21, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

Cost is \$170, plus \$20 for a textbook fee. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

## ARCHITECTURE

Lawrence Technological University presents Dan Hanganu as speaker during its free architecture lecture series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the

## Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hanganu is a member of the Order of Architects of Quebec, the Ontario Association of Architects and the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

For information, call (248) 204-2880.

## RENOVATION CLASS

Birmingham Community Education sponsors a class, "Fixing Up a Fixer-Upper," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 29-May 13, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

Cost is \$80, plus a \$10 textbook fee. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

## PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Wayne County Real Estate Investors Association presents a program on insuring rental properties 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should contact Wayne Koehler,

president, at (313) 386-7228.

## SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just dial up [www.homeval-uemap.com](http://www.homeval-uemap.com)

## ROCK FINANCIAL

Rock Financial, headquartered in Bingham Farms, now enables customers to review their personalized closing and loan application documents on-line before attending the formal closing.

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## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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**Coldwell Banker Professionals** in Clarkston has attained the prestigious Coldwell Banker Chairman's Circle for sales performance for a second consecutive year.

The designation goes to affiliates with adjusted closed commission income of at least \$3.5 million in a year. Fewer than 10 percent of Coldwell Banker offices nationally reached the standard during 1998.

Bill Clark is owner/general manager.

**Beverly Weingarden**, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham, has received the company's Centurion Award for sales performance for a fourth consecutive year.

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## Mortgage rates hold below 7 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages held steady at just below 7 percent this week.

The average was 6.98 percent, the same as last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said Thursday. That's down from a 10-month high of 7.11 percent three weeks earlier but nearly a quarter percentage point higher than the 6.74 percent average at the end of January.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.58 percent this week, down from 6.61 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.65 percent, down from 5.69 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged just under 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

## Protect basements from water

Homeowners should take precautions now to protect basements and con-

tents, AAA Michigan advises.

Homeowners should check sump pumps to make sure that they are operational. To check, lift the float to turn the sump pump on. After pump is on, the water should evacuate the hole through the discharge pipe.

Homeowners should make sure that the discharge pipe is free of any obstructions. Basement floor drains should also be cleaned, so that excess water can run into drains.



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**Debra Duce Simons** joins Duce Simons Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm in Troy, as a project designer.

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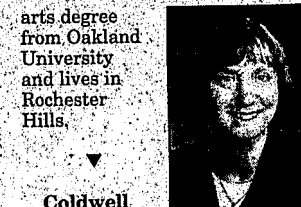
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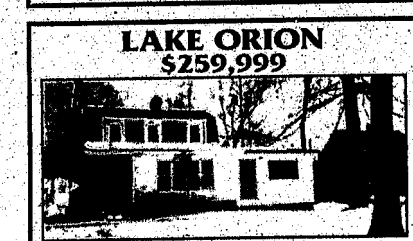
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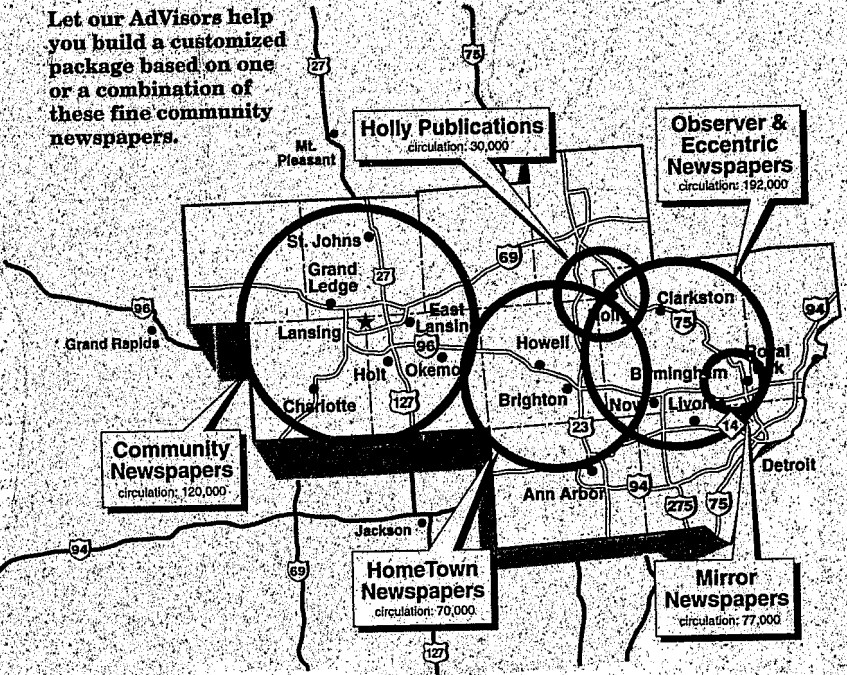
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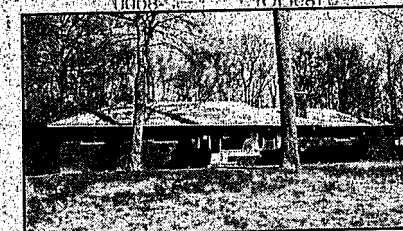
**FARMINGTON VALUE!** You won't find many like this brick 3 bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage and more. Large fenced yard. See and compare! Subject to probate court approval. \$144,900 (27DOR) (248) 626-8800



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**ACREAGE, LOCATION AND BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS.** Sprawling brick ranch on beautiful tree lined cul-de-sac street. Privacy. Fabulous deck. Newer family room. Some hardwood floors. Updates. \$295,000 (20SMA) (248) 626-8800



**SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath** home features multiple updates: roof, furnace, central air, kitchen, baths, landscaping and more! 2+ car attached garage. Great room has vaulted ceiling. All newer lighting. \$191,000 (28GRE) (248) 626-8800



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**TROY - 3-4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial.** Family room with fireplace. Oak kitchen with hardwood floors. First floor laundry. Library. Basement. 2 car attached garage. Cul-de-sac location! \$334,900 (45SUP) (248) 524-1600



**ORION - 3 bedroom Tri-level** with lake privileges on Voorhees Lake. Large family room with natural fireplace. Deck off large eating area. \$179,900 (26SAN) (248) 524-1600



**TROY - 4 bedroom, 2-story Colonial.** Living room and dining room with wood floors. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement. 2 car attached garage. Troy Schools. \$209,900 (66HAR) (248) 524-1600



**TROY - 3 bedroom Ranch home** with central air. Gas fireplace. Family room. Newer carpet. Patio. Troy Schools. \$195,900 (91GRE) (248) 524-1600



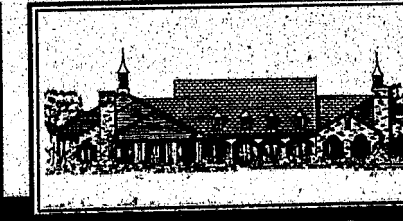
**TROY - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial.** Oak floor in foyer. Sitting area overlooking family room. Whirlpool, wet bar. Large deck. Home warranty! \$529,900 (28BRI) (248) 524-1600



**TROY - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial.** Just painted throughout. Library. Dining room. Master bedroom with full bath. Basement. Huge kitchen. A must see! \$324,900 (30CHE) (248) 524-1600



**ROCHESTER - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial.** Built in 1992. Finished walkout lower level. Home backs to wooded lot. A must see! \$305,000 (60GRO) (248) 524-1600



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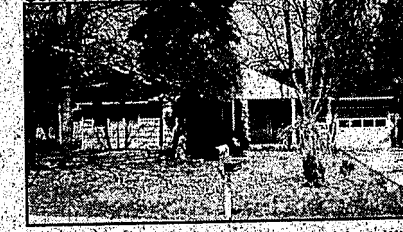
**TROY - 3 bedroom Colonial.** Family room with fireplace. Basement. Open floor plan. Central air. Neutral carpet throughout. Many other updates. Home backs directly to park. \$193,900 (32ABB) (248) 524-1600



**LOVELY ROCHESTER HILLS.** Colonial backing to private commons, side entry garage, deck, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, neutral decor, very clean, large family room with natural fireplace and built-in bookcases. Close to all schools, popular sub. Home warranty. \$274,900 (94EDM) (248) 652-8000



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**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE!** 2x6 construction Colonial on 2.11 rolling acres is ready to move into. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 1st floor master, den, oak kitchen, finished walkout, Andersen windows, 30x40 pole barn, 2 car att. garage with 220. Home warranty. \$249,900 (90HON) (248) 652-8000



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**WEST TROY - 4-5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial.** Open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen with butlers pantry. Dual staircases. One of Troy's finest subdivisions. \$869,900 (67GRE) (248) 524-1600

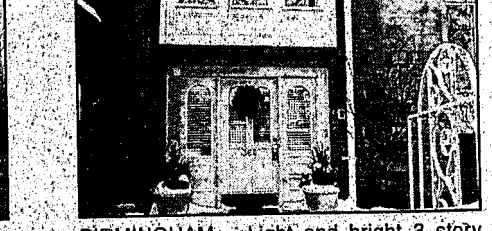


**SERENITY AND PRIVACY.** In this Oakland Township Tudor on 4 acres. Large unfinished bonus room with private entry, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library with fireplace, garden room, 2nd garage. Walking to distance to 2 golf courses. \$415,900 (99BUE) (248) 652-8000

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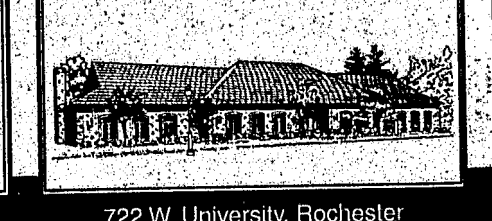
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Great location!** Wonderful home with 4 large bedrooms, family room with fireplace, living room, dining room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with built-ins, fabulous lot, basement, 2 car turned garage, best schools! \$459,000 (40VOR) (248) 642-8100



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**BIRMINGHAM.** Sophisticated 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with custom kitchen, private master bedroom, hardwood floors, crown moldings, tiered deck and finished basement. \$439,000 (77FAI) (248) 642-8100



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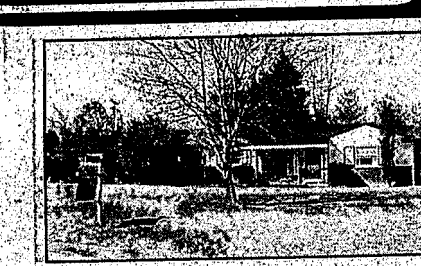
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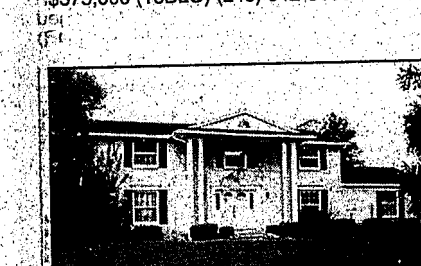
ATTN: TRANSFEREES!! Stunning builder's model with European flair! Vaulted ceiling, walkout basement to scenic wetlands! Hardwood floors. Bring offers. \$284,900 (00ESS) 363-1200

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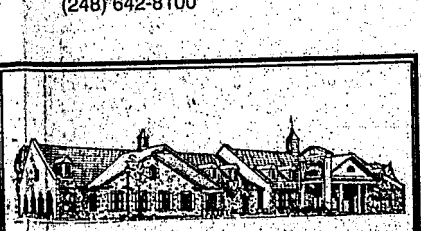
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath on large corner lot. Kirk in the Hills area. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Re-do or build. \$375,000 (18BLO) (248) 642-8100



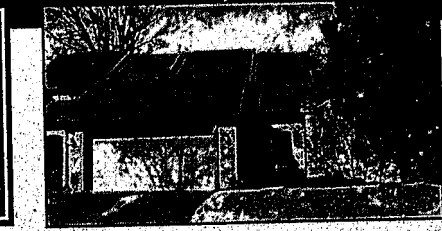
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Move-in condition situated on over 1/2 an acre. Four bedrooms, master suite with fireplace, hardwood floors, huge bedrooms, neutral decor. \$369,900 (00RAN) (248) 642-8100



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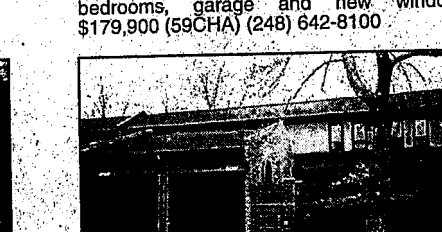
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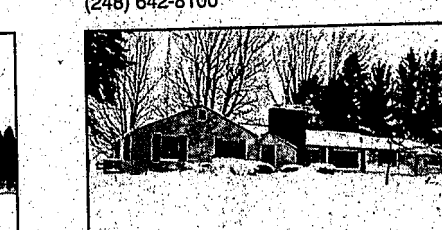
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Super 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, library, dining room, eat-in kitchen, fireplace in family room, master bedroom suite, deck, central air, 2 car attached garage. Premium lot. \$237,500 (52CAR) (248) 642-8100



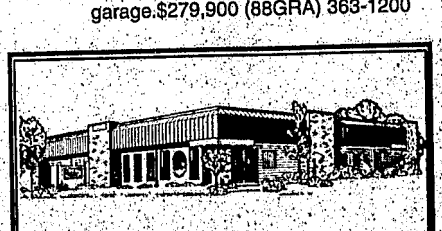
BIRMINGHAM - Charming, updated Bungalow with large master bedroom suite, striking new kitchen, tasteful decor, new roof and family room in finished basement. 3 bedrooms, garage and new windows. \$179,900 (59CHA) (248) 642-8100



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LUXURIOUS HOME - NOVI. This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home is completely updated and well maintained. All quality features. Hardwoods and ceramic throughout, fireplace and formal dining, expansive deck. Very elegant home. \$266,900 (91JAM) 363-1200



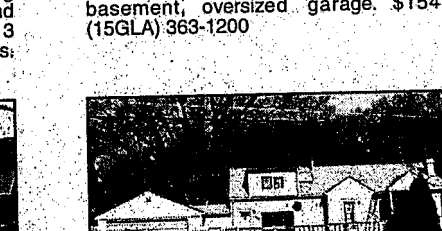
LOVELY CUSTOM 4 bedroom home. Built in 1995 and located in Commerce Twp. Professionally decorated & landscaped. Upgrades & quality throughout. Features include 3 car side entry garage, formal dining room, large great room with fireplace, 2 1/2 ceramic baths. \$262,500 (40BLUE) 363-1200



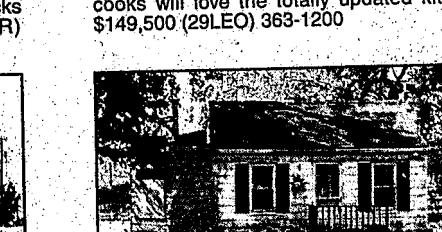
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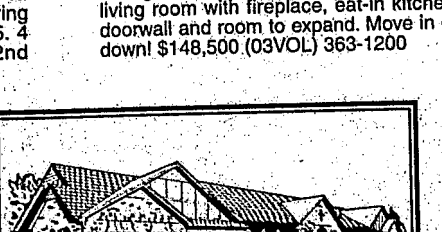
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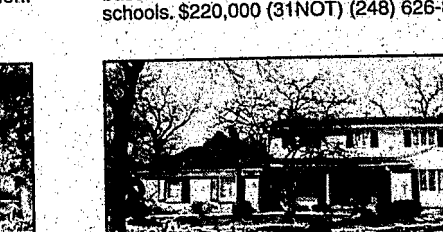
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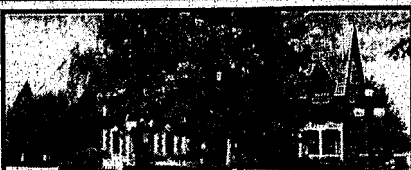


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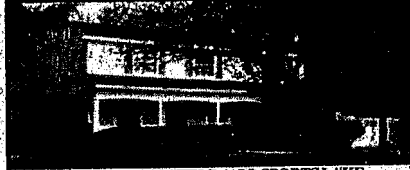
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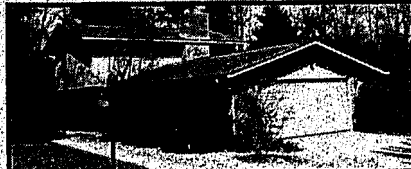
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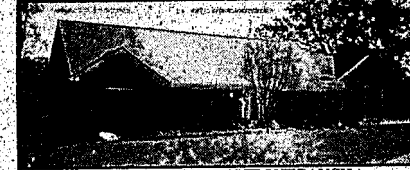
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS - DEARBORN OAKS**  
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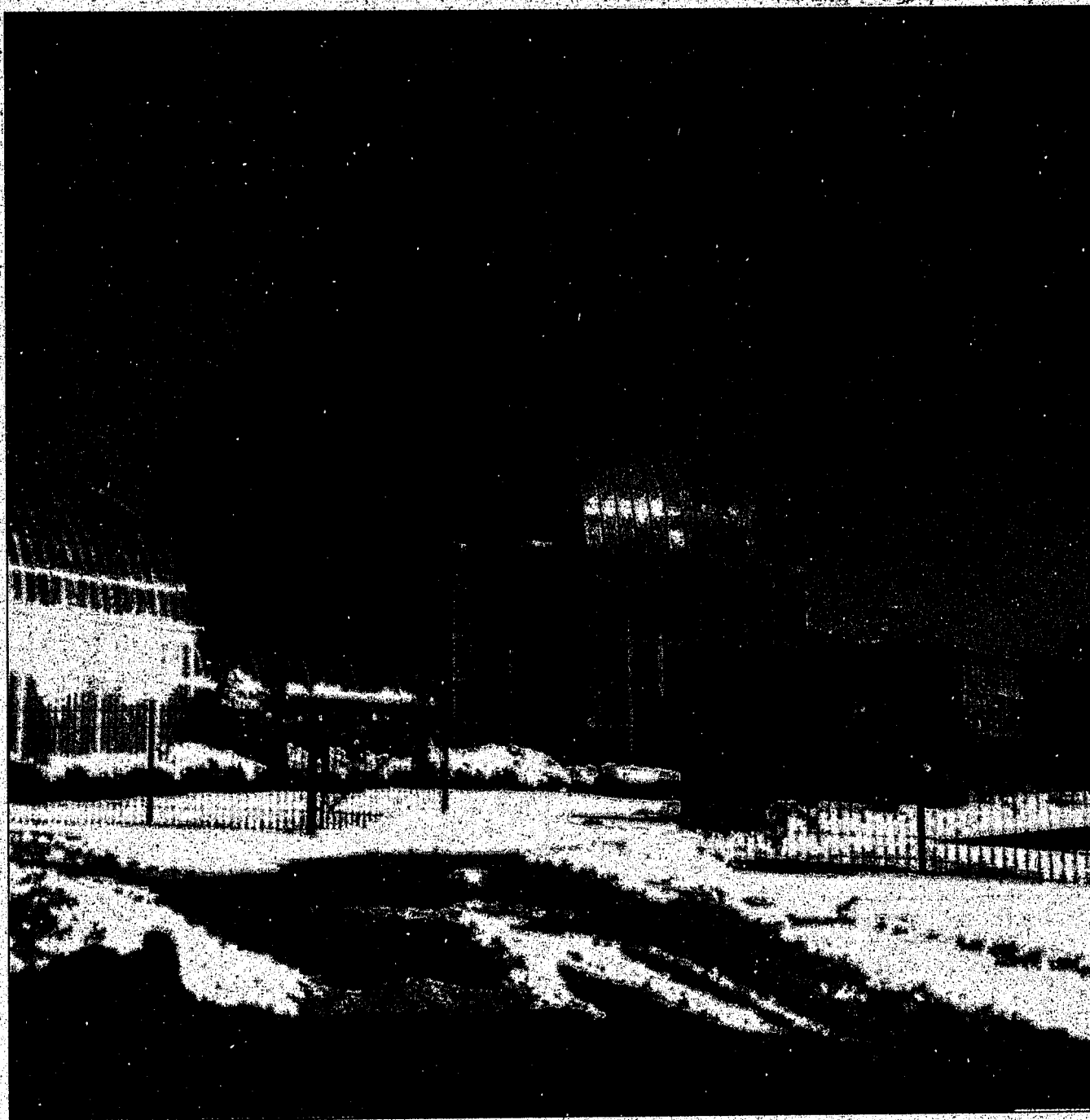
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# AT HOME

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# Go Asian: Try special vegetables



MARTY FIGLEY

National Garden Week is April 11-17 and I hope you find lots of fun things to do related to gardening. Add a little spice to your garden and try a new flower or vegetable.

Gardeners always look for outstanding plants for their gardens and we look to organizations like The National Garden Bureau to guide us in that quest. They have chosen 1999 as the year of the Salvia and the year of Asian vegetables.

The three Salvias that are easiest to grow from seed or readily available as bedding plants are scarlet sage (*Salvia splendens*), mealy cup sage (*S. farinacea*) and *S. coccinea* — all annuals here. With 900 species in the genus as the result of cross-pollination, it would be most difficult to grow them all — but it might be fun trying!

These members of the Labiateae, mint family (look for square stems) grace

many gardens, and have a long season of bloom. Flowers occur along spiky stems and if you look closely you will see the two parts of each flower. The "tube" surrounds a "case" and are often different colors, or shades of the same color, quite pretty, especially when several are grown.

Whether you're growing Salvias in the ground, or in containers, they need soil that drains well. A 1-inch layer of compost or peat moss will be beneficial before planting.

These five popular Asian Vegetables are easily grown from seed or plants and add their special flavors to many menus.

Asian Eggplant (a warm summer crop) likes full sun and well-drained soil, rich in potassium. Hot weather is ideal; a light mulch after the soil is warm.

As the plants begin to bloom, pick off the first few flowers so the energy will go into more fruit production. To control flea beetles, grow under row covers until they begin to bloom. Harvest when the skin is glossy and firm.

Asparagus Bean (yardlong), (also

summer crop) thrives in average soil that's loose and friable. Because of its natural nitrogen-fixing bacteria, there's no need to fertilize, although compost in spring is helpful.

Set plants out after soil has warmed and give them something to climb on. Harvest when beans are about half the diameter of a pencil, before seeds inside of pod have filled out and they still "snap."

Daikon (likes early spring or fall conditions) is the most popular vegetable in Japan. This root crop needs nutritious soil, deep and friable. Full sun is best.

Thinning allows the plants to develop healthy roots and is quite necessary for best results. Fertilize four weeks after planting with a high phosphate, high potash content. Harvest when mature, all at once, and store in a cool basement in damp sand, or the refrigerator.

Pak Choi/Bok Choi (grow early spring or fall) has been grown for centuries and needs full sun and a somewhat cool spot. Rich, loose, well-drained soil suits it perfectly, with organic matter mixed in.

Fertilize with composted manure or a balanced fertilizer four weeks after setting transplants. Watch for cabbage worms, cabbage root maggots and flea beetles. Harvest outer leaves early in season when they're tender; later, the tender inner leaves, or the whole head.

Snow Peas (spring or fall conditions) prefer slightly acidic soil — they don't need nitrogen. Full sun with a trellis to climb on is great.

Keep the plant well watered during dry spells and cultivate lightly to remove weeds. Mulch when the soil warms. Avoid root rot by not planting too early. Harvest when pods are beginning to swell, daily to keep plants producing. When they are spent, dig them under to add nitrogen to the soil.

If you are going to sow seeds of any of these plants, follow the package directions.

"Starting From Scratch" is the title of the program the Hill & Dale Garden Club is presenting Saturday, April 17, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

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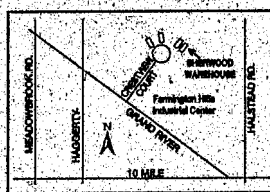
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### Garden care

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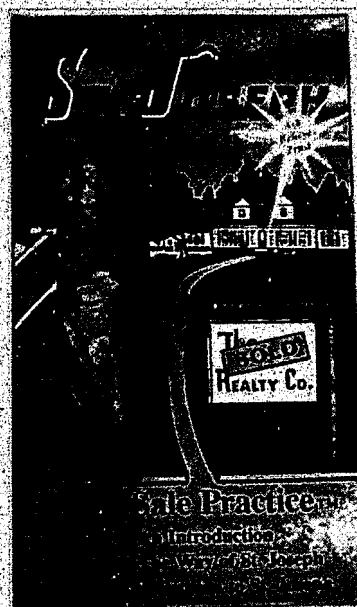
### Ceramic spring

**Extraordinary ornaments:** Artist Ann Wheat Pace's handpainted ceramic ornaments can be displayed in the window or used to add a colorful accent to a centerpiece. They are painted in the soft colors of yellow, pink, green and ocean blue, and are hung from satin ribbons. Choose from rose, sunflower, violet, butterfly and dragonfly for \$15 to \$35 at Jacobson's.



### How heavenly

**On the move:** Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge in Berkley, offers The Authentic St. Joseph Home Sale Practice™ kit for \$7. The kit comes with a St. Joseph statue, instructions and a blessing card with a special prayer, all packaged in its own special gift box. Legend has it that people who plant a statue of the saint in the ground near their house and pray to him for a quick and prosperous sale of their house have been successful. Call (248) 546-0194.



### Beautiful bags

**Seasonal accessory:** Tender, 271 W. Maple in Birmingham, carries a large range of handbags for spring in a variety of materials and colors, including knits, mesh, pastels, leather, straw and sequins. Tender has a wide selection of petite handbags, with prices starting at \$70. Call (248) 258-0212.

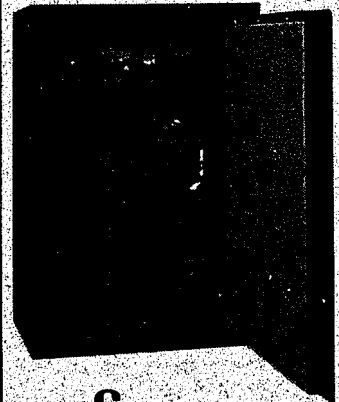
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## at home calendar

Annie Gruber will present growing essentials and selections of tempting varieties of peppers and chilies to the Troy Garden Club noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. For information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

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The program starts with coffee 9:30 a.m.; classes begin 10 a.m. and continue to 3 p.m.

Attendees can choose sessions from Creative Decorating With Items in Your Home, What to Grow When You Want to Do Flower Arranging, Make It and Take It Craft, Basic Flower Arranging, Grow Plants from Seed, Gardening Without Chemicals, and Wake Up Your Garden.

Members of the club and Janet Macunovich will be the presenters. For more information, call (248) 353-2391.

At 4 p.m. today I will be presenting "Scarborough Fair" at Bloomfest. Come say hello!

Clarification: The correct number for Green Magic fertilizer is (800) 955-3370.

## Don't guess: Soil test garden

By MARTY FIGLEY  
Special Writer

Now through April 11 you have a chance to have soil tested very easily.

Michigan State University Extension Centers in cooperation with Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) and the Huron Watershed Council is offering these tests through participating local retailers.

Soil samples can be taken from each area of your garden that has been treated differently - flower beds, vegetable plots, shrub beds or lawns.

For instance, you may take a sample from several flower beds on your property that have been treated the same, which will be one sample. For a lawn area, take several samples from different areas.

Here's what to do. Decide which type of area you wish to have tested and use a trowel to dig 4 to 6 inches in six spots. You will need a total 2 cups of soil.

Mix the six "diggings" together and put the soil in a zip-lock bag. Label the bag (or bags) according to the area of the garden being tested. The soil can be damp, but not saturated.

Take the sample to a participating retailer, where you will be assisted in

filling out the required forms. The retailer will then box the samples and send them to the MSU soil testing lab. The cost per sample is \$10.

For a retailer near your home, call (248) 858-0880 for Oakland County, (313) 833-3268 for Wayne County and (810) 469-5180 for Macomb County. The web number is <http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland>

This is a win-win situation all around. You won't have to box the samples nor will you have to pay the postage. This method is more convenient because you can deliver the samples close to your home.

You will receive information about a fertilization management program designed just for your preferred area.

"You can't know what to properly do unless you have soil tested," said Greg Patchen, Oakland County Extension agent.

"Soil testing also allows homeowners to know just the correct amount of fertilizer to use - too much can damage plants and can be a pollution threat to ground and surface water. The end result is that you will have better plants!"

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## appliance doctor

# Save money, clean your condenser



JOE GAGNON

All those years of owning an appliance repair industry and the story was the same year in and year out. The money started coming in and we started getting busy as soon as the warm weather arrived. The month of May marked a huge increase in the amount of service calls we would receive every day. It wouldn't slow down again until well into October and by that time, we had fixed or condemned a whole ton of refrigerators and freezers.

People just don't know how an increase in temperature affects the operation of a refrigeration product. The radio show which began some 15 years ago was a good vehicle in educating consumers on what to do and how to maintain a refrigerator, and today I can

say that the show has saved mucho dollars for the people who listen.

This newspaper column has done the same and many of the readers that I meet tell me they tear out the columns and paste them in a book for future reference. All of this makes my involvement worthwhile, but it still leaves me to worry about your refrigerator at home.

There are three most common problems which occur usually during warm weather that cause the service industry to pick up business during summer months. The condenser under the refrigerator, the fan motor that cools the compressor and condenser, and the defrost timer which controls the defrost cycle.

The condenser is the tubing that is located behind the front grill plate that you can remove at the front bottom of your refrigerator. That bunch of tubing, which must be kept clean, is more responsible than anything else for consumers having to buy a new product. When it is dirty, it causes such a heat

load on the compressor that everything labors more than normal. It would be like putting a blanket on the front of your car radiator and driving the car during warm weather.

Without cool air blowing through the radiator, the engine will overheat and cause serious damage. The same thing applies to the condenser under the refrigerator. The compressor will suffer serious damage, proper cooling temperatures will be affected, a huge increase in your utility bill will occur and you just might have to spend more than \$500 to the compressor replaced.

I have seen it happen to thousands of consumers and if only they had known that cleaning the condenser is a simple 15-minute operation that any homeowner can do. Purchase a long handle condenser brush from your local hardware store and shut the refrigerator off or pull the plug. Along with the crevice tool of your vacuum cleaner, get on your hands and knees and clean it as best you can.

Be careful you don't hit the fan blade

under the refrigerator because it needs to turn freely once you turn it back on. The cleaner you keep the condenser, the longer life the refrigerator will have, the better cooling temperatures it will keep and the less energy it will consume. The cooler temperatures under the refrigerator will extend the life of the condenser fan motor. The bearings on these motors are lubricated at the factory and the increase in heat factor caused by a dirty condenser created a drying effect on the bearings in the motor.

The same thing occurs to a defrost timer which is located under the product. Please keep in mind just how busy the service man is during the summer months and you will find it easy to remember how important it is to clean your condenser. If you forget, it will prove to be an expensive lesson for your pocketbook. Stay tuned.

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# Bloomfest offers acres of b

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
 Special Writer

The largest indoor flower show in Michigan begins today at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Everyone is invited to attend—10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 11—and you won't want to miss it! No windows or hot tubs here, just beautiful flowers, blooming shrubs and flowering trees that add beauty to the many landscape displays that welcome spring.

There is something for everyone of all ages at the first DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest.

"DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest is unlike any other event in the region," said show manager Faye Traskos, formerly in charge of the Ann Arbor Flower Show.

"All four acres of exhibits are dedicated to plants, flowers, gardening and artistic design. This show was created for those who love to garden, for those who simply love beauty, and for those of us in need of a peek at spring."



**Planning.** Bloomfest began in November 1996. It is produced by the Michigan Horticultural Society. DTE Energy is the presenting sponsor.

Additional sponsors/supporters are The Chrysler Fund, Ford Motor Company, NBD and Masco Corporation. Trudy Duncombe Archer, 36th District Court judge, and Anthony Earley Jr., CEO of DTE Energy, are honorary co-chairs.

## Super show

More than 45,000 square feet of major gardens designed and installed by professional landscape firms and designers are featured.

Five thousand square feet of amateur and student entries in artistic and horticultural competitive classifications recognized by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, the Michigan Division-Woman's National Farm and Garden, and the Garden Club of Michigan are being showcased.

The Centerpiece Garden for the show is a one-third scale model of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle.

Sponsored by DTE Energy Co., the model of this fabulous structure weighs 3 tons. Design Origins of Sterling Heights is the designer and builder of the model, which is overflowing with typical conservatory plants such as ferns, cacti, palms, orchids, bromeliads and other tropical plants. A waterfall adds its soothing sound.

The Conservatory garden is surrounded by four other large gardens with catchy titles such as "Splashing Varnchrist Castle" and "Patio of Tranquility."

Radiating from these carefully constructed gardens will be eight equally large landscapes with names that reflect their focus. They include "And Nature Presented Herself," "Natural Harmony," "On Golden Pond" and "Cranbrook—A World of Tranquil Beauty."

## Cranbrook Trail

Gerald Salerno is chair of the 3,000-square foot Cranbrook garden, made up of two distinct landscapes joined together by "Cranbrook Trail," on which the carriage of Cranbrook's founders, Ellen and George Booth, stands.

The carriage is "drawn" by a life-size topiary Morgan horse



Gerald Salerno, chair of Cranbrook garden.

stuffed with sphagnum moss and variegated liriopie. His name is in the Booth archives.

In this display, many wildflowers from Cranbrook's wildflower reserve are featured. Among them are

The "formal" side hints at the formal gardens of Cranbrook, and architectural elements of the estate at that time. Flowering shrubs and rosemary topiaries grow in

## Official rose

A miniature apricot rose is the official rose of the Michigan Miniature Roses show.

"It is an apricot blend with white variegation. It is used to pollinate the yellow 'Bloomfest,' which took five years to develop."

Barbara Coomer has produced the show with the American Rose Society.

## Other features

A large area invites children to play. Children's Village is an educational area with cultural-related activities taught by volunteers and their families. Several stages will feature a train that they will be riding.

The very large Marketplace will feature live plants, but also other garden-related items.

Regional gardening experts will be on hand on a variety of topics at two 10- to 15-minute garden tours.

Area cultural organizations will be holding seminars, exhibits and performances as part of this celebration.

Those that are participating in the Michigan Performing Arts



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Pewabic Pottery, historical display of containers used for garden-  
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Science, exhibit of cultural objects with floral themes and mineral  
specimens with flower forms; the Arts League of Michigan,  
Michigan Minority Artists' juried works at the show.

Also, Detroit Institute of Arts, luncheon and lecture by Eric  
Haskell, "Modern Floras: The French Woman's Garden in this  
Century," April 9, includes ticket to Bloomfest; the International  
Institute, multi-cultural doll exhibit-Hall of Nations, April 9;  
Detroit Public Library, "Gardening on the World Wide Web," 4-5  
p.m. April 9; Detroit Science Center, I-MAX Dome Tropical Rain  
Forest, April 8 and 9, "Growing Fantastic Ferns," April 10,  
"Listening To Your Plants," April 11; Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane,  
University of Michigan-Dearborn, wildflower walk in the newly  
restored garden and a Jens Jensen landscape walk.

For a complete itinerary, call the organization in which you are  
interested or the MHS.

Some of these outings can be a spur-of-the-moment decision  
when you visit the show. Complimentary transportation to some  
programs is provided.

Many different refreshments are available for purchase at the  
food court.

### Volunteers

"My job is to tie up all the millions of details to make this show  
a success," Traskos said. "Each of the 16 committee is staffed by  
hundreds of volunteers."

Larry Wright chairs the committee for the major garden  
exhibits. He is also treasurer of the MHS. Other key  
volunteers/MHS officers are Jeanne Vogt, president; Vera  
Sullivan, vice president; and Ed Eaton, secretary.

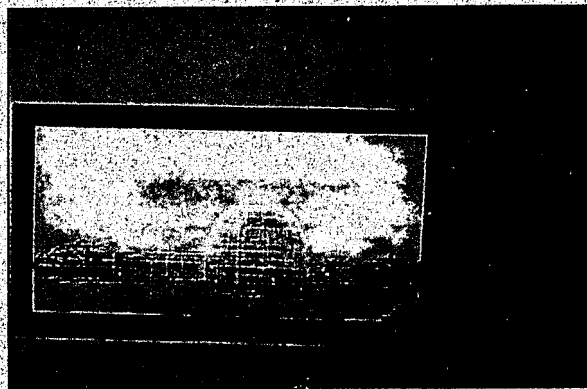
Special committee chairs are Roger Miller, Jacquelin Stengel,  
Vicki Tobis, Jean Moran, Mike Hoffman and Marilyn Gushee.  
These volunteers come from all parts of southeast Michigan. They  
have given, and are giving, along with hundreds of other people,  
countless hours to make this show a success.

Traskos gives accolades to Vogt.

"She is the spark plug of the show."

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for information about one-day tour packages.

For more information, call the MHS at (248) 646-2990, or fax:  
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**Centerpiece:** Faye Traskos, show manager, holds  
the artist rendering of the Anna Scripps  
Whitcomb Conservatory for the Centerpiece  
Garden at Bloomfest. "Bloomfest" (below, left), a  
miniature rose, will be available during the show.

### Bloomfest tickets available at many locations

Ticket prices for DTE Energy Center (seating 600-1000) are \$10.00  
and \$15.00. For more information, call (313) 341-6808.  
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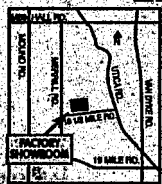
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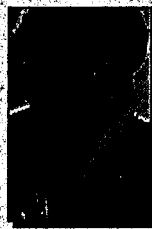
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# This olive spread isn't just the pits



**RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON**

Salty, fruity, tart, sweet or complex, the olive comes in all sizes, colors and flavors.

Tapenade (TA-puh-nahd; ta-pen-AHD), originating from France's Provence region, is a thick paste made from olives (usually black ones but green ones can be used), capers, anchovies, olive oil, lemon juice, a variety of seasonings (bay and thyme) and sometimes small pieces of tuna. It can be flavored with garlic, mustard, and even rum or Cognac. Tapenade can be mousse-like or the consistency of a relish or chutney. This specialty is used as a condiment, sauce and garnish.

Here are ideas for using Tapenade:

- Use as a spread on toast, bagel chips or crostini (perfect for hors d'oeuvres).
- Blended into a sauce, add to mayonnaise, heavy yogurt or softened cream cheese for crudites (a dip) or a salad dressing.
- Mix into cooked pasta (served hot or cold) or used as a topping for your favorite pasta.
- A topping for a submarine sandwich or a layer in a regular sandwich.
- Add to mashed potatoes, mix in after the potatoes are mashed.
- An unusual topping for a very thick soup, hot or cold.
- Use as a stuffing for fish, poultry or meat.
- A pizza base, or a focaccia topping.

## TAPENADE

This traditional black olive spread doesn't need salt, the olives and anchovies take care of that!

Yield: 1 cup

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pound large, black kalamata, Greek or Nicoise olives, pitted (stoned)
- 4 anchovy fillets (or more to taste)
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 tablespoons capers, drained
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (use a good quality)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, anchovies, garlic, and capers — process on pulse or blend briefly. With the machine running, add the olive oil in a stream. Mixture should be blended but still coarse in texture. Transfer to a bowl and add black pepper to taste.

## GREEN OLIVE TAPENADE

This version has green olives instead of black. For an additional change of flavor add a combination of different olives.

Yield: about 1 1/3 cups

Ingredients:

- 1 (10-ounce) jar cured pitted green olives, drained
- 1 (2-ounce) can anchovy fillets, well drained
- 1-2 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1 tablespoon capers, drained
- 1/4 cup olive oil (good quality)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Pinch of cayenne

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, anchovies, garlic and capers — pulse or process until smooth. With machine running, slowly add olive oil and process until mixture becomes a smooth paste (occasionally scraping down the sides of the work bowl). Mix in freshly squeezed lemon juice and cayenne pepper. Adjust seasonings.

## FRUITY TAPENADE

This fruity twist on the classic French version is great for summer grilled foods or for an appetizer served with crusty baguettes.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups black kalamata olives, pitted (stoned)
- Zest of 2 medium-sized oranges (orange part only, do not include the bitter white pith)
- Zest of 1 lemon (yellow part only, do not include the bitter white pith)
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 anchovies, well drained
- 1 teaspoon capers, drained
- 1 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh Italian flat parsley, stems removed
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint, stems removed
- 1/4 cup fresh rosemary, stems removed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (good quality)

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, zests of orange and lemon, garlic, anchovies, capers, pepper flakes, parsley, and herbs. Process on pulse, keep coarse. With the machine running, add the olive oil and process on pulse to incorporate oil. Serve well chilled.

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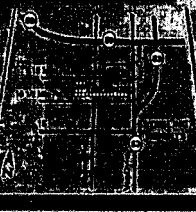
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# Don't forget to keep spark alive



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

From high atop the Eiffel Tower, the Parisian landscape was aglow with the arrival of nightfall. Nothing could be more perfect. Stress and anxiety were mere afterthoughts as you and your spouse gazed into each other's eyes.

You soon had to leave the carefree life for a trip home, down reality lane. The honeymoon was over.

The two of you returned to your jobs but kept the home fires burning. The sparkle of a new marriage brought you a richer life filled with romance and surprises. As your relationship progressed, you started a family. Date night was redefined. Wine with dinner now meant whine with whatever conversation you and your spouse could share between shoving food in your mouths and hoping, just once, to finish a meal.

Romance was not the same but that did not mean the sparks in your marriage had fizzled. Juggling work, family and relationship simply meant you faced the creative challenges of having to put each in perspective. Once you learned to do so, your relationship with your spouse became more intense than ever.

You learned to use time, at the oddest moments of the day, when work and family were not making their demands of you. You scheduled frequent weekly or biweekly dates to get out - just you and your spouse - to catch up, take in a movie, attend a cultural event, share in your favorite sports, or enjoy a romantic evening for two.

Spending time together as a couple is healthy for your marriage and your family life. Perhaps you and your spouse have forgotten how to plan your time away from work and family. If you simply need new ideas to add the elements of spontaneity and surprise back into your relationship, consider some of the following ways to help keep

the sparks flying or to rekindle a stagnant flame.

When your young children's bedtimes are cutting into your evening romance, consider putting the kids to bed a bit earlier. Make an effort to permit the kids to eat their favorite dinner earlier in the evening. After putting them to bed, concoct an inviting dinner for two by candlelight. Catch up on the week's activities, reminisce about your romance and let new sparks fly!

Even when the two of you are out with your family, find ways to steal away a few moments to be together. Plan a picnic in the park. While the kids are safely playing Frisbee, football or catch, take advantage of quiet talk time and the fact that you are together.

Affectionate hugs and kisses between you and your spouse on a daily basis let both of you know the other cares and makes you each feel special. Your children view these as signs of a healthy, loving relationship, and a stable family life.

Surprising your spouse with a single rose or a romantic verse can bring more sizzle to your relationship than spending a great deal of money on an expensive gift. Treat your spouse at the end of a long, grueling day. Include your love note inside a lunch bag or waiting for your spouse under the pillow.

On index cards, write out words associated with your favorite local entertainment venues. Instead of having concrete plans for the evening, ask your spouse to draw a card from your stack. Make the place associated with the name on this card your evening's starting point. Stay as long as you desire before drawing another card. You might find the perfect place to spend the majority of your evening or decide to pack in a number of locations around town.

Don't let the sizzle fizzle out of your relationship with a lot of excuses. Make the time for each other by making the extra effort to trade in old routines for new ones that add both a sense of excitement and a fresh approach to your relationship.

## at home calendar

A master composter class sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority will take place Thursdays beginning 7-9 p.m. April 15 at the Royal Oak Senior Adult Center. Registration is \$15 for southeast Oakland County community residents,

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## focus on photography

# Setting makes a world of difference



MONTE NAGLER

In past columns, I've discussed the need to keep things simple, express a single idea, and keep backgrounds simplified to assure the viewer's attention will be directed toward the main subject.

But there are times when using the environment as a backdrop can add an extra dimension to your pictures. The environment, when used effectively, can make an otherwise ordinary photograph into one that's extraordinary.

In a picture of a person, for example, what surrounds the subject can tell us something of his or her interests, job or social status. You'll often see environmental portraits where much is learned about the person by the "clutter" in the finished picture.

Sometimes you might just "stumble" onto an unusual photo opportunity where the environment can be a very

important ingredient in the end result. This happened to Carol Gies of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., on a recent trip to Tampa, Fla.

Carol, with camera in hand, was visiting Busch Gardens hoping for some good photo opportunities.

As she rounded a bend in a pathway, she was greeted with a pattern of strong sunbeams filtering through the trees and accentuated by morning mist. And at that moment, a young boy came skipping down the path and Carol, ever ready with her camera, captured the moment.

You can see by the photograph shown here how important the environment is in adding impact and drama to Carol's shot.

This is a picture that "tells a story" because of the incorporation of the environment in the photograph.

As in all good photography, pay attention to lighting and camera angle and choose the lens that will enable you to include all that you want in the viewfinder. Be sure to use an aperture small enough to place all the items in your composition in the camera's depth-



of-field.

So think about using the environment in your photography. You'll add many proud pictures to your portfolio.

**Beaming boy:** Carol Gies, one of Monte Nagler's top photography students, effectively used the environment to produce this impact-filled picture at Busch Gardens, Florida.

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BY MARTY FIGLEY  
Special Writer

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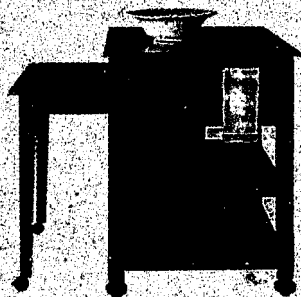
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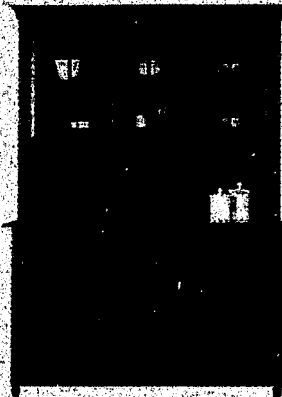
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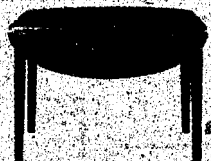
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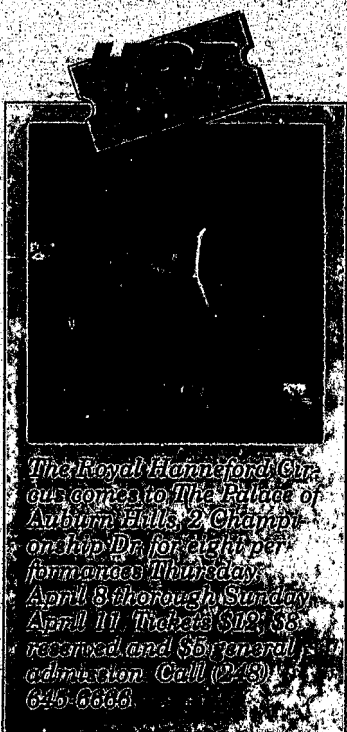


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## SUNDAY



**Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (313) 576-5111.**



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## DOC is happy to be on the road again

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

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For 30 years Doc Severinsen made a steady gig. Same place, same time five nights a week for a national audience of insomniacs on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

Now, Severinsen, 71, is on the road 46 weeks a year and, he says, "having the time of my life."

On Friday, April 16, Severinsen will bring his All Star Big Band to Orchestra Hall and he promises a "hot" night. Two-thirds of the band are former players with Severinsen's Tonight Show Band.

"We'll be on stage and playing jazz, blues, lots of blues," he said. "A lot of these are the guys that created that sound. Elmer Watts on sax, Snooky Young and Conte Candoli, who played with Woody Herman and Stan Kenton, on trumpet. Bill Perkins on baritone sax, Eddie Shaughnessy on drums, Ross Thompson on piano and Barbara Morrison on vocals."

Tonight Show fans remember Severinsen as much for his flamboyant attire and witty repartee with Carson as they do for his often dramatic trumpet stylings, but Severinsen knows his way around the trumpet, which he calls a "glorious instrument but a jealous mistress."

Now that mistress is getting its fair share of attention.

Severinsen began playing when he was a 7-year-old in Arlington, Ore. Named Carl after his father, he picked up his moniker because his father was a dentist and Severinsen was known as Little Doc.

As a kid in eastern Oregon, the only contact I had with music was the jukebox or the bus stop or the radio, he said. "Swing bands were the thing and I heard Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Glenn Miller. Guess Harry James played trumpet and certainly made an impression on me. Also Louis Armstrong and when I heard Dizzy Gillespie, that got to me. Miles Davis was someone I



Guest artist: Doc Severinsen and his All Star Big Band will play swing, jazz, and lots of blues during their concert at Orchestra Hall.

thought the world of. When I was with Charlie Barnet and I met Clark Terry, he was a big influence."

After a stint in the Army, the young Severinsen toured with the Benny Goodman band before settling down with a job as a staff musician at NBC in 1949. He joined the Tonight Show Orchestra under Skitch Henderson in 1962 and took over the band in 1967. The show made him famous and he admits to missing it — at first.

"When you go to a job that regularly and it's that big a deal, it's not exactly out of sight, out of mind. It was sweet sorrow," he said.

Now he finds his band right in step with the times as the country is experiencing a swing revival, though Severinsen said he's been drawing young audiences all along.

"They've been coming right along. I've taken this band out for the last 15 years and the first thing I noticed was how many young people there were," he said. "When the swing revival thing came about I was a little surprised but then I thought about how the young people came to hear us."

**WHAT:** Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series

**WHERE:** Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 16

**TICKETS:** \$15-\$45 may be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office or by calling (313) 576-5111.



**Conductor: Hubert Soudant, who will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program on April 15, has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.**

## Orchestra keeps Mozart's music alive and well

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. He began to play the harpsichord at age 3 and was composing by the time he was 6. The boy genius never stopped until his life was cut tragically short by rheumatic fever on Dec. 4, 1792.

Salzburg was an inspiration and source for Mozart's music and today continues to keep his music alive.

On April 15, Hubert Soudant will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

"Salzburg in winter is a very German town," said Soudant by telephone from Salzburg. "But in the summer, it is an Italian town. In Mozart there is a very great Italian influence in his music."

This warmth and emotion have made Mozart universally loved.

"His music is so universal, first of all," Soudant said. "He talks to the heart of the people in many ways. He's funny, happy, very sad, all kinds of human feelings are involved in his music. The success of Mozart's music is that it talks to everyone."

The Mozarteum Orchestra has a strong historical connection to the great composer beyond being located in his native city. The orchestra dates from 1841 when citizens of Salzburg, together with Mozart's widow Constanze, founded the "Cathedral Music

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**WHO:** Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg conducted by Hubert Soudant with Till Fellner, piano; Katharine Goldner, mezzo-soprano.

**WHAT:** All Mozart program featuring Symphonies No. 25 in G minor and No. 36 in G Major; Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major; and two operatic selections.

**WHERE:** Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan as part of the University Musical Society series.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15

**TICKETS:** \$16-\$45. Call the UMS Box Office at (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

## POPULAR MUSIC

### Sponge woos hometown with 'New Pop Sunday'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

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When Vinnie Dombroski hits the stage, it's impossible to look elsewhere. Whether it be Dombroski's bright, mustard-colored vest, impossibly thin body, or charismatic stage presence, Sponge's lead singer is interesting to watch.

Fans feel the same way. During a performance at Guitar Center in Roseville last month, Dombroski sauntered into the crowd and nearly stepped on a young, suit-wearing teen. The youngster didn't seem to care, he just wanted to snap a photo. After a few expletives and a lot of trembling, the teen seemed able to get his shot.

Snapping his fingers toward the sky, Dombroski along with bandmates guitarist Mike Cross, bassist Tim Cross, drummer Charlie Grover, and guitarist/slide guitarist Joey Mazzola tore through hits like the drunken

slide guitar-laden "Wax Ecstatic" and the pop song "Molly (Sixteen Candles)."

But Sponge's visit was all about wooing its hometown crowd into buying "New Pop Sunday" when it hits stores this Tuesday. "New Pop Sunday" (Beyond) sticks closely with the pop formula of its debut "Rotting Piñata" (Columbia).

That was a move that, Dombroski and Mazzola explained, was calculated. The decision was based more on influences than the fact that the brilliant, bluesy sophomore effort "Wax Ecstatic" (Columbia) was largely ignored by the label.

"We always had pop influences from the very beginning of this band. The first album has got pop songs on it, as well as just like rock songs," Mazzola said.

With "New Pop Sunday," the slide guitar has been pushed to the background making way for hand claps,

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCIMANN

**Celebrating release: Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski sings tracks off his band's latest album "New Pop Sunday" at Overture Studios in Novi. The performance was part of an "Edge Session" hosted by the now-defunct alternative station WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge."**



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Association and Mozarteum." This group was to be devoted to "the refinement of musical taste with regard to sacred music as well as concert." The orchestra performed all kinds of music from symphonies to incidental music for burlesques and plays. It acquired its present name in 1908.

The orchestra's modern reputation dates from 1920 when Bernhard Paumgartner was invited to participate in the first Salzburg Festival. Today the 91-member Mozarteum is the orchestra for the province and city of Salzburg, gives 130 performances a year and records on several labels. Though playing the full repertoire of serious music, the orchestra is closely associated with the music of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert.

"When I started to conduct this orchestra about five years ago, I became a happier person through playing this music. It makes you a richer person," Soudant said.

In addition to being the chief conductor for the Mozarteum Orchestra, Soudant, 53, is also the chief conductor for the

Orchestra and Opera of Nantes/Angers. He also serves as guest conductor for many leading orchestras around the world. In the United States he has conducted the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony. He is also a leading conductor for opera.

Soudant has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

"The most important thing is that it has to be alive, funny, dancing, twinkling in the eye," he said. "Mozart done stiffly, you can't express the soul of the composer."

The two symphonies provide a contrast. Symphony No. 36 "Linz" is, according to Soudant, lightly textured "with a beautiful second movement." But Symphony No. 25 is different.

"The G minor symphony is a statue, a column in every musician's life, to feel the deepness of this music," Soudant said. "It's always a struggle, a profound work."

Also profound is the Piano Concerto No. 25, Mozart's longest concerto.

"It's like going through the

complete life of a person, so much is involved," Soudant said.

The pianist, Jill Fellner, is regarded as one of the finest young interpreters of Mozart's music.

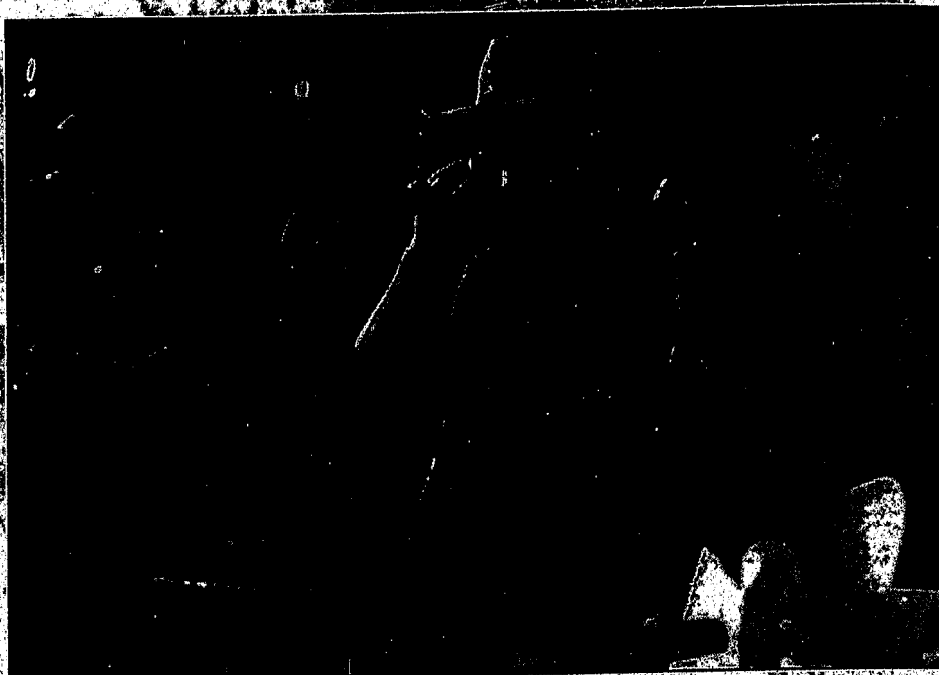
Soudant said that in addition to having "brilliant technique," Fellner knows how to "look for the music."

The program at Hall will include two vocal selections, "Alma grande e nobil core" and "Cho to mi scordi di te" performed by Katharine Goeldner.

"In the time of Mozart, composers wrote for courts and the church, financed by the church or a prince or princess. They asked composers to write operas for them," Soudant said. "For these small cities, it was an evening out, the entertainment of the time."

Soudant said Mozart is the biggest name in opera, combining his protean musical talent with the other elements of literature and staging that make opera "all arts in one."

The Mozarteum performance is one of 10 on a tour of major U.S. cities April 8-22.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Half-hour show: *Sponge* - from left, slide guitarist Joey Mazzola, singer Vinnie Dombroski, and guitarist Mike Cross - played "Wax Ecstatic" and, from "New Pop Sunday," "Planet Girls" and "Live Here Without You" during its "Edge Session" in late March.

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hip-shaking melodies ("Planet Girls," "Live Here Without You") and '80s-inspired riffs ("When You're on Fire Baby Roll").

But "New Pop Sunday" is a heart-breaker of an album. Take, for example, the first single "Live Here Without You" where Dombroski sings: "I can't kiss you anymore/ I can't miss you anymore/ Love's not easy to ignore/ When your heart lies bleeding on the floor/ I just sit and count the days/ days until you'll be mine."

"New Pop Sunday" was started as a project for Columbia but creative differences severed the relationship between Sponge and the Sony-owned label.

"It was a mutual decision. We were dissatisfied with the record and the direction that the record was taking. It was a business decision at that point," said Mike Cross, an Oakland County resident.

The reason why we weren't so inclined to want to release a third record on Columbia was we understood one thing: if we had another shot at releasing a single, that single would literally get 6-8 weeks of push from the label, just like "Wax Ecstatic" got. If it didn't just blow out in 6-8 weeks they'd either move on to another single or they'd get off the record," added Dombroski who, since "Wax Ecstatic" has shed his gold tooth.

Newly inspired, Sponge ditched producer John Kalodner, returned to The Loft in Saline and engineer Tim Patalan, who also worked on "Wax Ecstatic" and "Rotting Piñata." Kalodner signed Aerosmith to Geffen Records in 1984 and continues to work with the group.

Dombroski said that Sponge was unhappy with Kalodner's preference to lean toward two-

part guitar arrangements.

"The thing that was pretty consistent with the last two records, was the laying of guitars. We had a lot of different guitar parts going on. The direction of the record a year ago was just two-part guitar arrangements. We don't do that kind of stuff. It's more layered," Dombroski explained.

Returning to Patalan is a testament to the band's faith in the producer - or, perhaps, just karma.

"No matter how we try to get away, we always have to go back there," bassist Tim Cross said.

Sponge will perform and sign autographs at noon Sunday, April 11, at Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The show is free. Call (248) 626-4533 or visit <http://www.sponge-online.com> for more information.

# Greenfield Village plows into spring

(PRNewswire) — Flowers are blooming, the grass is green and new life is abounding as Greenfield Village begins its 70th season.

The Village will celebrate Spring Farm Days April 22-25. Visitors can see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries from plowing the land to spring cleaning.

"For the past 70 years we've told stories of how ordinary Americans accomplished extraordinary feats," said Christian Overland, director of Public and School Programs. "This year, we're celebrating our history and offering visitors experiences which are fun, educational, and inspirational. In just a few short weeks, our Merino sheep will be giving birth to the new lambs of spring."

Stroll down one of the village's historic lanes as the celebration of 70 years of American innovation and resourcefulness will be felt from the Noah Webster House to the Cape Cod Windmill.

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Before crossing into the new millennium, take another walk back in time across the Ackley Covered Bridge built in 1832 but recently rejuvenated for years to come!

School's almost out for the year but it's back to school for Sam and Jeb, our young team of working steers-in-training. Notable village favorites, these two-year-old oxen will be put back in their yokes and walked through the village roads.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, Michigan, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

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# Hilberry does lyrical 'Playboy'

Wayne State University's Hilberry graduate theater company presents Ireland's finest literary masterpiece, John Millington Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" in rotating repertory through May 8 at theater, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

If St. Patrick's Day has you longing for the lyric tongue of the Emerald Isle, look no further than the Hilberry Theatre's stage. They may not be in Cork town, but the fine lasses and lads fill the auditorium with the rich language of a literary masterpiece, and a little blarney as well.

"The Playboy of the Western World" is a poetic story of a young man on the run who

believes he killed his father with an angry blow from a shovel. The local peasants, awed by his notoriety, treat him like a hero, and he is beset by fawning females. However, events take an unexpected turn when his supposedly dead father arrives in sore pursuit.

Emily Miller is warm and sensually romantic as Pegeen, the publican's daughter whose bored acceptance of her betrothal to Shawn, a young farmer, changes to defiant excitement when she turns her charms upon the fleeing felon Christopher.

Puppy-faced Matt Troyer winningly portrays Christopher Mahon, the shovel-wielding son whose newfound notoriety at first confounds and then delights him. Troyer's face displays a multitude of moods, from sensual satisfaction from the fawning females to dumfounded fear

when his staggering and furious father crashes in on his newfound fame.

David Engelman gets a break from somber, serious roles as he assumes the persona of the hapless, weak-willed fiancée. Both his verbal and physical performance of Shawn, Pegeen's intended, capture the comic yet human aspects of the character's jealousy and frustration as Christopher and Pegeen gravitate closer together.

The village maidens, played by Sara Catheryn Wolfe, Heidi Olson, and Tanisha Gonzalez, and a scheming widow, played by Cat Shoemaker, kept the audience in stitches with their barely contained fawning over Christopher. The rough and resurrected father, played by Fred Shahadi, also took full advantage of physical comedy to garner his share of the laughter.

In a fascinating scene, an outside horse race was feverishly watched from the pub window by the locals. In contrast to this excited energy, the heartfelt dialogue between Pegeen and Christopher captures the play's romantic and lyric nature.

The set is wonderfully detailed yet rough hewn, with straw and mud walls, a huge stone hearth, and meticulously detailed props, right down to a straw-stuffed mattress. The costumes captured the careless, careworn peasant attire, with attentive detail spent even on the laced up boots of the era.

The dialogues may be difficult to follow at times due to the heavily accented and lyrical nature of the script. However, it's easier to follow than Shakespeare, and closer to our era by a long shot.

## Former acrobat wrestles alligators in Hanneford Circus

The Royal Hanneford Circus comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. SCall (248) 645-6666 for ticket information.

BY KEELY WYONIK  
STAFF WRITER

kwyonik@oe.homecomm.net

Alligators are hardly cuddly critters, but Tahar likes them very much.

"They don't make noise, and they're not stinky," said Tahar, one of the featured performers in

the Royal Hanneford Circus opening tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Born in Marrakesh, Morocco in North Africa, Tahar began his circus career as an acrobat not an alligator wrestler.

He holds the Guinness World record for supporting the largest human pyramid of all time — 12 men, three tiers high, for a total weight of 1,700 pounds.

"I was with Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus when they asked me if I wanted to develop an alligator act for an African show," he said. "I trained with a guy in the Everglades in

Florida."

Tahar's act was a success, and he left the circus to perform at casinos in Las Vegas. He's also been featured on TV shows in Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela.

"Kids are crazy for them," said Tahar about the alligators he wrestles. "People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience."

He's been hurt a couple of times, but not bad enough to quit. "Alligators are not smart," said Tahar. "I just handle them."

He owns an alligator farm in

Texas and changes the alligators he uses in his act every six months. "The new ones are more active and do a better job," he said. "People like them so much."

Tahar is just one of the highlights of the Royal Hanneford Circus, which features artists from around the world.

Johnny Peers and The Muttville Comix is a slapstick comedy act involving a menagerie of mongrels. The dogs, acquired through animal shelters, have been trained to knock Johnny down and walk over him.

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Tahar

Alligator wrestler

Gina and Joyce and The Nerveless Nocks who have earned universal acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping waypoles, completely free of guy wires and safety means.

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as eight-year-old Roman Tomanov dangles high above the floor from two canvas straps for a death defying gymnastic routine that definitely cannot be done at home.

## Producer searches out local reggae band

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We've all done it. Maybe we're button pushing the radio in a traffic jam and catch the tail end of an unfamiliar tune. Or we're at home preparing dinner and using the radio as background noise when an irresistible and unknown piece of music catches our ear. We have to know more.

Ever get so obsessed that you call the radio station and plead for information from anyone who will take your call? "Sorry, I don't know the name of the song or the artist, but it goes like this ... doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo." Sadly, so does everything from Beethoven's Fifth to "Heartbreaker" by the Rolling Stones. Frustrated and a bit humiliated, we usually abandon our pursuit.

It happened recently to Ron Pangborn, who serves as music producer for the "Backstage Pass" series on Detroit Public Television. Ron has been on a mission to ensure that standouts from every genre of music get their gig on the show. It was reggae's turn, and he was scouting Michael Julian's Saturday night Caribbean music program on

WDET-FM when he was struck by a piece from a band called Universal Xpression.

Remember the Richard Dreyfuss character in "American Graffiti," who stalked Wolfman Jack to get a dedication out to the mysterious blonde (Suzanne Somers) in the T-Bird. Ron approached his search for the band with the same drive and passion, and, fortunately, he didn't have to look far. An overnight technician who works in the adjoining control room to the "Backstage Pass" studio had the scoop.

"He told me that Universal Xpression is a Detroit-based band. So I tracked them down on their web site and booked them immediately on the show," he says. The sextet has excellent credentials, recording five albums during its six year existence, and touring with such notables as Burning Spear and Third World. It was the intriguing blend of reggae, with an undertone of American, African and Latin rhythms that caught Ron's ear.

"It's always gratifying when you hear music this fresh and exciting, especially when you discover that a local band is creating the sounds," he adds.

I was happy to oblige when Ron nudged me into featuring them on the show and this column, because I know how these

obsessions go. It also occurs to me that if scenes from that movie were set in the late '90s, the mysterious blonde in the T-Bird would probably have a web site and ruin the plot. Of course, there might be some suspense over whether she was Y2K compliant.

There's no denying Ron's passion for music. When it comes to commitment to theatre, we may never see another story as incredible as Chuck Forbes' successful effort to save his Gem Theatre. When the Gem was threatened with extinction as plans for a new baseball stadium were taking shape a year and a half ago, Forbes had the five million pound structure put up on wheels and rolled to a new home five blocks away. It was a feat that merited attention by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Dave Toorongian, one of the producers of the recent television documentary "The Hudson's Building," is preparing a segment which chronicles the theatre's history and the amazing relocation to Madison Avenue. But the key to this success story is Chuck Forbes' devotion to his 450-seater, which made its triumphant re-opening last September.

In an edition of "Backstage Pass" airing on Detroit Public TV at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11, an admiring view of the Gem will be

presented, along with an in-studio performance by the cast of its current production, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and the music of Universal Xpression.

Ron Pangborn found music of the Caribbean in his hometown. Chuck Forbes found a new neighborhood five blocks away for his beloved theatre. It's a reminder that we usually don't have to travel far to indulge our passions for the arts.

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#### FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

#### GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

#### MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Meet Me in St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors, \$80 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

#### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," Wednesday-Sunday, April 14-May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 14-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

### OPERA

#### ELIZABETH PARCELLS

The Detroit coloratura soprano sings songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini, and offers commentary on the music during a concert noon Wednesday, April 14, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

#### VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Canton Project Arts presents "Discover Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by an informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About," and a display of rare opera posters, 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. \$10. (734) 397-6417

### COLLEGE

#### EMU THEATRE

"The House of Blue Leaves," this award-winning play is a farce about a middle-aged zoo attendant who longs to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday-Saturday, April 9-11, and Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7, Thursday, \$12, Friday-Saturdays, \$10, Sunday. (734) 487-1221

#### UD MERCY THEATRE

"Bliss Blues," Neil Simon's play set in a U.S. Army boot camp during World War II, Friday, April 9, to Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

#### U-M THEATRE

Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, through April 11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

#### U-M THEATRE DEPARTMENT

"Candide," by Leonard Bernstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 student seating. (734) 764-0450

#### WSU HILBERT THEATRE

"The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

#### WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"The Subject Was Roses," the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of a World War II veteran, through April 18, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

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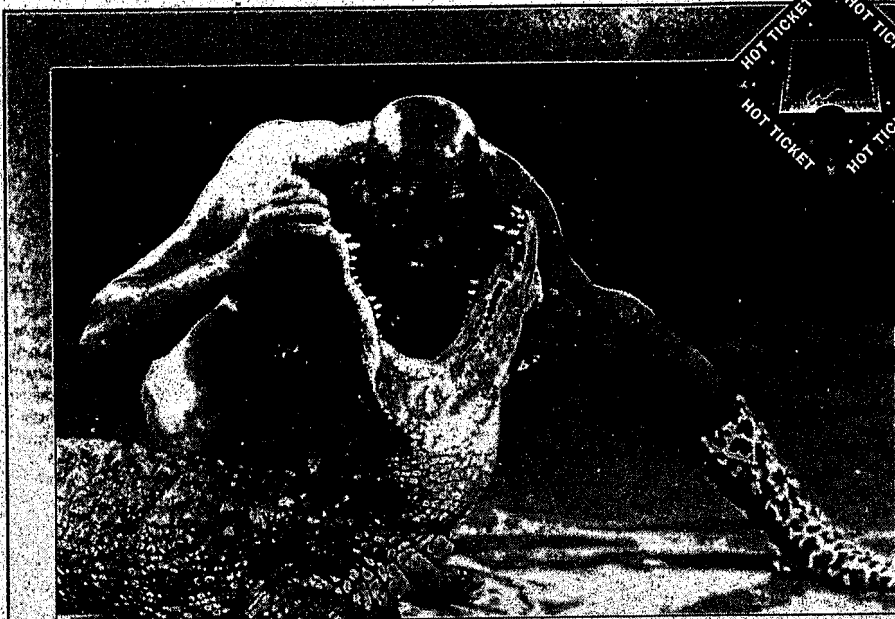
"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 16-17 and 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

#### SHAKESPEARIANCE

A workshop production of "The Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75, Hamtramck. \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

#### TROY PLAYERS

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April



**Family event: Tahar and his alligators are one of the featured acts in the Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats \$4 opening night. All seats for the Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the performance on April 8 and the 11 a.m. performance on April 9. Call (248) 645-6666.**

10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285

### DINNER THEATRE

#### BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

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"Did He Say... Murder?," an interactive mystery about the murder of the grandson of the last owner of the Nelson Hotel in Plymouth, a production by Such and Such with dinner by Palermo's Italian Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. \$64, \$120 couples. (734) 453-7590, ext. 200

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

#### MASONIC TEMPLE

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales

#### NOVI THEATRES

"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

#### PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturday-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 682-8118

#### CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

Students from Interlochen Arts Academy and their instructors will give workshops and a performance of "You're a Good Man, Charles Brown," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800/(616) 276-7604

#### YOUTH THEATRE

"The Secret Garden" New York's Theatreworks/USA turns the classic into a warm, compassionate play, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 983-2366

### BENEFITS

#### "AROUND THE WORLD"

Madonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other projects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft

Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

#### BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

Presents "Wonderfully Wicked Women," a murderously funny musical revue, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 (\$22, cabaret-style seating), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$18), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 738-9827

#### BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. (248) 852-7420

#### "COLLISION OF COOL"

A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645-3333

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUILD FLEA MARKET

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museum, at Historic Fort Wayne. Free, \$1 for parking. (313) 821-7795

#### PLANT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake. Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441

#### RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livonia and Crooks Road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

### FAMILY EVENTS

#### CELEBRATION BASH

Learn to host a children's party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. (248) 352-0990

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

#### KIDS CONCERT

Mike Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

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Celebrates the release of his new children's CD with a party and performance, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

#### ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matinee, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 8 and 11 a.m. performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance on April 10 for \$5. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

#### TINY TOTS CONCERT

By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzo-soprano Barbara Witale, and story-telling mime Nina Kiroher, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3-6, at Mercy High School, 29800 11 Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road,

Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

#### U-M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors, \$20 families. (248) 380-5940

### CLASSICAL

#### ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

With guest artist Kristy Meretta in Mozart's "Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.html

#### ATLANTIS TRIO

Jaap Schroeder, violin; Penelope Crawford, harpsichord/fortepiano; and Enid Sutherland, cello/violoncello/gamba, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

#### BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orchestra and pops conductor, Charles Greenwell performs a concert of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

#### CONCERTO CONCERT

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition winners perform with Eastern Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Schubert's Symphony No. 8 and Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$63. (313) 576-5111

#### HARP HEAVEN

University of Michigan harp professor Lynne Asnes directs her students in this annual harp gala, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$5. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

#### ITZHAK PERLMAN

Celebrates, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respighi, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 p.m. on Stage chat with Reed), at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students k-12, afterglow at Gino's Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders. (734) 451-2112

#### DAVID RUSSELL

The classical guitarist performs music by Giuliani, Loelliet, Davies, Mompou and a selection of Celtic melodies, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$30, \$20, \$15. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

#### VERMEER STRING QUARTET

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, program of Haydn, Verdi and Dvorak, in the Lila Jones-Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College, Royal Oak. (248) 737-9980

### POPS/SWING

#### BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE CABARET

Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylea and Julie Buxholm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

#### BOOTS RANDOLPH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

#### VICTOR BORGE

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111

#### CAPITOL THEATRE

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and contemporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., Windsor. Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

#### COLIN JAMES BIG BAND

8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10, \$8 students. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

#### THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Presents a new musical-theater piece "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orchestra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra-like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587

#### STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing)

#### IV-VI ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

### AUDITIONS

#### BW PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven," experience necessary. (313) 865-2375

#### "EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26

#### KIWANIS KAVALIERS

Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or http://www.kavaliers.com

#### SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY

Auditions for ages 10-18 for the conservatory's Theater Performance Ensemble production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, students should prepare a two-minute comic monologue, a fee is applicable for class participation if accepted, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. (734) 453-7590, ext. 315

#### STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

### CHORAL

#### COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION OF TROY

Presents "White Cliffs of Dover," songs of World War II and starring Laine Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy., Troy. (810) 979-8406/(248) 435-5307

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CHOIRS

8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

#### MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Blehl's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufle and Maurice Green; also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708

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## WORLD MUSIC

### THE ARTICLES

10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9676 (Jamaican jazz)

### IMMUNITY

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (reggae)

### LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO!

Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

### BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO

With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$17 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (Zydeco)

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

### CULTURE VULTURES

8:40 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (bluegrass/swing)

### CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARKER

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass/folk)

### JAN KRIST

With Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

### JOHN MCCUTCHEON

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### PAPERBOYS

8 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and Friday, April 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

## POETRY

### OPEN MIKE SERIES

Features Linda Nemeo Foster (Living in the Fire), and Barbara Drake (Peace at Heart, An Oregon Country Life), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Free.

### RAY MANZAREK AND MICHAEL MCCLURE

Spoken word performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### PLYMOUTH POETS

"Student Writers Night" featuring Peter Marcus, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St., Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

### POETRY IN MOTION

Features Patt Trama, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, also 7 p.m. book release party for Marc Maurus, at the Grand Cafe 33316 Grand River Ave., near Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

### RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

The poet and popular musical group give performances of their collaboration of Poetry and Rock, Jazz and World Music, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at University of Michigan League, (734) 763-4652; 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Borders in Novi Town Center, (248) 347-0780

### THE WRITER'S VOICE

Featuring nationally known New Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne Socolow and Penelope Scambly Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, West of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 398

## DANCE

### BALLET INTERNATIONALE

"A Thousand and One Nights," an exotic spectacle by dancers from the Kirov, Moscow, Bolshoi, Joffrey and New York City ballets, Friday-Sunday, April 16-18, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$31.50-\$41.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 963-2366

### RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY

The Chicago-based troupe performs a program of jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

### TANGO CLASSES

8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-

3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy.

### WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile east of Hooyer, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

## COMEDY

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Zito, Ken Dumm and Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12); Basile and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), special Greek show, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Chris Titus, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Ralph Harris through April 11, also appearing Jeff Margrett; Kathleen Madigan Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, April 14-15 and 18 (\$10) and Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), also Chris Zito, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

### SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

### SINBAD

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

### THE REV. BILLY C. WIRTZ

8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

## POPULAR MUSIC

### THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

### ALMIGHTY GROOVE

With R.U.J. and SinEmbargo, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

### BILL BARCALOW

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy listening)

### JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

### BIG SAM

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

### BLACK BEAUTY WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

### "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With The Pantlegs, Seeds of Thought, The Lash and The Pirates, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

### BLUECAT

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

### BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

### BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (R&B)

### THE BOUNCING SOULS

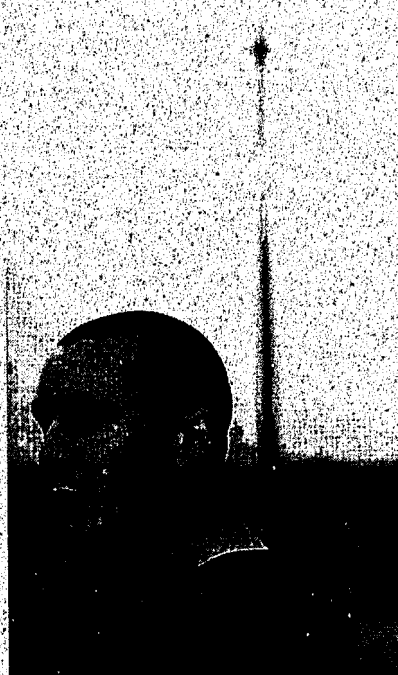
With Antiflag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

### BRIDGE

With Face, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 (rock)

### BUCK-O-NINE

With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,



April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska/punk)

### BUSTERS BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues/funk)

### SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 (rock)

### CHEROKEE

Concert and autograph signing, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Hudson's, main floor, mall entrance (concert), and the Polo jeans department (personal appearance), Northland Mall, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 443-6000 (blues/soul)

### CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

### CLOUD 9

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 8-10, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth: Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40/dance)

### BOBBY CONN

With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

### DICK DALE

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (surf)

### DIVESPIRE

With Current, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

### EASY ACTION

With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

### ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (funk)

### ELECTRIC MAGI

With Eden's Journal, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

### ELEPHANT GERALD

With Skinmill, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (rock)

### ELIZA

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic pop)

### EMMET SWIMMING

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (alternative rock)

### EVE 6

With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop rock)

### THE EX-HUSBANDS

6:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)

### PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010 or [petebigdog@provident.net](http://petebigdog@provident.net) (blues)

### FINGER 11

With Buck Cherry, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

### FLETCHER PRATT

With The Neptunes, Slumber Party and Dean Fertile, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/pop)

### Ex-Wonder Stuff:

**Milas Hunt, former lead singer of Great Britain's The Wonder Stuff, performs material off his solo debut Tuesday, April 13, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., in Ferndale. Tickets are \$8 for the 18 and older show. Call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com> for more information. Hunt's album is due in May on the New Jersey-based Gig Records. The label's Web site is <http://www.gigrecords.com>.**

### FOOLISH MORTALS

7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9676 (rock)

### GAM

With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (punk)

### GORDON BENNETT

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

### GRR

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bogen's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

### HARRINGTON BROS.

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

### AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (blues)

### ELVIS HITLER

With Understated and Gumshoe 49, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (punk)

### THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hope-orch> (alternative rock)

### MILES HUNT

Formerly of The Wonderstuff, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

### IMPERIAL TEEN

Featuring Roddy Bottom, formerly of Faith No More, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

### JILL JACK

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

### NEDRA JOHNSON AND BOB MALONE

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (boogie/blues)

### BILL KAHLER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (singer/comedian)

### BOBBY KAHN



# Updated 'Out-Of-Towners' bring home laughs

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1970, a lot of moviegoers bought into Neil Simon's image of New York as a black hole that can suck the life from "Out-Of-Towners" like Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. It was a dark, dark movie from the master of comedy, with a beaten Lemmon wailing a piece of paper and warning the whole city, "I've got all your names right here!"

Now that the Big Apple has gone Disney and is making nice to its guests, the current version of "The Out-Of-Towners" downplays Manhattan as Evil Island. At the same time, it aggrandizes the notion that an ad man from Columbus, Ohio, can't find his

way out of a soybean field.

As a native New Yorker who also served time as an ad man in Columbus, I've got a few bones to pick with Simon and with Marc Lawrence, who wrote this one. But that aside, the funny bone also gets a hearty workout thanks to the well-honed workmanship of Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin and John Cleese.

Having just seen their youngest child off to college, Henry and Nancy Clark are off to New York. He, to save his career with a job interview the next day; she, to save their marriage with some spontaneity. It seems that while Henry (Martin) welcomes his empty-nester years as a chance to catch up on his reading, Nancy (Hawn) wants to

"suck the marrow out of life."

Their differences are brought to the surface in the ensuing twenty-four hours as a lifetime of calamities befall them, not the least of which is getting to a fogged-in New York in the first place.

Upon arriving luggage-less, they proceed to get mugged by a bogus Andrew Lloyd Webber, thrown out of their hotel by snooty manager Cleese, join an encounter group of sexaholics, sleep in Central Park (and NOT get mugged!) and out of fairness we'll stop the list right there. Oh, just one more: Henry gets slipped a tab of acid while in jail.

Now we'll stop.

Martin's Henry is just as victimized as Lemmon's ("See out

there? It's an entire city saying 'go home'"), but Hawn's Nancy is not the whiney, wimpy Sandy Dennis interpretation, no siree. Goldie's not taking anything from anybody, including a desk sergeant who's definitely picked the wrong blonde to mess with.

The Hawn-Martin partnership works better here than in 1992's "Housesitter," in part because they are partners, paddling together against the same currents. They are veterans with sharp instincts who know how to twist the line they're given just so to make it their own, complementing without compromising the other guy.

John Cleese has done the same stiff Brit stuff since his Monty Python days, but who does it as well? All right, Sir John Gielgud in "Arthur," but who else? Somebody out there say Arthur Treacher? You're dating us both.

"The Out of Towners" often goes over the top in its silliness (slo-mo passing of a salami as a football), but also has some inspired gags like a rental car's navigation system gone haywire. Now that's something they should have saved for "The Out of Motowners."



Comedy: Henry (Steve Martin) and Nancy (Goldie Hawn) star in "The Out-Of-Towners."

## This 'Squad' is lost in time

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"One black. One white. One blond." In 1968, with that indelible catch phrase, a television series broke new ground, reflecting with true grit a generation's rage and frustration. The big screen remake of "The Mod Squad" is more like a broken record, with characters we've seen and platitudes we've heard all too often.

Set in the present, there's the ghetto dweller with no hopes of getting out, the rich kid who steals for kicks and the street-wise runaway. Linc, Pete and Julie are losers to everyone but LAPD Captain Adam Greer (Dennis Farina), who gives them one chance to pull themselves out of the pit.

"These kids can get into a thousand places we can't," Greer tells his snickering cop buddies.

So undercover they go, to a nightclub where foul doings are afoot. "It feels like there's something wrong going down in there," says Julie (Claire Danes), with the kind of keen investigative insight that police training apparently doesn't teach.

But the real ugly stuff is "going down" right there in the police station, where some drugs have disappeared. Shades of "Serpico!" It looks like everyone's into it up to their badges except Greer and his three young punks.

"This is like one of those dirty cop drug things," concludes Pete (Giovanni Ribisi). "Right on," answers Julie. Linc (Omar Epps) doesn't say much. Pete comes up with a brilliant strategy: "We need to get some evidence."

"Let's do it!" cries Julie. Linc



Cool: Giovanni Ribisi (left to right), Claire Danes and Omar Epps star as three juvenile delinquents with a shot at redemption in "The Mod Squad."

still doesn't say much.

And on it goes: Director and co-writer Scott Silver stated that "we didn't want to alienate the older audience that fondly remembered the TV show but we had it make it for kids today who never heard of it."

Sorry, but he missed on both counts, taking down some talented young actors with him.

The kids in the audience pretty much muttered "Aw c'MON" throughout. As for the first generation of "Squad" watchers, we'll take the original Pete's brooding over the new Pete's James Dean wannabe mumbling, and the original Julie's dew-eyed hippie over Danes' little girl lost.

Epps earns a toss-up versus maxi-Afro'd Clarence Williams III of the TV series. Their Lincs

are equally strong, equally unbridled in their urban anger.

Most confusing is the blending of eras on screen, whether intentional or accidental. Some of the bad guys still wear chains and love beads. The cars look like they should have Hubert Humphrey bumper stickers. Pete can't say two words without one of them being "man," "dude" or "bro." If the trio had been defrosted from the '60s like Austin Powers, fine, but the committee that cooked this up was using too many recipes at the same time.

The squad's final walk into the sunset of Venice Beach Pier is an obvious finish, including a nod to the original series that brazenly suggests a sequel. They should just keep walking.

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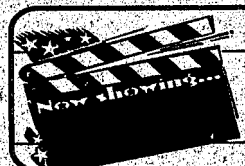
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When Colin James released his first album, "Colin James and The Little Big Band I" in 1993, the reception was lukewarm at best. "At the time, (when I'd) say 'swing record,' everybody didn't pick up and go 'great.' There was a lot of dead-pan looks and, 'Would you want to release an album like that?'" said James. "I prefer to call his music 'jump blues.'"

Well, things weren't so bad. It reached double platinum in Canada, where hitting platinum means selling 100,000 copies. In the United States, one million sales certifies platinum.

The album "reached a lot of societies and dance clubs. I'd go down to LA and walk into a restaurant and they'd be playing the record. I'd go, 'You heard about this thing?' I think it was a kitsch thing at the time. People who were into the jump blues thing kind of picked up on it."

When his "time was up" at Virgin Records, he jumped to Elektra in the dawning days of swing's resurgence. However, he took time off from that genre and released a rock/blues album, "Bad Habits," in 1995 with an all-star cast — Lenny Kravitz on clavinet, and Kim Wilson and Mavis Staples.

Last year, he decided it was time to follow-up his 1993 release with "Colin James and The Little Big Band II," which hit stores earlier this year. It features James' masterful guitar work and covers of songs by Ray Charles ("Mary Anne"), Willie Dixon ("You Know My Love") and Cab Calloway ("C'mon With the C'mon").

"It's nice to be able to return and do an album when a few more people are pointed that way (swing/jump blues)."

A Vancouver resident, James is inspired more by "early rock 'n' roll" than swing.

"I guess when I started playing this stuff, it was really early rock 'n' roll that I was shining on; swing being a big part of that just because that's the way it was back then. But from Ray Charles to Jackie Wilson to Louis Jordan to that whole pre-rock 'n' roll era. It's got a lot of great music," said James who has opened for the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

With "Colin James and The Little Big Band II," James added, "We really felt like we were swimming up stream. Although I didn't mind that because there's some kind of joy in feeling like you're doing something that was really different, you know? ... I think the worst thing that can happen is people going to listen to some music they might not listen to otherwise and people get hip to some of the great early

music. If that's the worst thing that happens, that's great."

Colin James and The Little Big Band performs Sunday, April 11, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>. James' Web site is <http://www.colinjames.com>.

## Proud of record

As an elementary school student, Finger Eleven vocalist Scott Anderson learned early on to feel comfortable with himself. "One of the bands I that I latched onto so early was Genesis and Peter Dinklage. In grade five or six, that's all I would listen to. But nobody really understood Genesis, especially when you're a 12-year-old kid. I used to write it on my binder. It was really geeky and I was totally comfortable with that," Anderson said with a chuckle.

Anderson, an Ontario, Canada, resident, attributes his musical tastes to his brother, Sean, the bassist for Finger Eleven.

"I was pretty lucky because Sean, who's my older brother, always had friends coming over with this great music."

Finger Eleven and its debut album "Tip" (Wind-Up Records) is closer to guitar rock than prog rock. It wavers between full-on

guitar assaults and moody vocals.

"The original ideas were conceived about a year or two ago," Anderson said about "Tip." "We've been changing and evolving with our boredom and it turned into what we put on the album."

"It was really nice to be so proud of something. You can't say that all the time."

Although he's proud of "Tip," Anderson explained that most people prefer the live show.

"It's got a great energy level to it. That's what most people latch onto. That reaction is immediate. You'll occasionally get someone who comes up to you and says, 'Wow.' They can identify with a lyric or two. That'll make my day."

Finger Eleven and Buck Cherry perform Thursday, April 8, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Finger Eleven's Web site is <http://www.fingereleven.com>.

## Misc.

The English rock group Gene Loves Jezebel has released its latest album, "VII" (Robison Records), both to stores and on GoodNoise.com, an Internet site



Returning: Jump blues artist Colin James returns to the Detroit area with his Little Big Band on Sunday, April 11, when he plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

for purchasing downloadable music. The new album is available in the MP3 (MPEG Layer 3) format from GoodNoise.com for \$8.99 or \$9.99 per track. A single from the album, "Love Keeps Dragging Me Down," is available for a limited time for free download.

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# The Clever Cooks excels as deli and caterer

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Do what you love and you'll love what you're doing" is the upfront message from The Clever Cooks, a New York-style storefront, neighborhood deli that opened in Birmingham in early January.

Business partners 33-year-old Ron Colasanti, 28-year-old Jason Melton and 23-year-old Arianne Simkus are The Clever Cooks, who also bill their operation as The Smart Food Company.

"Wall art in this 20-seat eatery tells you who the models are. There's Ben Franklin, Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Thomas Edison, Aristotle, Plato, and Mona Lisa decked out in her chef's toque. On the menu, some of these folks even have clever specialty food items named after them."

All three partners worked for Hudson's in their food program. Mystic Gourmet inside the Beverage Warehouse on Greenfield north of 13 Mile was Colasanti's first entrepreneurial venture using talents sharply honed as a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He asked Melton and Simkus to join him as partners.

Colasanti admits he'd been looking at downtown Birmingham for a long time.

"A storefront deli concept is what I had in mind," he said. "I like the fast-paced energy of a business lunch trade, both eat in and take out, coupled with walk-by traffic. Start-up costs, converting Clara's Garden Cafe (the former storefront business at this location) to The Clever Cooks were minimal."

**The Clever Cooks**  
Where: 225 E. Maple, Birmingham (248) 644-9868. Fax (248) 644-9868.  
Open: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Menu: New York-style upscale storefront deli, gourmet shop and catering.  
Cost: \$2-\$5.50 for deli items.  
Reservations: Not accepted.  
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Simkus is a 1996 Schoolcraft College Culinary grad. Melton's father's family was in the restaurant business and he says, "I've been around it all my life. I've worked my way up from the ground floor to Somerset Hudson's retail food manager. Each exposure made me like the business more."

While Colasanti and Melton credit Simkus with the sharpest pastry skills, talking about her famous three-hour quiche, she says, "I don't like to be strapped down to pastry. The fast pace of working with hot food is very appealing. Besides, Melton makes the best carrot cake and bar cookies. His monster cookies are awesome."

Committed to the downtown Birmingham community, The Clever Cooks make free daily deliveries to a downtown location without a minimum order. A delivery person is their only employee.

As caterers, they've been discovered by such corporate clients as Southfield's Crimmins & Forman Market Research, Henry Ford and Beaumont hospitals and Prudential Securities in Birmingham.

Betsy Merriman, Prudential's

branch manager's administrative assistant, gives The Clever Cooks high praise. "Their food is wonderful - very high quality and the freshest ingredients. We particularly like the specialty sandwich with smoked turkey, pastrami, bacon, tomato and smoked gouda on grilled basil focaccia with whole grain honey mustard mayo. It's very big and very good."

On the menu, this sandwich is \$5.50. Two others are top-sellers: The Ultimate Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$3.75 is described as the one-and-only ovenbaked ultimate grilled cheese sandwich loaded with three delicious cheeses: Swiss, cheddar and provolone on white bread, topped with Dijon cream cheese and finished with red onion and sliced pickles. The Turkey Roll \$5 includes turkey, romaine lettuce, dried cranberries, provolone, toasted pecan mayo, cranberry apple chutney, wrapped in whole wheat lavash.

Merriman remarked about the Cream of Reuben soup by dubbing it "fabulous." Like all The Clever Cook's made-from-scratch soups, including a daily-changing choice of four that may include smoked kidney bean



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**Clever:** Jason Melton (left to right), Arianne Simkus and Ron Colasanti are The Clever Cooks who also bill their operation as The Smart Food Company.

chili, roasted garlic and butter-nut or sweet potato and crab, they are served with a wedge of double-baked bread. Or you can order a souper clever bowl \$3.25 where freshly baked bread is carved out in the middle and filled with one of the fresh soup-of-the-day specials.

Number one crowd-pleasing salad is Michigan Salad, a great combo of flavors including seasoned boneless breast of chicken,

Michigan dried cherries, candied walnuts and red peppers tossed with Michigan cider vinaigrette.

"When we first opened, we didn't anticipate the call for vegetarian soups and sandwiches," Simkus said. "But we've responded with two vegetarian (vegan) soups daily and vegetarian salad. Also, our carry-out orders have been very brisk. It seems that Birmingham business people like to eat at their

desk. Tables with umbrellas for outdoor eating will be available in warm weather. Then, soups will change to match the season.

If you phone during peak business hours, you may get frustrated by the busy signal. Try faxing or leave your message. One of The Clever Cooks will return your call. Right now, they're suffering the growing pains of success.

## WHAT'S COOKING

### SOUP'S ON!

New restaurant 207 S. Old Woodward, inside Lonestar Coffee Co., downtown Birmingham (248) 642-SOUP began serving on March 29.

In celebration of their grand opening, owners Jay Rosett and David Trepeck are donating all profits from the weekend of April 9-10 to Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Soup's On! features eight gourmet soups daily served in 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 16 ounce and quart sizes. Six of the soups will rotate on a daily basis, and two popular mainstays will remain on the menu everyday. Customers will also be offered a wide variety of fresh-baked breads to accompany their soup selection.

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### STIR CRAZY CAFE

Chicago-based restaurant concept specializing in fresh pan-Asian cuisine will open its first Michigan restaurant Friday, April 16 at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Baldwin Road Exit off I-75 in the Great Lakes Walk section of the Mall near Entry No. 6.

The main attraction at Stir Crazy Cafe is a create-your-own stir-fry bar where guests can select from a wide variety of

meats, vegetables, noodles, and homemade Asian sauces and then interact with a wok chef to create their own stir-fry dish. The restaurant also features an extensive menu of fresh Asian inspired fare including crispy sesame calamari with wasabi cocktail sauce, wok seared tuna sashimi, sesame caesar salad, kung pao noodles and Stir Crazy's wonton banana dessert. Menu prices will range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 for lunch and \$7.95 to \$13.95 for dinner. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The restaurant will unofficially open April 9-15 with a series of test servings with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and United Way of Oakland County. Following a

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### FIVE LAKES GRILL

Cooking Demonstration with wine and food pairings at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main, Milford, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Cost \$110 per person all inclusive. Chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn will conduct a formal two-hour cooking demonstration followed by the essen-

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